

Do you have any other comments or suggestions regarding dog control in Nonsuch Park?

Need some cctv on major paths for reassurance and prosecuting if anything happens.

Wardens should be more visible as often dogs are off lead by the mansion when it clearly states they should be on lead and often dogs in the dog free area. These are not dog walkers just general members of the public that think they shouldn't have to follow the rules that others do.

No

No

A lot of dog owners walk aggressive dogs of a lead and do not know how to control there own dogs

I do not feel dogs or dog control is a problem in Nonsuch. I also feel the park is a place for everyone to enjoy and have equal right to access. I do not have a dog or walk a dog but feel dog walkers (commercial or personal ownership) also have a right to enjoy this space for free

You wont be able to police this if you put a license in place

I walk my dogs regularly in Nonsuch park, mainly in the early morning/evening. Whilst there are a small number of problematic commercial dog walkers, the vast majority are good and have control of their dogs. I think it would be unreasonable to request for them to lead their dogs when non commercial dog walkers are not met by the same request. The park is big enough to accommodate both commercial and non commercial dog walkers.

No

I have never had issues with commercial dog walkers. I have 2 small dogs and have found the commercial walkers are always very considerate. They will put their dogs on the lead if they are bouncy or will avoid me if they need to. They are all so friendly. If a dog goes missing they are always the first to help and usually find a dog. I feel the consultation is very biased, and against the commercial walkers. It is not fair for them to have their livelihoods to be jeopardised because of a few people who don't understand dogs and behaviour.

I have been a dog walker and trainer for 19 years. I have always walked at Nonsuch. I have never walked more than 6 dogs and only let dogs off once I have trained them to recall, I always pick up their poo aswell. I do realise there are new walkers that have appeared and are walking more. However I have not seen any out of control (trust me I'd be the first to complain). I think 6 dogs is a reasonable amount to walk and earn an average wage. I am a single mum and struggle to earn enough to pay rent and put food on the table, I would not be able to afford to pay for a licence. It really feels like we are being attacked just for doing our jobs. I urge you to please meet and walk round with some of us and see what we actually do before putting any limits on us. We are a friendly bunch and happy to chat and help out in the community.

This seems very over the top and extreme. I have walked in this park and local parks for over 20 years and have only ever had positive experiences with dog owners and professionals. It would be a huge shame to see them go and also penalise them for doing their job. Very disappointing.

I think a limit for walking dogs should be 3-4 but don't believe in any more big brother licensing. I believe the parks should maintain dog-free areas with proper signposting. The dog free areas in Nonsuch Pk have lost all signposts (used to be 2) by monument entrance and now dogs are all in there, going to toilet and it's not fair when just one field near car park was kept so nice. Also the fencing/hedging is all broken. There was also a sign from the far corner entrance that disappeared. Nonsuch needs signs & maintenance not financial red tape/authoritarianism. Also as I live opposite if I see humans regularly going in where people walk to use it as a toilet and I know someone who hepatitis C because of such filthy habits. .

Who will police any scheme restricting numbers of dogs or checking licences?

Stop money grabbing. Times are hard enough without trying to charge people for walking dogs

The majority of commercial dog walkers have full control of their wards it is some walkers of private dogs that are a concern.

I believe education, communication, and everyone should be responsible when using public areas, walkers, dog walkers, exercise groups, runners etc. Regulating, permits, licenses have been proven time and again to fail. Those responsible are left with another bill to pay, and those who are genuinely the problem will continue to be a problem. As has been proven with every dog ban, licensing or walking permit in Surrey and up and down the country. I

I think that the irresponsible dog walkers should be targeted rather than the wider community who are responsible. I already pay Licence fees to be able to perform my as a dog carer and to add more fees to walk them in a public park is ridiculous and smacks of yet another money making scheme.

No

No

license with cost mean increase in price to dog owners who use the service and risks the welfare of the dogs, but there is a limit to what a single person can do and a dog walker does not have the command of dogs they do not own

This will ruin the park. The professionals that use the park are great, they are responsible, pick up after their dogs and keep to themselves. In my experience, it is a small group of uneducated owners that spoil the experience by allowing their reactive dogs off lead with no ability to control them. The professionals are educated, experienced and very approachable with any questions I might have. If you licence them, you should licence the dog owners too but your park will be empty. No one will use it because there are other beautiful spaces available free of charge.

All people who own or walk dogs should have the correct training and knowledge of dog ownership ! Dog walker are not the problem, it's the general public who's dogs haven't been trained correctly and were brought in lock down with out the correct training

Stop punishing dog walkers

4 dogs per group max. Some dog walkers walk with others and you see groups of 10 dogs together. Whether on a lead or not this is too much.

If there is a problem with a dog walker it should be dealt with on an individual basis. I don't believe you should charge people as you are proposing.

I don't feel the need to implement a fee for walking dogs.

Who would enforce it? I think any licence scheme would be regarded as another council money making scheme for nothing in return.

Too many dogs can be a problem so I agree with restrictions but don't see how it can be enforced

Its usually the untrained person with their own dogs not paying attention and letting them approach every dog in the park that are the issue. Most professional dog walkers have suitable training and etiquette. Although packs of dogs, are a disaster if they are approached and interact with dogs outside of their pack.

This idea is a money making exercise and the poor clients whom will suffer for extortionate prices

All dogs should be on leads, people trying to earn money should not be penalised. Just another money making scheme rather than making an open space safe

No.

You shouldn't punish everyone because of a couple of bad dog owners who use the park.

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I understand that there are already bylaws and dog control orders set by individual boroughs which ALL dog owners/walkers must understandably adhere to. This consultation seems to be yet a very transparent attempt of a money making scheme, targeting workers, to plug funding gaps within the Sutton and Epsom & Ewell boroughs.

This is a revolting idea and I would not support it. The professional dog walkers in Nonsuch are a part of the fabric of this community, they are knowledgeable, helpful and the first people out to look for a lost dog. Leave them alone. If you're going to enforce licenses, you should license everyone, personal and professional. It's the personal dog walkers that I've had a problem with. I find this idea disgusting. Shame on you.

I have never encountered an issue, even when we first fostered our boy and he was very nervous around other dogs. If I were paying someone to walk my dogs I would want them to be off lead which is how I walk them. It would not be fair to the dogs to have to be on lead.

n/a

All that will happen is that responsible dog walkers will be penalised. Those who are not responsible will not pay for their licence anyway. Also, given that there's never anyone to deal with youths riding scramblers et al, across the park, how are you going to police it? If the park needs money, I suggest putting a couple of self service dog washers in, I'd willing pay £ 5 or so a week rather than having to drive 30 minutes. Also, make better use of what's there, think of ice cream vans, food vans etc when the weather is warm

This survey is a great example of a poor and misleading exercise in opinion gathering. I applaud the effort, but it could hardly be more leading in its questions!

Allow owners to make responsible choices re numbers of dogs/leads on some or all of them. Put notices up to remind owners or walkers of etiquette and safe practices

I understand why this subject is being discussed due to the increase in dog numbers and some owners lack of knowledge around training dogs. However, I would be more supportive of dog licensing in general and tackling root causes rather than licensing the use of parks. Most dog walkers take dogs to differs locations and if all parks did this it would have a detrimental effect on the small dog walking businesses.

If anyone sees a person or a dog a danger they should report them, not make complaints and trouble that leads to yet another restriction to our liberty and livelihood. I would recommend this restriction being challenged in court if put in place. There are already adequate controls in place.

No

I think that the number of dogs that a dog walker can walk at one time should be restricted. There are groups of very small children in the park who could be scared by large packs of dogs.

I think that the welfare of dogs for those that employ dog walkers will be affected as there will be a shortage of walkers and increased prices meaning that some dogs with owners that work will no longer get the much needed exercise and interaction. The park is big enough for all to enjoy and has dog free zones for people to use should they wish. Any change will have a negative effect on animal welfare and negatively impact peoples livelihoods.

More required to teach all visitors basic courtesy

No

Commercial dog walkers can be allotted specific times to walk dogs, restrictions on weekends etc

A long as dog walkers are insured and proficient with the dogs then I don't see an issue.

No

Dogs should be on leads if dangerous to others/other dogs, otherwise I don't think you need to control something that is not a problem. Issuing a questionnaire like this in the current environment is going to be biased by what people read in the media about dog attacks. You questions lead people to give you the answers that you want: control and revenue

The park should be used by all, it would be a real shame to restrict dog walking of any form or charge people a license fee.

I don't see any harm in allowing dogs to use the park. I don't have a dog myself but can see how Nonsuch would be a wonderful place to walk a dog and don't believe this should be restricted in any form. The dog walkers I see on a daily basis are always very friendly and have all their dogs under control.

As with everything there are some good dogs and dog walkers and some inconsiderate. There are a plenty of dog free areas in Nonsuch Park that I have used and this is very helpful.

No

A good dog Walker. Get owners to train their dogs properly

More than 6 dogs walking with one dogwalker should be banned

It is a lovely park. No issues. Any limits should apply to large or aggressive dogs only.

I don't believe a responsible professional dog walker would take out a dog likely to cause an issue. Most problems occur with owners walking one or 2 dogs.

The problem is not commercial dog walkers. There are plenty of owners who cannot control their off lead dogs but because they are not a dog walker this behaviour is deemed acceptable? You plan on criticising commercial dog walkers lots of which are small businesses who are doing their best to help out the local community yet you want to punish these people by charging them fees and reducing their income when 90% of dog walkers are brilliant at what they do. Maybe more effort should be put into the breeding of dogs and licensing of general owners and we wouldn't have these problems crop up at all! Dog walkers are always being named and shamed and hated on by the public as they are an easy target to brand when a lot of the time they are more aware of their surroundings and are the ones that also will always pick up dogs litter compared to members of the public that walk around on their phones oblivious! Maybe look at the bigger picture rather than going for an easy target!

All dogs are under control so no need for any other measures

It is a low paid job and we should support people who want to work. Most commercial dog walkers are very responsible. However I do think they shouldn't be allowed to walk more than 4 dogs at a time.

Leave the park alone. Most of the commercial walkers I know are professional and their dogs are well behaved. It's tough for everyone to earn a living.

If you introduce a license fee dog walking prices will increase, therefore making it unaffordable to take care of your dog whilst out working.

Currently there is no limit on the amount of dogs that can be walked at any one time which is why professional dog walkers are drawn to the park. A limit if 6 dogs should be introduced as this is generally how many dogs walkers are covered for insurance. I'm guessing funding is low, but park wardens regularly patrolling the parks would help police this & make fellow park users more at ease.

Education.

Dog walkers are a vital part of our community and local economy i do not think they should be penalised for providing such a valuable service to residents. They have already been hit with the ulez charge, any further charges or restrictions will drive them out of business and loose pet owners a valuable service. Please don't be so short sited.

No

I think this is a terrible idea dog walkers will avoid these areas completely or if they have to get a licence then the cost will be passed onto the dog owner which could then make it unaffordable! I use a dog walker twice a week and I rely on them to take my dog to open spaces, to be charged for this is unacceptable when we are already paying extortionate council tax. I have never had a problem walking in the park with my dog and coming across dog walkers with multiple dogs. They always have complete control, its actually nice for my dog to socialise with a group of dogs. This shouldn't be about dog walkers it should be about responsible owners...you can get just one aggressive dog or owner that could be a problem ! Why are we penalising commercial dog walkers?

If they're aggressive dogs they should be on leads but otherwise if they're kept under control then they should be allowed to roam free as get proper exercise, dogs need to be able to run and sniff etc!

I only believe that there should be a restriction on the number of dogs walked by a dog walker. One person cannot control more than 3-4 dogs. If I paid a dog walker I would expect that my dog gets a proper walk, which means off-lead. I have trained my dogs to have excellent recall skills. I would not be happy if I paid someone to walk my dogs and they were kept on-lead along with 6 other dogs. The main reason I believe in a restriction of numbers (dogs per human) is because if one dog runs away (and has bad recall), how can one person holding 8 other dogs fetch the run-away dog!? I have definitely noticed an increased number of dog walkers with several dogs on-lead. I always make a point of counting how many dogs there are, and the average number is 8.

No

Dog control is missing the point - it is some humans that require control (e.g. those riding motorbikes in the park)

No

People should be vetted, not dogs

Yes, keep the dog walkers

You haven't explained the benefits of your possible licensing scheme. What will it achieve?

1. Ear-mark dog-only spaces in the park 2. No dogs to be without a leash at all times on tarmac lanes/by-lanes 3. Licence fee is another money-minting process that will allow ruder behaviour and money collected might not be put to any use effectively - leading to corruption.

More waste bins as some been removed

Nonsuch is a dog friendly space where dogs can be free with out impacting other wildlife or animals, the main problem we have is with out of control dogs at the park. If numerous groups of dog walkers are together walking I can see how this might be intimidating but we have never had a bag experience. Nonsuch is one of the best and safest parks for walking dogs

No

Never had any problems. There are few places to let dogs have a good run around and charging for licences will only push the - already high - cost of dog care up further.

Leave them. doing what they doing.

Engage positively with dog owners and refrain from singling out one type of park user. I have had some horrendous experiences with park run. Where is that consultation on their use. The park should be for everyone and not restricted in this way. Many companies make a commercial business out of using the park.

It's down to each individual to the dogs they are walking whether it is their own dog(s) or they are dog walkers. The idiots will continue to be idiots regardless of any license scheme and once again the decent people will be penalised

Improved signage and a maximum number of dogs per person rather than a money making scheme

The issue is not to do with dog walkers necessarily, it is to do with irresponsible individuals. The problems I have encountered in the park have been with ignorant individuals who cannot control their dogs, not commercial dog walkers

Private individuals are the problem.

I would love to know the rationale for this, what has generated the survey in the first place. Who responds and why, how will you manage any bias in response and control for that?

I personally do not believe dog walkers should require further licensing requirements than they already have. Dog walkers are already inspected and required to have various insurance. I believe any licenses to walk dogs in a public park is just another way of councils trying to tax local hard working people. Would I require a licence if I owned multiple dogs?

I don't think that the many should be punished because of the few. The bad dog walkers will continue to be bad regardless of restrictions. If you want to stop antisocial behaviour then I would suggest monitoring those individuals rather than enforcing rules on everyone. Although I do believe that six dogs should be the limit.

If a dog doesn't have a good recall or wanders far from its owner/walker it would be safer to keep the dog on a lead or long line for its own and others best interests. I personally love to see dogs running free when possible but have heard stories regarding dogs approaching other dogs who are on leads which causes distress and sets back people trying to train their dogs for whatever that reason may be. People just need to be aware of other dogs and when they are on leads maybe put the lead on their own dog/s until you have passed the on lead dog if you are unable to stop it approaching. Dogs on leads are on it for a reason and I am sure the owners wouldn't do this if they didn't need to. Everyone needs to be aware of each person and their dogs need and respect it. I have a dog walker who has a license to walk up to 6 dogs at a time and I am very confident in her being in control of all dogs at all times and will walk them on a lead if that is what is necessary.

No

Dogs are a massive part of many people's lives. Commercial dog walkers enable owners to find a balance between earning a living and providing the best life for their pets. Please do not place restrictions on commercial dog walkers making their services out of reach for the general public.

Can the signage for where dogs should be on leads please be updated

It would be hard to enforce a licence and expensive but might be a deterrent.

I cannot understand why anyone would have issue with dogs being walked in the park. Why are dogs and dog walkers being penalised for using a public park. I just don't get it

For commercial dog walkers a licence is fair. But the no needs to be for more than 4.3 is not a viable no for any business and this affects all dog owners/local residents who rely on a dog walker. surrounding areas have a limit of 4 with no licence.

No

Comments already given

I haven't noticed a problem. I am not against licensing but make it affordable.ing -

Regarding dog control the dog walkers are not the issue as they train the dogs well and use training leads until satisfied that they can be off lead.

I have never had an issue with commercial dog walkers at the park, more so with people walking their own dogs

In general it isn't the dog walkers that is the problem, it is the owners that don't understand their dogs, several owners have allowed their own dogs to attack other dogs.

I don't believe it's right to enforce restrictions on dog walkers to the park - they are helping the community and its their business. Perhaps you could introduce restrictions to certain areas of the park for commercial walkers.

N/a

We have always had positive experiences. I do believe commercial dog walkers should be limited to a certain number of dogs; but ultimately it still comes down to how experienced they are and how well they manage the dogs. Dog walkers should be regulated and have training to ensure their own, the dogs, and others safety

Between 4-6 dogs I'd say is the max to keep under control, pick up dog poop after etc. Any more in one pack is quite intimidating to people with just one or two dogs as the dogs start working as a pack when off lead, surrounding the singular/ungrouped dog in my experience. I think those with 6 dogs should at least have

one or two on lead to keep the control of the pack. I disagree with a commercial licence walking fee, why do people in our areas have to pay so much more for everything. Council tax should already be going towards the upkeep of our parks.

Commercial dog walkers do a fantastic job, they really get to know the dogs they take out. Once I observed a dog not playing nicely, (nothing dangerous) with the other dogs in the pack, the dog walker put this particular dog on a lead instantly and therefore the behaviour was managed. The one time I have seen a dog misbehave was because its owner was too busy on her phone to notice what her dog was up to and therefore didn't have control. I would suggest that its individual dog owners who would potentially cause upset rather than a commercial dog walker, simply because its their livelihood. To do this kind of job you have to really love and care about dogs. I would suggest from my own observations its racing cyclists hurtling through the park that need to be better controlled and more respectful to the walkers.

Nonsuch park has so much space for dogs and the public to enjoy.and the dogs love it.

All dogs should be on leads in Alexandra park too. Dogs continually jump up at my children and it's ruining our park experience.

I find it beyond belief that a council is yet again finding another money grabbing scheme penalising dog professionals. We already pay an extortionate amount for boarding licence while the councils do very little to regulate the 100s of unlicensed dog boarders-how do you think you will regulate yet another licensed group when u can't manage the current licence issues for animal welfare. This is not about the dogs, it's another way to get even more money out of us. An insured pet professional can usually walk 6 under their insurance so to limit walkers affects their income followed by charge for a licence do they will need to increase their prices which most dog owners can ill afford now.Also plenty of owners with 4+ dogs so it would be a biased charge.

no

I have far more problems with runners and cyclists than I ever have with other dog walkers.

I trust my professional dog walker. I have complete confidence that my dogs are well behaved, they have excellent recall and my dog walker is a trained dog behaviour specialist so I have full confidence that she is able to read other dogs and their owners and take the appropriate action. This survey seems very biased and another money making scheme that penalising those that help us.

No

Maybe more bibs would encourage better behaviour by owners in terms of picking up and binning poo.

Dog control is very well adhered to in Nonsuch Park

I think that dog walkers should have a licence to charge for dogs care but not to have to pay to use the same public park that the dog's owner could use freely.

Have met many dog walkers over the past years all delightful people and lovely dogs.

No

I think that commercial limited to 4 dogs per walker and only 2 commercial dog walkers to walk together at any one time.

As said before. The issue is more the number of dogs someone has more then the payment

Don't try and make money via the back door. Cyclists going too fast are more of a problem. Are you going to licence them?

N/a

More waste bins

Dog walkers should be licenced, but this should be one standard licence and insurance and cover all public spaces

More areas where dogs are not allowed. This scheme should not direct commercial dog walkers to other areas such as the common or other larger parks. Perhaps a blanket policy throughout the borough. Dogs do need to be allowed off the lead but perhaps for those with children or the elderly there could be periods during the day where dogs are not allowed off lead

I don't understand why you are looking to impose a license to charge a fee for professional dog walkers. This is completely unnecessary and not fair.

Don't alienate dog walkers

Dog walking businesses bring a huge amount of convenience to the local residents, it is essential that the dogs being walked are given the space and freedom to exercise adequately, as well as socialise with other dogs. These measures could seriously impact small businesses in a time where the cost of living is already incredibly difficult. Ultimately it will be the local dog owners and the dog themselves who will be impacted negatively with very little benefit to the public.

The issue doesn't tend to be with dog walkers, but some particular owners who don't have control or have no respect for others.

When you determine any future dog control requirements you should display them prominently at all entrances

It is the owners/dog walkers responsibility to ensure their dog(s), themselves, the public & other dogs are safe. If a dog needs to be kept on a lead it is the owners/walkers responsibility. Others shouldn't be punished where it will affect their income & be passed onto others.

NA

Lots of dog walkers have started operations that aren't trained or have much experience. This is where problems occur they taken on too many dogs to make ends meet. Lots don't know dog or park etiquette.

As a responsible dog walker I believe I do my job very well, I pay for my insurance and I care for my dogs in my care and others around the park, I have neverbin 6 years had a problem with another dog/walker or member of the public there.

If you allow it it will get worse, not better will become known as able to go there and public can't challenge bad behaviour

No

If you are implying that dogs be walked on lead in a group please speak to a behaviourist to find out the implications of this. I believe that 6 is a good number to be walked but could this not be trialled and then adjusted if it doesn't work. Merton council introduced this rule for a year and has now dropped it maybe ask them why before going ahead with your proposals and wasting local people's money on a scheme not fit for purpose. I thought that local people already pay for the upkeep of local parks so where will the extra money from licence fees be spent?

Have a dog warden if this issue bothers you so much, too many controls when people just want to enjoy the open spaces

More poo bins

Unsure of the reason behind suggesting dog walkers should be charged a licence fee. I can't see what negative impact they are having on the park or community. Many families use their services so they can look after children or work from home. We should not be punishing small businesses with additional taxation or fees above and beyond the insurance and overheads they already have.

X

No suggestions

I do not feel it is the commercial dog walkers that anyone has any issues with / it is the owners that cannot control their own dogs. Dog walkers are responsible and trustworthy that's why we pay to use them . We wouldn't trust our dogs to anyone with no control. It is the people I. Phones and headphones

Signs on the cycle path say that pedestrians have priority. Additional signage encouraging responsibility for dogs and consideration for cyclists would help

No

Under no circumstances should a blanket policy of dogs being walked on leads be introduced. The would be cruel.

As an ex dog walker I don't have an issue with people who walk dogs but some people have far too many dogs at any one time. The majority are great and have control over their dogs so shouldn't be overly penalised with extortionate licence fees.

I think 3 dogs off the lead is an acceptable maximum. Any more than 3 and they should be on a lead. Eg if you have 5 dogs then 3 off the lead and 2 on the lead.3 .

No

Anything below 3 dogs is a little mean

I think that it should be max 4/5 dogs per walker, and that x2 walkers shouldn't meet up and walk together. for example before I've seen x2 dog walkers with 12 large dogs between them walking in 1 pack....most dog walkers have a ratio of 6 to 1 but when they join together they have a pack of 12 which is intimidating for other dog walkers and non dog people

No

None

I would be very uncomfortable with rules that state dogs have to be kept on leads. The dogs I walk are high energy spaniels and I need to run - they reach high speeds whilst playing and I would think it cruel to restrict this (I am not a dog owner) I just borrow other people's to walk with me!

Dog walkers do not get paid enough, I don't believe licensing is a solution

Commercial dog walkers should have a maximum number imposed but I do not think they should pay to use the park as they are only walking like others and are providing a service to those who work and can't walk their own dogs every day

No

How will you distinguish between commercial dog walkers and breeders, who might also have a number of dogs??

I do not understand why you would want to enforce a licence to walk dogs. Some people own a multitude of dogs and this would just defer them from coming to their local park where they have been walking their dogs for years. It is not fair that the minority who cannot control their single dog could potentially ruin it was the majority of people, especially those who own more than one dog.

No

If you charge the dog walker too much for a licence then their fees will go up. As long as dog walkers are responsible then I see no problem during the week

The people who are the most vociferous about dog walkers often have badly behaved solo dogs! Most of us are not making a fortune so a huge fee would be unmanageable. We try to keep our charges down as many clients are struggling themselves. I am respectful of other walkers and try to keep away from busy

areas, always put all dogs on lead near the increasing numbers of groups of children. If I had a £ for every snide remark I get when minding my own business with well behaved dogs I could retire now.

Certain size of dogs or breeds of commercial dog walkers need to be in a lead

No

This would need the resource to properly “police”

No

No

No I don't think dogs in the park are an issue. The majority of dog walkers are responsible and respectful of others - it's a huge park and brilliant for dogs to be able to run around !

No

None

I'm a professional dog walker and want to give the dogs I walk the best alternative to being out with their family. All my dogs are well behaved and good with other dogs. I would t walk them for others if they were anything other than well behaved. I believe the dogs should be off lead to be free but should have a good recall or they should be on the lead. I feel professionalisation if the use if the park would be great if managed in a favourable way to all lark users. I hope professional dog walkers aren't being singled out negatively. We do this job for many good reasons, to be healthy, help local people give them freedom to work and enjoy a pet. Give the dogs much needed freedom and fresh air. Keep us the walkers healthy and happy doing this job in an amazing park.

this consultation has not been well publicised

Limiting numbers of dogs would mean more poo was noticed and cleared uo

No other comments

Some level of restrictions is acceptable, but my worry is what criteria would be used and who would police it? Non commercial dog walkers can be incredibly rude and judgemental. There is a WhatsApp group which is incredibly helpful that commercial dog walkers can access. It helps us keep in touch with each other and offer support and information about the park.

More bins

Will be hard to monitor any commercial dog walkers and whether abiding by any restrictions place. Visit many other parks, mainly Epsom & Ewell borough but there does not seem to be a problem in any other park. Hence why avoid Nonsuch so much and go to Horton, Epsom Downs and other smaller parks

I think if you charge for a Dog Walking licence which only covers Nonsuch and not surrounding spaces within the borough, you are just going to push the problem elsewhere.

None

We think Nonsuch Park is a particular problem with dog walkers and know of dog owners who choose not to walk their dogs there because of encountering large group of loose dogs.

Some sort of action over dog mess. DNA?. A couple of dogs off the lead is ok but a distinction should be drawn between breeds. Large aggressive dogs - no.

I definitely feel that there should be a maximum number of dogs walked by one person at a time. I think this could solve some of the concerns of other park users

No

In my 10 years dog walking I believe there has been an increase recently in walkers although this ties in with the number of dogs since Covid. I have had a few bad experiences with dogs who are walked by the general public so I don't believe it's partly down to the number of dogs one person walks. But I believe having a limit on numbers will help control the situation, 6 dogs is a perfectly controllable number and is often a rule in other parks in the area I also walk in. It will allow our businesses to still run and have an income to pay bills etc as well as allowing the public to feel there is no concern. If there are options to trial this I think this will be really helpful.

Dogs should not be encouraged to interact/play with dogs they don't know without the owner's permission

Most of the walkers I have met over the park are wonderful! They are respectful to other walkers/joggers/cyclists etc! I think allowing them to still be able to work by putting in a dog number rule would be good for them but I think 6 is a great number! I love seeing them dog socialise with the groups and hope it continues in the future

Many dogs to be well exercised need to be off leads and able to run, but should be in control. Any enforcement to put dogs on leads is unfair for the dog and owner. The professional walkers should only allow the well trained, controllable dogs off leads. Same with dog owners. Nonsuch is well known for being a Great place to walk your dog. Please don't put unnecessary limits on dog owners. Richmond park becomes unavailable - May-August for dogs off leads, so Nonsuch is such a perfect spot for dogs during this period. Some professional walkers are better than others. Those with licence and qualifications could charge more. Those without the qualifications should be limited to numbers and pay a fee.

If the owner has no recall, keep the dog on a lead or line

Too many commercial dog walkers with 10 or more dogs, that is to many to safely monitor, often they do not see the dogs in their charge pooping in the park so do not pick up. As a dog lover I find it intimidating to be surrounded by a pack of dogs.

Wardens should be monitoring and fines issued to owners/walkers who are not clearing up their dog mess. It is getting ridiculous how much isn't being picked up. Children are walking around, and you have groups of children from the Forest School.

Limit park run numbers

On the whole pretty good. The dog walkers I've come across seem to be responsible and respectful. Problems are more likely to occur with owners walking their dogs - who don't always have full control. However, it's manageable and incidents are rare. It would be sad if dogs had to be on lead the whole time. The Park is a wonderful place for them to explore, chase and sniff!

None

Only 2 dogs off lead per adult walker. More dog waste bins and signage.

I do not feel that it will be helpful to impose massive restrictions on dog walkers (commercial or otherwise) as you will encourage unlicensed activity, the same that happens with breeding and boarding. Anything introduced needs to be fair, and enforceable where necessary. The parks have become less and less dog friendly over the years and it's a real shame.

The dogs are not the issue, it is the (minority of) irresponsible handlers. However it is larger groups which cause the most issue, both in relation to poor behaviour and faeces management. A uniform approach across other opens spaces would be ESSENTIAL. There are already the same issues in the adjacent Warren Farm and selective restriction would displace, not solve, the problem. Commercial dog walkers should be restricted to using designated car parks rather than residential roads, where the barking of excited arriving dogs at all hours is a nuisance. Commercial handlers who can not comply with managing their dogs should lose their licence.

Any measures need to apply to Warren Farm as well otherwise an already equally bad situation in Warren Farm will be made much worse. Dogs running free around the area have already dislodged some of the wildlife and the amount of mess can be pretty disgusting at times. Dogs are frequently out of control - running up to walkers and cyclists, jumping up, biting at wheels. There are already parking issues in the streets running up to the entrances as dog walkers - both private and commercial - do not use the car parks and clog up the roads (exacerbated in lockdown when car parks were closed, some cars never going back to using the proper parking facilities) and this would get much worse if dog owners/walkers were avoiding Nonsuch Park.

Dog walkers must pick up the dogs' poo and fine if not

Part of the control should stop dog walkers walking in pairs as this increases the numbers. Restrictions of size of breeds should also be considered. A warning/banning system should be considered where walkers and owners are not controlling the dogs in their care

The park is for everyone's enjoyment. Some people like complaining and having everything their own way. I would be careful not to restrict the activities people can carry out in the park based on some complaints. Most people, dog owners and walkers are responsible.

No

No

No

The issue of commercial dog walkers is increasing. There doesn't seem to be consistent regulations. I also think that they don't have the same control over the dogs they walk the same way an owner has (in terms of the bond with the animal). I would suggest something about being able to report and ban a specific commercial dog walker should incidents occur where it is apparent that they cannot control the dog(s) in their care.

No

No

No

None, dont think a license is needed, but if it is, I think it should be affordable and for 6 dogs

On leads all the time .

As a dog walker licensed to walk 6 dogs under my insurance I think any restrictions should be applied to more than 6 dogs.

I have 4 dogs of my own so restricting numbers will be an issue for me personally

I think that commercial dog walkers seem to be targeted, when dog owners walking their own dog are just as problematic

No

Most professional dog walkers operate weekdays between 9 and 3 so i really don't see the problem. Most people are at work etc. This is there livelihood..

Bring back park wardens or at least the police community officers. Not sure how you will be able to ensure adherence if there is no one to check either licences numbers or bad dog behaviour usually due to the owner.

No, but more dog waste bins are needed

I like the idea of a licence that can be revoked for poor control of dogs

It is not fair to blame the commercial dog walkers for any trouble in the park. It is usually the average dog owner who does not pick up dog poo or their dog is aggressive.

Maybe have an area for commercial dog walkers and then another area for domestic - people with only one or two dogs in another area?

I would just like incidents of dog walkers not having control of their dogs to be taken more seriously and be monitored more carefully.

No

A dog walking commercial license is the only way to control the parks and keep the parks safe for all users. I have a dog walking company and think every dog walking company should have a walking license for the whole borough of Epsom & Ewell to promote responsible dog walking in every park. With a limit of walking 4 dogs at any one time. Even if there is more than one person present. It should be 4 dogs together at any one time throughout the borough. Pack walking is growing in the area and it is unsafe for the dogs involved, the dogs at the park and people in the park too, so I am strongly for this proposal. Aslong as dogs can be let off lead if they are in control, no more than 4 dogs and they have a valid dog waking license. My question is how will this be policed though?

We have witnessed an incident with a dog walker losing control over the dogs he had in his care which affected another person walking his own dog. It nearly ended up in fisticuffs. The dog walker had too many dogs to control.

Wardens to control if put in place

Better patrolling by wardens and more open access to wardens. More visability

No.

Most people are responsible but if you have too many dogs you are likely to miss them soiling so not be picking up after them.

Don't think there are any problems, so limited controls needed

I think well behaved dogs with good recall should be able to be walked off lead but many dogs are poorly trained.

No

I think regulating dog walking in the park will be difficult to do and I'm not convinced on what the benefit would be.

Reduce their numbers - the park used to be a tranquil urban space. Now it's simply a dog exercising space that the rest of us seem to get in the way of. The bully dog breeds (an intractable issue) should either have their own designated times to be there so others can avoid, or be given a particular space that others can skirt. Too many weapon dogs. We live in Epsom/Ewell, not South Central LA.

They must be 6 well controlled dogs but perhaps only a maximum of 4 should be off at any one time

I feel that dog walkers are a great help, but should be restricted to the amount they are insured to have at any one time If licences are issued it should be for 6 dogs maximum and policed properly

Nonsuch is a very popular park, with walkers with or without dogs, nursery children, cyclists and joggers etc etc. I am there twice a day every day and rarely see any issues. The park is generally peaceful and a pleasant place to visit. I find professional dog walkers keep out of the way and tend to walk in the quieter areas.

No

Maybe a common sense bullet point list in the car park. Things like. Make sure your dog respects other people's personal space and other dogs' space

I don't believe that commercial dog walkers are to blame for all the problems there are just as many private owners that don't have control of their dogs

Commercial dog walkers also 'team up' together sometimes, I have seen 15+ dogs with 2 walkers, which is dangerous.

Tolerance

The dog walker should be licensed, rather than their dogs. I think £150 is reasonable. I think all dogs should be licensed - £50 - £100 would be reasonable.

Commercial dog walkers have better control of dogs than a lot of owners in my experience. The majority of dog waste not picked up again from what I have witnessed is lazy dog owners not the professional dog walkers.

Please have more dog waste bins.

Dog free areas please. Not everyone likes or wants contact with dogs but still want to enjoy parks and fresh air

There is a lot of ignorance and prejudices against commercial dog walkers. In fact it's dog owners with individual dogs that cause issues that arise regarding dogs.

I personally find that people who have just one dog are often not as in control as the people who have multiple (generally)

A presence from the council to encourage people to pick up dog poo would be good. Didn't used to be an issue but the situation has deteriorated in last few years.

Regular "poo" patrols to fine owners / dog walkers who do not pick up after them.

Some aggressive dogs with members of the public need to be restrained

No

Commercial dog walking is a good resource for working people but we need to ensure that those dog walkers are responsible and capable of managing the number of dogs in their care. A licence will help maintain that professionalism.

N/a

Just let owners/dog walkers walk their dogs freely. They're confident they're under control that's enough. No need for over 6 dogs that's fine.

Enforcement is key and I think waste bins need to be more regularly checked and emptied

None

The upkeep of the carpark we use is appalling. Use money raised to fill in potholes properly. The occasional throwing around of a few pebbles is useless

Commercial dog walkers should have to contribute to the upkeep of the park by obtaining a licence. More regulations and signage are needed.
More regulations and signage needed

No

Intact dogs should be muzzled . Only local dog walkers should be allowed in the park.

The number of dogs has put me off going to the park

I would like to see all dogs wearing muzzles if off lead. I could then return to this beautiful open space.

There are far too many dogs now.

No but please can you sort the path from sparrow farm end as it floods at the tiniest amount of rain.

I think everyone who walks a dog - professional or otherwise - should be accountable for the dogs in their care. There are great pet professionals and some not so great. Most of the professional dog walkers I know take great care to walk their dogs under control, pick up after them, and put them on lead where appropriate. I sometimes walk clients dogs at the park but more often I walk my own dogs at the park. Professional walkers in my opinion are far more aware of the etiquette of dog walking - for example - Do not let your off lead dog walk or run up to an on lead dog. Do not throw a ball towards a group of dogs. Do not let your dog jump up at people. Do not let your dog run loose in the car park. I could go on. I would never let my dogs do any of those things, but I have had individual owners do those things. I regularly see owners walking on the phone paying no attention to their dogs, while again as a professional dog walker I would never do this. I think everyone should be accountable, not just the professionals.

The fact I have to keep hold of my grandchildren for fear of dogs either running free or on to longer leash in my opinion to feel safe to let them run free.

No

N/a

Start giving out fines for dogs out of control - you will see it's always the same people!

If dog walkers walk more than 4 dogs, the additional dogs should be kept on lead

No

Concerns as to how this would be enforced

How will you monitor dog owners who have more than the prescribed number of dogs, if this policy is introduced ? If a dog licence is going to be introduced, will there be a requirement for some qualification or membership of a recognised body that requires dog walker training be a condition of the licence approval ?

My dog walker is also a professional dog trainer. For this reason I'm happy that she lets the dogs off and can control them. When I am out with my pup I need to train her to play off lead but to follow me and come the minute she's called. I note that many dog handlers use long lines - that's ok but they can get tangled round so many things. All public places should be respected by all users and that includes cyclists who come up, unheard behind me, joggers who think they have the right of way, children who are not shown how to consider others etc etc - not just dog walkers - although I do appreciate that there is a problem.

A dog walker usually has more control of its dogs than most dog owners. I don't believe this will make any difference to the park. How is charging dog walkers going to make them better?

How about education in schools, how to avoid attacks and how to be a responsible owner?

Increasing amount of dog free areas. Dog free cafe

The issue isn't whether it's commercial or not if someone is walking too many dogs it is irresponsible to believe they can control them or clean up after them

No

No further comments

Better upkeep of the fences in the dog free areas so those who want to use them don't get dogs in their picnic

Make off lead dog walking available for only part of the day and on lead other times.

N/a

No, just that if a person knows they have a reactive dog they should keep it on a lead

I am not a commercial dog walker but I am a rescuer so always have multiple dogs . I have been walking in nonsuch for over 30 years . Please do not restrict the professional dog walkers to less than 6 dogs as most of them are ladies trying to fit in work between children and less than 6 dogs would no longer make there jobs financially viable ... the dog walkers that have been around for years are a really super bunch of ladies and are all willing to be licensed - please please consider the financial implications for many people who rely on their earnings .

No

N/A

N.a

Nonsuch people are special lone dogs or multiple. The owners/handlers are responsible and ready to help in any emergency situations....you cannot find a better community of responsible people.

No

No

No

Dogs need exercise off a lead.

There is a dog free zone in the park already. If you licence dog walkers and limit to 6, I think that is sufficient.

Dog walkers should be able to take up to 6 dogs of leads as long as they are friendly and trained if not some should be kept on a lead. This is because if you lose how many dogs walkers can take to a park it will damage their business leading to financial issues

The park is a lovely place for all, including dog walkers, however, many councils restrict the number to 6 and some charge a license fee.

My dog interacts very well with all other dogs. I welcome a license for dog walkers as there are so many great ones in the park, but becoming overrun with dog walkers from other boroughs who have 12+

Maybe bigger dogs when walked with a Dog Walker should have more restrictions .

No

No

None

It's important that we allow dog walking in our parks so we encourage people able to make an income by walking dogs who so enjoy the parks and their dog walkers bring income onto the parks and surrounding areas

No

Regulating dog walkers is important to ensure dogs are well looked after

Most commercial dog walkers are good, but you always get the odd ones who have too many dogs to manage properly

No

No

No

No

No

Nonsuch is a lovely park and would be incredibly sad if it was ruined by stupid dog rules, as I think all the dog walkers I've come across in the park are always responsible and respectful towards me and my dogs.

If professional dog walkers carry a visible license then there is an incentive to keep dogs under control as they can be identified and reported

Dogs are very individual and whilst some are fine off lead, this doesn't apply to all dogs. All dog walkers should be in full control of their dogs and, for the most part, this is the case but in such a busy, popular space you are always going to get the odd negative incident.

Dogs who have poor recall should be kept on a lead

No

No

No further comment.

I have every faith in my dog Walker . She is trustworthy with our dog & is very responsible when walking a few dogs together .

No

No

I trust that all other commercial users of the park also have licences e.g. nordic walking, personal trainers, Go Fitness, rugby teams, American football teams etc. Also the only badly behaved dogs belong to individual owners with multiple dogs i.e. 3 plus- they can act as a pack

No

No

Overall dog walkers (professional and private individuals) are responsible but I think it would be good to have some clearer guidelines around what is sensible re number of dogs any one person can walk.

Licensed walkers is a good idea

Proper fencing around dog free areas needs to be addressed many are damaged meaning dogs can enter dog free areas

Dog poo not as big an issue in Nonsuch as it is in the rest of the borough of Sutton, but do get some, and fair amount of poo bags not put in bins.

None

This is another way council to get money off a low income job

There are a small amount of individuals who can spoil it for others. Those causing repeated issues should be reported/fined rather than the whole community being financially penalised.

No

No just control the number

It's a shame that a few irresponsible people make it bad for all dog walkers.

Please do not enforce something in nonsuch and have the problem move elsewhere to say horton or hook road arena - make sure it covers all areas and then enforce it. Don't put something in place and then never follow it up...

See above.

No

No

No

Commercial Dog Walkers are getting free use of the park and don't contribute to it's up keep, ie council tax etc. the dogs quickly form a pack and behave as a pack towards lone dogs, this can be intimidating for both lone dogs and their owners

No other comments

No

Stricter controls including picking up of dog poo

No

Clear guidance for reporting incidents

I've come across multiple dogs being walked by dog walkers who had been separated from the group and the dog walker was very far away/ not paying attention. Larger dogs out of control (with owners not paying attention and with walkers), owners letting their dogs approach dogs who are on lead.

I do think if dogs are off lead, then they should be muzzled regardless of size.

Would be nice to have a dog free section for picnics etc like we used to have a few years ago

N/a

Sometimes people have too many dogs to control

Many commercial dog walkers are responsible people who have control of their dogs and pick up after them. There are many people who own, rescue and foster dogs for charities who have multiple dogs in their care. I own 3 dogs but also walk 3 elderly neighbours dogs who are either housebound or have limited mobility that I walk for free. I know this is the case for other commercial dog walkers. Many small businesses like ours have struggled because of ULEZ and the cost of living crisis. I think a maximum of 6 dogs per person would be a reasonable limit so that a profit can be made but also the dogs can be controlled and managed. It's not so much the amount of dogs it's the combination of breeds that's important. I've run my business for 37 years, 17 years of which I have lived in North Cheam and walked in Nonsuch Park and have never experienced any problems.

If you are going to implement this - how will it be policed? There needs to be a warden there to ensure everyone sticks to the rules.

I find it rather annoying that people ignore the signs around the mansion house asking that dogs be kept on leads

It's not just the dog walkers that are the problem - many people don't seem to have control of their own dog

I don't believe people should walk over 6 dogs. If a licence is issued insurances should be proof of how many dogs a person can walk.

Dogs should be kept on leads if they cannot be controlled

Not regarding dog control but exercise classes should be looked at too, as people can be very inconsiderate when in large groups.

Dog Pooh must be picked up

No

No

There should be separate areas where dogs can be off lead.

Use sign posting in areas where dogs should be kept on leads - not just at the cafe but around the busier paths and walking/biking areas

No

None

It's a shame there are no patrols taking place in nonsuch parks as wardens could see first hand the issues caused by out of control dogs especially those walking up to 5 dogs at any one time.

I agree licensing may help but I'm also aware that it will get costly as I would likely have to apply for 2-3 licenses with different councils. I generally don't have too many issues with other responsible walkers who take 4-6 dogs, my issues are with walkers who take more, or individuals who are walking their own dog and see my group as easy socialisation for their dog and make a beeline towards us. I have a lot of issues with people on their phones not paying attention as well.

Dog wardens available to advise and support all park visitors

This is very generic. I think each situation will depend on the type and size of the dogs being walked.

More refuse bins for dog poo bags and other refuse.

No

No

See above

Who will be responsible for implementing any restrictions? It was very short sighted to remove the resident park keepers.

Fines for fowling would help stop the problem. Maybe occasional enforcement and more signage.

Nothing further

Enforcement and prosecution of miscreant dog walkers

Regulation is need to prevent harassment and possible injury to users of the park especially young children.

Yes. Fine irresponsible owners who leave their Dog poo bags

No

There will need to be regular patrols and suggest whoever does them wears a body worn camera

It is desperately needed - the dog walkers are spoiling it for families and dog owners and it is only a matter of time before there is an incident.

No

Nothing to add

Even the loveliest dogs can be hard to handle, nobody has enough strength to hold back multiple dogs at a time. There have been enlighinjuries and deaths to show that. I love dogs but the key thing is nobody should be walking more than they can bodily control. Therefore there should be a limit on how many dogs, even if there isn't a licence.

I would favour a smaller number of dogs per commercial dog walker if the dogs are large breeds. Maybe 3 large dogs or 4small dogs

Careful control of commercial dog walkers will improve the enjoyment of the park for everybody

Not to be used for commercial or charge and restrict if they are allowed

No

Maybe a designated area for commercial dog walks or those walking more than 3 dogs per parson. Placing extra poo bins in the field/grass areas so dog walkers can avoid the pathways where families, runners and cyclists etc

Dogs should be kept on a lead when in the Park.

Might be good to add signs or something with information on how to control a dog, when to recall it, the need to put the lead back on, etc.

No

Everyone who owns and walks dogs in the park should have them in leads in and around the car parks

Lead control when leaving and returning to the car park. I notice lots of people have their dogs off lead in the car park and often walk on without picking up after their dog. The commercial dog walkers tend to get the blame for this kind of behaviour but in my experience they are the best for close control and picking up dogs mess, and litter, than the owners of one or two dogs

Resrict access where children are playing

I would prefer to follow the model generally adopted in America i.e. dogs on leads at all times except in certain defined areas for dog socialisation.

No

Someone paid to enforce faeces pick up. Anyone walking more than one dog off the lead cannot keep an eye on where and when dogs go. Resulting in too much dog faeces all over the park.

n/a

Dog walkers don't pick up their poo either, they should be fined. If they picked up there poo walking 10 dogs like they do they would need a massive bag to carry it with them (which they do not, they just ignore the dogs pooing and walk off - usually on their phones)

Ideally the commercial dog walkers should be able to let dogs off the lead but it becomes almost impossible for them to clear up dog mess in loads of different places simultaneously.

No

Dog poo is a problem, especially those that bag it then throw the bags into the bushes.

No

Dog walkers need to be more aware of other people , keep a closer eye on where the dogs mess always. Maybe keep on the lead till they have been to the toilet!

I appreciate it is entirely appropriate to ask the public their views if concerns have been raised about the growth of commercial dog walkers with multiple dogs, but what exactly are the concerns? it would be good to understand what people are concerned about as only then can we collectively resolve any issues. I fully embrace dog control and would have no issue being licensed, but would ask that walkers are judged on their dogs behaviour and their ability to control, not the specific numbers. Many walkers have walked larger groups for years in a responsible and controlled manner and I would sincerely request that because a few more - quite often coming in from central London - use the park in a less responsible way, that the response should be manage and police them rather than limiting the good walkers. It seems unfair to punish everyone for the bad behaviour of a few. The dog walking community at Nonsuch is a happy and precious one - which is why i have walked my own dogs here for years, before i became a commercial dog walker. I am concerned that it will be severely compromised by strict limits on numbers and worse on lead walking! The dogs wont disappear from society because you limit the number that can be walked at once. You risk making walkers increase car traffic to the park by making multiple visits, losing the dogs entirely, which many visitors would suffer from. Especially the many senior citizens who live alone and can no longer have their own dog, these people chat to me daily and love the interaction they get with the dogs, its contributes to positive mental health after all. Please also bear in mind that most dog walkers are relatively low earners and the volume of dogs per walker is necessary as after costs most earn little more than minimum wage. Tight restrictions might force commercial walkers to stop using the park or put our prices up and stop walking some of the dog. This would risk making the less affluent the victims and its often single parents and the recently separated who need our help. We provide a service to people who can't always walk their own dogs. Some of my clients include terminally sick individuals, people who are carers for their own parents, people who've been made redundant and have been forced to jobs that now ask them to travel a lot, they rely on us to get through the week ... i would hate to have to choose who gets to go or stay. I think its also important to recognise that since lockdown there has been a huge increase in dog ownership everywhere, which is why there are more walkers, walking more dogs. Walking dogs together in bigger groups in public places teaches dogs how to behave and interact with people and dogs they don't know and that benefits everyone. Dogs who are forced to be at home for longer periods of time alone and just have short walks at the end of a walking day will be frustrated and unhappy which could ultimately lead to more anti-social dog behaviour across the board. Whilst thats not the responsibility of NonSuch Park per se, we should all be trying to do our bit and maintain what is a fantastic dog walking environment and community. I sympathise with those who aren't dog lovers, but Nonsuch has always been highly populated by dogs. Similarly not everyone like lots of groups of toddlers or hundreds of people running around the park of a weekend, but there should be room for everyone, its a big place! I believe that with cooperation and consultation we can all happily coexist and would urge the park management to work with the dog walking community, don't just limit it. Know who we are as individuals and be comfortable that if we aren't working with you you can control that. And as for dog poop, please bring in stricter measures and policing. The commercial walkers seem to be held responsible for the dog mess when its often owners distracted on the phone and by friends who are the serial offenders. Theres always more mess in the summer after all.

No

Have certain times of day for all dogs on leads

N/A

I have no issues with commercial walkers using the park but agree there should be a license that ensures only professional dog walkers are able to walk a larger number of dogs at one time!

I do believe that the number of dogs walked by one person should be limited. All dogs should be under the control of the walker and kept on leads if at all likely to cause any problems.

I think more signs should be put up insisting all persons with dogs should keep them on a lead when others are using the same spaces. Sign should also clearly state how complains can be made if this is not respected.

You dont mention how you would enforce/ monitor and what would be the outcome of non compliance.

The amount of poo near the entrance to Warren Farm/Nonsuch etc is getting ridiculous. Walkers with multiple dogs don't and can't see if all dogs are going at the same time

Nonsuch is a great place, I've not experienced any negative behaviour, dogs or humans

Dog walkers should be accountable for all the dogs in their care and control and hopefully by having a license the dog walker can be identified if any issues at all

My main recommendation would be to restrict the number of dogs one person can walk at any one time

More should be done to encourage respond dog walking in the park by dog owners and commercial dog walkers.

Restricting the number of dogs walked by one person will solve current issues

Commercial dog walkers are a danger to the public and should be on leads. All dogs who walk in the park should be insured.

I have seen no problems when walking my dog in nonsuch park

No

See comments above

No

Some more stringent control of numbers needs to be put in place

None

Professional dog walkers should not walk together either. Sometimes there are in excess of 15 dogs between 2 people.

I think a licence is an excellent way to go. This would need some degree of enforcement for stop I also think limiting the number of dogs being walked at any time to four is self-evidently sensible. The major issue seems to be with walkers turning up with vans containing huge amounts of dogs and then handing them out to inexperienced walkers who evidently have no control over or knowledge of the dogs, this isn't good for the dogs and it's not good for those of us who use the park for enjoyment.

Dogs that show aggression should be on leads at all time. I know this is difficult I enforce but my dog has been attacked a couple of times for no reason.

Dog walkers should be limited to 2 dogs per walk. They are making money out of a public space which belongs to us all

There should be a permanent visible warden in the park dealing with rampaging packs of dogs and to make sure the people pick up the poo and bin it not chuck it in the trees.

The fencing needs to be improved around the no dog areas and the gate fixed. memorial entrance). Also the gaps in the fence around the mansion house near where the squirrels are fed should be filled in as this will avoid dogs running in. The car park is appalling with so many pot holes /craters which cause damage to our vehicles and should be maintained.

No

Fouling without picking up and proper disposal should be an enforceable activity

In my personal experience, the people who have little control over their dogs and who are less likely to clean up after their dogs, are the actual owners waking one or two dogs.

Licenses will only work if they are properly policed.

a few bad owners make it difficult for the responsible ones. Perhaps there also have to be dog free times

No

The amount of dog poo left in the park is disgusting and has become an extreme issue. Please see answer to question 3. Children and dogs of local residents use the park for relaxation and fresh air, it is becoming such an issue that children and dogs are in danger of stepping in the dog poo or accidentally ingesting it. It is beyond outrageous that nothing has been done thus far to resolve this issue. Fines should be issued, council funds should be used for staff to be present in the park to enforce this, and commercial dog walkers should be limited to a specified number of dogs and closely monitored via the use of licences and fines for not being in proper control of the dogs they are walking or clearing up after them. The park is being ruined by dog walkers, both private and commercial, not clearing up after their dogs.

Any dog walker, whether they walk 1 or more dogs should ensure they have trained and proofed recall before letting their dog off lead.

Have designated areas where dog owners can let their dogs off the lead.

I often see commercial dog walkers with 6 or 8 dogs. Some on lead, some not. In my opinion, this is too many dogs for one person to control safely.

Walkers are irresponsible with their dogs

Joggers, that run with their dogs off leads, they are not paying close attention or clearing up after their dogs.

There should be dog wardens patrolling the park at the weekends to keep children safe from dangerous dogs.

More patrols to deal with anti social behaviour by owners

No

Fined for not picking up dog mess

Licence should be displayed when walking dogs commercially

a "Duty Park Ranger" / emergency number prominently displayed at each entrance, ideally with cameras recording who is walking what dogs

No

The sign by the mansion house to keep dogs on a lead is constantly ignored by many people. There should be much larger signs and more frequent

Commercial dog walkers should be alert to the behaviour of all dogs in their charge and not walk around talking on their mobile

No

If commercial dog walking controls are brought in, who will see that they are enforced?

If owners wish to parade their dogs in public they should always be muzzled.

More dog free areas should be created.

No

The more dogs per person the more different it is to watch and clean up after them

It cannot be right that people commercially walking others dogs in order to make gains are not licensed. It would be helpful if the dog warden could attend sometimes to hand out fines for those not picking up after their dog(s).

Occasional visits from a parks warden

Yes, any licensing scheme introduced for Nonsuch park must be implemented in all parks or else you risk displacing the antisocial and dangerous dogwalkers to other parks, which only shifts and doesn't resolve the problem. It MUST BE implemented across all parks in the borough

Personal walkers should be restricted to 4 dogs per person too - but not charged a licence. Same problems as commercial with people not controlling multiple dogs.

My suggestion would be to create an off lead dog exercise area, leaving the rest of the park free for walkers, family fun and walking dogs on leads, free of fear from dogs off leads. Not everyone is a fan of dogs and they currently have priority over other users. Even as a dog owner I find that unacceptable and rarely visit the park which is walking distance, preferring to drive and pay to access Painshill Park where all dogs are on leads. This is uneconomical as well as not environmentally friendly.

I think 2 or more dogs walked should be kept on a lead. My dog had great recall but I do put her on a lead at busy times. There are joggers, cyclist, children from the nursery playing. Far too many dogs there have no recall and owners feel it is ok to let them run up to every other dog or person by

Too many commercial dog walkers walking together

No

No

Something needs sorting with regards to commercial dog walkers, it seems to be a lot busier in this regard probably since other councils have regulated against it

I'm not sure how the Local Authorities are going to police a commercial dog walkers licence when neither Borough has attempted to police doggy daycare and boarding unlicensed businesses in the local area.

The few owners spoil it for the many

Right now the situation has gotten worse and these dog walkers are clueless and they need help

Comercial dog vans shouldn't sit in the car parks with their engines running.

Due to other parks instigating licence schemes and/or restrictions on professional dog walkers and large groups of dogs. Nonsuch is becoming overrun with big groups of dogs, as they avoid restrictions elsewhere. In order to keep Nonsuch safe, it is necessary to implement restrictions, for safety reasons, on private and professional dog walkers to reduce numbers of large groups of dogs.

There should be warden that we can report incidents to. I have had dogs leaping up at children. Dogs leaping on me. I have been told if I don't like it then leave the Park. The dogs are just saying 'hello'. I have also witnesses dog on dodgy attacks where the aggressor has gone for a smaller dog whilst off a lead. Perhaps there should be designated areas for off lead exercise or permitted times of day?

Can there be no dog free park for residents to walk freely and feel safe

The area around the Mansion (the gardens) should be enforced as dogs on lead

Please do something about this as it is an accident waiting to happen. If one dog gets out of control in a large group it is dangerous. Please act now to keep people safe and preserve our lovely parks.

No

Too many bad dog owners are ruining the park for other users

A £400 commercial licence works out at a cost £8 per week, further split between multiple dogs makes it affordable to anyone that already hires a dog walker. With regard to enforcement, I suggest, initially at least, instant fines for non-compliance. This ensures any forthcoming change is at nil net cost to the taxpayer and therefore financially disadvantages only those in direct breach of the policy.

Dog free areas would be lovely.

There is currently none and it is not pleasant for those who aren't walking dogs

Tighter dog controls need to be brought in across the borough.

Ban commercial dog walkers. Why should they be allowed to use publically owned and maintained space as their business premises?

The dog free areas could be better cared for and made more obvious.

It would be nice to see a park ranger in the park who could take action against owners of dangerous dogs, dog owners who don't pick up their dogs feaces

Commercial dog walkers should be licenced, and should have to demonstrate professional competence to obtain a licence. Fences around dog free zones should be maintained. Consider extending 'on lead' requirements to the short grass area to the East of Fir Walk, which is popular for picnics in the summer.

2 dogs per person should be the limit it's hard enough to control 2 let alone any more. Professional dog walkers earn good money and should pay towards the up keep of our beautiful park. I've seen them picking up one dogs poo and missing 2 others while doing this. Since lockdown the park now has far too many dogs and many have zero control. It's only a matter of time before someone or their dog gets badly hurt

Disallow commercial dog walkers

Any group of walkers should only have a maximum of three dogs. That would prevent several walkers joining up to walk lots of dogs together

Dog walkers should always have dogs on leads nne ause they are not their own dogs do not know the complete temperament of the dog or have full recall and are therefore a liability to everyone else plus they cannot ensure they collect dog poo when having multiple dogs

no

Dog owners need to be responsible and control their dogs at all times, and not allow them to annoy other park users.

Dogs often enter the designated dog-free areas as the perimeter fencing is not maintained. This can be very upsetting to children and those trying to enjoy a picnic or ball games.

There is a safeguarding issue here. Too many dogs jumping up and barking. Also single dogs on leads often attract packs of dogs so genuine dog walkers are at a disadvantage. There is a nasty accident just waiting to happen.

I suggest that dividing the Park into an area where dogs are allowed and one (which is at least equally big) where they aren't. The existing dog-free area needs better patrols.

I feel there are too many professional dog walkers using the park and that affects the freedom & socialising of well behaved dogs attending with their owner.

The questions posed do not allow me to indicate that there should be NO commercial dog walking. If you have a dog, exercise it yourself.

No

Ultimately we dont want dogs to suffer BUT i do feel certain walkers have too many to manage

Other businesses using the park (eg exercise classes) pay a license. It is fair a licence is required by commercial dog walkers.

Definitely needs policing as too license, insurance, amount of dogs walked by one person

Dog walkers should have a numbered permit worn on their clothing so that if their is an injury to a person, wildlife or your pet, they ae held to account.

No

I think the risk with commercial dog walkers is that they have too many dogs to reasonably be able to keep them under control.

Some enforcement would be welcome

A commercial dog walker charges a fee to the customer this is a business ! They should not be exempt for expenses to run their business in a public park. A charge would definitely go towards the cost of running the park.

Regulation is important to prevent any incidents and ensure all those using parks feel safe an able to do so

Non

Pleased to see this initiative

There is a habit growing of groups meeting with their dogs and then letting the dogs off their leads so they can chat and the dogs can play.

Dogs should only be let off the lead when the owner or dog walker can maintain control of them at all times.

Change the arrangements so that the current dog-free areas are the only areas where it is permissible for dogs to be off a lead. Then make it a requirement for dogs to be on a lead in all other parts of the park. This would benefit non-dog owners (who would probably visit the park more often), and also wildlife in the park.

You need enforcement. Restrict number of dogs anyone can take to the park.

The number of dogs that commercial dog walkers are allowed to walk should be limited to 4 and this will stop people coming from London and other boroughs which have controls in place. It is getting absolutely ridiculous and with walkers arriving from all over including London with large numbers of dogs, which are not in control and they are spoiling the park for the local people

No point making rules (irrespective of what they are) if there is no supervision to monitor and enforce the rules.

Something needs to be done urgently, before someone is seriously injured. All dogs should be on a lead in all the borough parks

No

All dogs should be kept on a lead in the park. The park is a no-go area for people who don't like dogs or are elderly or disabled as there are so many unpredictable dogs off their leads that run up to you, often who can't be recalled by their owner.

No

It is very dangerous for everyone

If you are going to bring in a ban /limit the numbers you need to enforce it with meaningful fines. This is a business these people are running at our expense make them pay. Also they don't clear up the dog mess properly and should be restricted to one part of the park.

Can you also have a think about commercial exercising hoodlums? They dominate on pleasant days!

Fines for out of control and poorly trained dogs.

Dog walkers need to respect other walkers. There are far too many of them with large packs of dogs which can appear threatening to others. A degree of control needs to be imposed on them

All dogs on a lead if they can clearly not be controlled

Needs to be looked into as I choose to avoid coming and do not recommend to others

Just another money making scheme for big wigs who have no reality of what goes on in the world. This committee disgusts me