



COMBE MARTIN

PARISH COUNCIL

2020 Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) – Dog Control CMPC and Water Watch Group Consultation

All of the current Dog control PSPOs for the village (in place since 2014) lapse in October 2020 unless North Devon Council (NDC) undertake consultation and replaces them.

CMPC recognise the positive health and social benefits of dog ownership and regrets that the majority of responsible dog owners are restricted by the actions of an irresponsible minority. (Both locals and visitors). CMPC understand how important these issues are to the community and are consulting with the village over the NDC dog control PSPOs.

CMPC is not anti-dog, but pro safe dog free areas. Recreational users should be protected from dog mess, Toxocariasis and dogs running out of control in our child play areas, sports field and on Combe Martin beach. Note: Newberry Beach is not included in the PSPO.

- CMPC wants to reduce a risk to health, promote tourism, the economy and encourage a healthy and active lifestyle.
- Even with the Dog PSPOs, the village meets the Kennel Club's expectations.
- CMPC believes the evidence supports the continuation of dog control PSPOs.
- Dog controls will not apply to people who are blind or partially sighted and have a registered assistance dog.
- **Parishioners are encouraged to engage both with the NDC online survey www.northdevon.gov.uk/consultations and this Village consultation.**

Please tick your choices:

- Q1. Do you support the existing year-round dog ban on: Arnolds Plot, Hollands Park Play areas and Hollands Park football pitch? Yes No
- Q2. Do you support a dog ban on Combe Martin Beach from the 1st of May until 30th September? Yes No
- Q3. Do you support a Combe Martin Beach dog ban for the Devon school Easter holiday period? Yes No
- Q4. Are you a dog owner? Yes No
- Q5. Have you completed the NDC online survey? Yes No

Please add name(s) and address for verification purposes only:

Name:

Address (Inc. postcode):

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Please return the completed questionnaire by 31st July 2020 to:

Combe Martin Parish Council Office,
Cross Street,
Combe Martin, EX34 0DH