

**Committee: Community Committee**

**Agenda Item**

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2007**

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**Title: DOG CONTROL ORDERS**

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Item for decision

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## Summary

- 1 Following on from a report to the Environment Committee in September 2006 a process of consultation with Town and Parish Council's has been undertaken in preparation for the introduction of Dog Control Orders. A list of sites identified as suitable for Dog Control Orders is included as an annex to this report.

## Recommendations

- 2 That the formal consultation process with the public be commenced in accordance with the procedures in The Dog Control Orders (Procedures) Regulations 2006.

## Background Papers

- 3 The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.
  - Report to Environment Committee 26<sup>th</sup> September 2006

## Impact

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Communication/Consultation	Formal consultation will follow the acceptance of the report
Community Safety	No
Equalities	No
Finance	No
Human Rights	No
Legal implications	Orders will need to be made
Sustainability	No
Ward-specific impacts	All
Workforce/Workplace	No

## Situation

- 5 A process of contacting Parish and Town Councils to discuss possible Dog Control Orders has been carried out and a number of suitable sites have been identified where either a dog exclusion order or a requirement for owners to remove dog faeces and to put and keep their dog on a lead if directed to do so by an authorised officer, would be appropriate.
- 6 In addition to these specific sites it is suggested that all footpaths and verges which abut roads in 30mph (or less) areas be included in the requirement for owners to remove dog faeces and to put and keep their dog on a lead if directed to do so by an authorised officer.
- 7 For the Orders to be legally valid the procedure in the Dog Control Orders (Procedures) Regulations 2006 must be followed and the Council needs to be able to show that the Dog Control Orders are a necessary and proportionate response to problems caused by the activities of dogs and those in charge of them. It is also necessary to balance the interest of dog owners who need to exercise their animals with the interest of those such as children who need access to dog free areas.
- 8 A list of sites is attached as an annex to this report and suitable large scale maps will be available for the public consultation stage.

## Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
That dog fouling incidents will continue without adequate legal redress	High	High	Continue to enforce existing byelaws and maintain levels of public education

Annex 1

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Specific sites for removal of dog faeces and to put and keep their dog on a lead if directed to do so by an authorised officer</b>
▪ Ashdon	▪ Grassed area in front of Guildhall Way
▪ Barnston	▪ Playing Field watts Close
▪ Birchanger	▪ Recreation Ground and Glebe Land
▪ Elsenham	▪ Cricket Field
▪ Farnham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Area around Farnham Village Hall</li> <li>▪ Rectory Lane Recreation Area</li> <li>▪ Farnham Green</li> <li>▪ Church Walk</li> </ul>
▪ Felsted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bannister Green</li> <li>▪ Play area rear of Ravens Crescent</li> <li>▪ Watch House Green</li> <li>▪ Allotments</li> <li>▪ Playing Field rear of Memorial Hall</li> </ul>
▪ Great Chesterford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recreation Ground</li> <li>▪ Horse River Green off South Street</li> </ul>
▪ Gt Dunmow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grassed area Nursery Rise</li> <li>▪ Grassed area Lower Mill Field</li> <li>▪ Tabbard leys</li> <li>▪ Grassed area Rosemary Lane/The Downs</li> <li>▪ Newton Green</li> <li>▪ Grassed area Stortford Road</li> <li>▪ Public open space Chelmer Valley</li> </ul>
▪ Hatfield Heath	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grassed area Ardley Crescent</li> <li>▪ Grassed area Broomfields</li> </ul>
▪ Hempsted	▪ Churchyard
▪ High Roding	▪ Grassed area Broadfields
▪ Manuden	▪ Playingfield r/o 90-100 The Street
▪ Newport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recreation Ground</li> <li>▪ The Common</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Saffron Walden</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Common</li> <li>▪ Anglo American Memorial Playing Fields</li> <li>▪ Herberts Farm Playing Fields</li> <li>▪ Golden Acre Playing Field</li> <li>▪ Close Gardens</li> <li>▪ Dorset House Gardens</li> <li>▪ Bridge End Gardens</li> <li>▪ Jubilee Gardens</li> <li>▪ Saffron Walden Cemetery</li> <li>▪ Closed Churchyard</li> <li>▪ Grassed Area Auton Croft/Wards Croft</li> <li>▪ Grassed area Monks Hill</li> <li>▪ Grassed area Thorncroft</li> <li>▪ Grassed area Goddards Way</li> <li>▪ Bryds Farn Allotments</li> <li>▪ Little Walden Road Allotments</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Stansted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recreation Ground</li> <li>▪ Memorial Gardens</li> <li>▪ Mountfitchet Green</li> <li>▪ Grassed area Windmill Fields</li> <li>▪ Bentfield Gardens open space</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Stebbing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alcott Playing Fields</li> <li>▪ Mill Lane Recreation Ground</li> <li>▪ Pulford Playing Field</li> <li>▪ Marshalls Piece open space</li> <li>▪ Grassed open areas Stebbing Green</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Takeley</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sports Field</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Thaxted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recreation Ground</li> <li>▪ Margaret Gardens</li> <li>▪ Royal British Legion Garden</li> <li>▪ Grassed area Weaverhead Lane</li> <li>▪ Grassed area Vicarage Mead</li> <li>▪ Grassed area Bardfield Road</li> <li>▪ Grassed area Magdalen Green</li> <li>▪ Beech Tree Garden</li> <li>▪ Churchyards</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Allotments</li> <li>▪ Cricket Field Bardfield End Green</li> </ul>
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## Annex 2

▪ <b>Parish</b>	▪ <b>Dog Exclusion areas</b>
▪ Barnston	▪ Children's Play Area r/o Village Hall
▪ Chrishall	▪ Jigneys Meadow
▪ Debden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Children's Play Area</li> <li>▪ Closed Churchyard</li> </ul>
▪ Elsenham	▪ Recreation Ground
▪ Felsted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Children's Play Area r/o Ravens Crescent</li> <li>▪ Children's Play Area Evelyn Road Willows Green</li> </ul>
▪ Gt Chesterford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Children's Play Area Recreation Ground</li> <li>▪ Children's Play Area Pilgrim's Close</li> </ul>
▪ Gt Dunmow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Children's Play Area Lower Mill Field</li> <li>▪ Children's Play Area Oakroyd Avenue</li> <li>▪ Children's Play Area Tabbards Ley</li> <li>▪ Children's Play Area Recreation Ground</li> </ul>
▪ High Roding	▪ Children's Play Area Broadfield
▪ Langley	▪ Children's Play Area Upper Green
▪ Newport	▪ Children's Play Area Cuckingstool End
▪ Saffron Walden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Children's Play Area The Common</li> <li>▪ Children's Play Area Anglo American Memorial Playing Fields</li> <li>▪ Children's Play Area Golden Acre</li> <li>▪ Children's Play Area Little Walden Playing Fields</li> <li>▪ Children's Play Area Greenways</li> <li>▪ Skate Board Park</li> </ul>
▪ Stansted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Children's Play Area Bardfield Green</li> <li>▪ Children's Play Area Recreation Ground</li> <li>▪ Children's Play Area Mountfitchet Green</li> </ul>
▪ Takeley	▪ Recreation Ground off Chestnut Way
▪ Thaxted	▪ Windmill Picnic Area and Meadow