

Consultation Data – PSPO Basil Russell Playing Fields Nuthall

Response	Number	Area	Comments
Yes	19	Nuthall x 10	The park is for everyone and all should be allowed to enjoy the park. Young children should not have to be worried about dogs and waste. Great idea.
			Should also do something about antisocial behaviour from teenagers in the park.
			Overdue, it's been a problem for years particularly for those with young children. Thanks.
			Fed up with clearing dog poo from in front of my property.
			I would support this; and also in Nuthall generally. Dog mess is an on-going problem on the streets. Instead of having my head up looking at the blossoms and Spring flowers, I have to have my eyes down, constantly looking at where I am treading.
			Lot dog foul on Oak Drive no body is clean it up.
			I have grandchildren who use the park and I am fully in favour of these measures. Some dogs are not fully under control when on a lead- they bound up to the child, and the owner always says it won't hurt her.
			No Comment
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			The Parish Council considered the matter at their meeting yesterday and would respond as follows; The official name of the area is Basil Russell Playing Fields The exclusion of dogs is not just in the play area but also in the buildings (Workshop Pavilion) etc on the site. <i>The Council writes in support of the order being renewed on the same terms as the original PSPO.</i> The Council reviewed the problems that had led to the original order being requested and granted and considered that the order had all but stopped the problems that were occurring which involved harassment by dogs and their owners to other dogs/owners, members of the public including children. It also noted that the park had been the site of children being bitten and adults being "jumped on" and the order had ensured that dogs were now in close proximity to their owner where

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			they could be controlled. It was reported that it had resulted in a significant reduction in dog fouling to the extent that the sports teams and staff did not have to maintain the written log of poop picked up. The Council has received many positive comments from people who started to visit the park as a direct result of knowing that they could walk (with or without) their dogs and families in safety. The park keepers employed by the Parish Council felt that they could use the order to politely ask owners to put their dogs onto a lead and the majority of the time these were visitors to the park either as new residents or spectators at the many sports that take place and the breach was accidental. The number of dogs being turned away at Family events (at which previously we had suffered dogs in the food tent, and defecating on the children's toys that were out) decreased significantly (from 30+ to 5) to the extent that security has been halved. Whilst the Council accepts that some members of the public have chosen to walk their dogs "off lead" elsewhere it feels that this has been easily accommodated by the many footpaths and fields that are in the immediate area and therefore this need has been adequately serviced. The park remains a dog friendly zone - indeed the Council have replaced a vandalised dog tap in preparation for the summer and has left a bowl in the public toilet area at all times so that dogs were able to have a drink and their owners feel that they are a valued part of the community. There have been no reports of any serious dog incidents; however following the lapsing of the order which has stopped our park keepers from being able to point out the order to owners, the Police were contacted by a visitor who reported two dogs out of control and causing concern. The Council feels that, had this happened whilst the order was in force it would have had the authority to deal with the incident in a calm and helpful manner to all concerned. The number of penalties issued is nil and we believe that this is a credit to the responsible dog walkers, staff and members of the public who feel confident that the order is doing what it set out to do - to make the Basil Russell Playing Fields an inclusive area that everyone can enjoy.
			Any public area where children play should be supported in the same way. Watnall has the same issues. I take my grandson to the park and have to be careful both on the paths and the grass, even though there are plenty of bins for people to use.

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		Watnall x 4	Long overdue.		
			I enjoy taking the children in Nuthall park after school. The amount of dog mess is disgraceful. Anything that can be done to overcome this would be hugely appreciated, it's very difficult to keep an eye out for it! And I have lost count of the amount of times I've had them step in it- it's awful.		
			No Comment		
		Kimberley x 3	I walk my dog regularly on this park as it is safe with no dogs off the lead. It is the cleanest park anywhere with plenty of bins and I have never seen dog mess left on the park. I have even recommended this park as it is so clean... not sure the order is needed.		
			You should make every park like it in the borough.		
			Please extend this to Kimberley. In particular the footpath between Knowle Hill and Sainsbury's.		
		Newthorpe x 1	No Comment		
		Brinsley x 1	The wardens need to be more proactive. To be seen on the parks and streets. More people need to be prosecuted.		
		No	7	Nuthall x 4	Why can the park not be an open space that can accommodate ALL of our community, including the 4 legged ones? The park could allow dogs to be off leads for the first hour it is open, and the last hour before closing. The likelihood of young children being in the park at this time is small, yet the likelihood of people wanting to walk their dogs is high. I'm fed up of there always being the assumption that all dog owners are irresponsible. Broxtowe district is fast becoming an area with limited spaces to exercise dogs off the lead, with housing estates being built and green spaces being reduced. I'm not saying dogs should rule the world, but it's really not fair to expect them never to be off their leads and receive no form of true exercise.
This consultation came about originally because of one isolated incident and it has been blown out of all proportion. The article in the news is ridiculous, wild dogs? Never heard such stupid comments. I have used this park for the past 54 years and it should not have come to this, it has had exactly the opposite effect in driving people away from a community area where once ALL could enjoy. Absolutely absurd and I am so angry about it.					

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			There are already powers available to address any problems-why are they not being used? I expect a small fortune will be spent on even more useless signage which the perpetrators will ignore. Perhaps this money could be spent on targeting general littering in the parish which is reaching epidemic proportions. Before contacting the Kimberley and Eastwood Advertiser and making comment to them, I would like to put some questions to Nuthall Parish Council about the article published last week. I would like to ask - without naming names obviously - what type of dogs have been seen "racing about and running wild on the park and jumping up and frightening young children" and what was done about it at the time. When were the "couple of occasions where large dogs (again what breed) have attacked and frightened small dogs etc." There seem to be very few large dogs walked on the park now and those that are, appear to be well behaved and certainly not 'running wild' as the headline implies. I have to ask if this is the same Basil Russell playing fields that I walk across and / or around virtually every day at varying times between 8.00 am and 8.00 pm. I can honestly say that I NEVER see dogs (of any size) off lead and those dogs on lead are under the close control of their responsible owners who automatically pick up any 'mess' deposited by their pet. I have never seen either football or cricket matches interrupted by a dog nor have I seen dogs on the play area or that 'ghost area' known as the skateboard park. Counc. Jill Owen states that the park is for all users not just people with dogs but surely that should be for all users without the inclusion of 'not just people with dogs'. One evening last week there was a football game in progress. The car park was unbelievably overcrowded with several cars parked on the footpath and grass area, the paved area in front of the changing rooms was virtually impossible to walk along due to parents and supporters, very young children were playing on the fitness equipment and of course a further third of the park was "out of bounds" due to the actual match but I did not hear one complaint from the dog walkers who were walking round the footpath. (IE those of us who use the park <u>regularly</u> carried on as usual and let the other users enjoy their evening). Having spoken to one of the Council employees this past week I understood there was far less of a problem with dog mess on the park and at the weekend I was talking to one of the councillors (again no name needs to be mentioned) who said they knew nothing about the 'problems' highlighted in the article.

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			Presumably C. Owen has the facts to back up the claims and I would be interested in hearing both the comments of Nuthall Parish Council and receiving answers to the questions I have asked.
		Eastwood x 1	These should be separated out as they address different issues which are already being covered by law and regulation in particular dog fouling. Including dogs being on leads within this is not a fair representation and would be consolidated within the overall ruling outcome which shouldn't be allowed. Dogs are already excluded from areas of Basil Russell, kids play park, bowling green and tennis courts. The owner has a responsibility but putting in place an order to enjoy the open field is out of order and unfair!
		Beeston x 1	I support changes 1 and 3. I do not support dogs on a lead at all times. It is impossible to give some dogs adequate exercise such as chasing and retrieving a ball if confined to being on the lead. People can be responsible dog owners and clean up mess even if a dog is off the lead

Complaints Received by Broxtowe Borough Council		
2015	1	Dog Attack (dog on dog)
2016	0	
2017	0	
2018	0	