

Carmarthenshire County Council

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

**Carmarthenshire County Council (Dog Control) Public Spaces
Protection Order 2025**

Background

- (a) People who fail to clean up after their dogs on publicly accessible land cause nuisance to others. The presence of dog faeces is a potential hazard to all members of the public alike. It causes risks to health, defaces land and has the potential to deface people and their property.
- (b) When not properly supervised and kept under control, dogs that are allowed off a lead in public areas can cause road traffic accidents, and can cause nuisance or injury to members of the public and to other animals.
- (c) Dogs in children's play areas can become aggressive if startled. They can also defecate in these areas, defacing and causing a health risk to the young children that use them.
- (d) In 2016, the Council made the Carmarthenshire County Council (Dog Control) Public Spaces Protection Order 2016 ("the Original Order") to address the above behaviour on the basis that it had and was likely to continue to have, a detrimental effect on the quality of life of people within Carmarthenshire.
- (e) The Original Order sought to prevent or reduce the detrimental effects referred to above, by imposing reasonable restrictions and requirements on people whilst in charge of dogs on public land.
- (f) Subject to a number of exemptions and restrictions, the Original Order required people:
 - To clean up after their dogs on all public land in the County;
 - To put and keep their dog on a lead of not more than 2 metres in length when directed to do so by an authorised officer of the Council, where such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance, or behaviour by the dog that is likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, or the worrying or disturbance of any animal.
 - Not to take their dog onto, or permits their dog to enter or remain on any enclosed children's play areas in the County.

- (g) The Original Order came in to force on the 1st July 2016. It was made for a period of 3 years.
- (h) In 2019, the duration of the Original Order was extended for a further 3 years with effect from the 1st July 2019.
- (i) In 2022, the duration of the Original Order was extended for a further 3 years with effect from the 1st July 2022.
- (j) The Council is satisfied that it is necessary to extend the duration of the Original Order for a further 3 years in order to prevent the occurrence or recurrence of the behaviour set out set out above after the 1st July 2025, or to prevent an increase in the frequency or seriousness of the behaviour after that date.

Notice is Hereby Given that Carmarthenshire County Council intends, to extend the duration of the Original Order under section 60 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014:

The Effect of the Proposed Order

The Original Order (as extended in 2019 and 2022) shall be extended for a further period of 3 years with effect from the 1st July 2025.

Viewing the Order

Copies of the Original Order (as extended) and the proposed Order can be viewed on the Council's website at [Dog fouling and controlling dogs in public places](#)

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