

## **Proposed Dog Control PSPO 2023 – 2026 Summary of main changes**

### **The following requirements and prohibitions do not apply to assistance dogs.**

**Northcote Farm:** Dogs prohibited from Old Events Field – all other areas to remain the same. See Revised Northcote Farm Dog Walking Map.

#### **Dogs on Leads in the following Cemeteries:**

- Bilston Cemetery
- Beacon Hill Cemetery
- Danescourt Cemetery
- Hall Green
- Bushbury Crematorium
- Merridale Cemetery
- Penn Cemetery

**Dogs are not allowed in water features** or facilities in authority controlled and maintained areas such as Parks and Open Spaces, Town Centres, Nature Reserves and Country Parks etc. This will include formal feature, such as ornamental fountains, drinking fountains and ponds, features designated for children's play such as pools and splash pads as well as natural ponds designated for wildlife habitat etc. This order will include any sites which are subsequently transferred to the authority as part of any Land Transfer Agreement and any other water bodies at sites not listed below:

#### **Open water sites:**

- Pendeford Mill Nature Reserve
- Smestow Valley Nature Reserve (including old plant nursery/WEC)
- West Park
- Fowlers Park
- Hickman Park
- Bantock Park
- Goodyear Community Park (To be transferred)
- Rocket Pool
- Ladymoor
- Hawkswell Drive
- Stowheath Lane
- Grapes Pool

#### **Water play/fountains:**

- East Park Splash Pad (To be installed 2023)
- Tettenhall Pool
- Queen Square Fountain

- St Peter's Fountain
- Old Hall Street (not operational as present)
- Wednesfield Fountain (not operational at present)

**Failure to carry means of disposal when walking a dog in public:**

A person in charge of a dog on public land shall be guilty of an offence if they are unable to produce suitable **and unused** means of removing dog faeces from the ground when asked to do so by an authorised officer. The receptacle / bags must be disposable, and this requirement is unaffected by whether the dog has recently defecated. Exceptions to this proposal are:

- (i) That person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (ii) The owner/occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person failing to do so

In the above sections "public open place" means a place in the open air to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access without payment; and any covered place open to the air on at least one side and available for public use shall be treated as a public open place.

**Failure to give correct details**

If an authorised officer proposes to give a person a fixed penalty notice under any part of the PSPO, the officer may require the person to give him his name and address.

A person commits an offence if—

- (a) he fails to give his name and address when required to do so
- (b) he gives a false or inaccurate name or address in response to a requirement under the preceding subsection.