

Swindon Borough Council PSPO Extensions (2025–2028)

Committee: Leisure & Recreation Committee

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1. Background

Swindon Borough Council has extended a Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) under the Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

The extensions took effect at 00:00 on 2nd September 2025 and will run until 23:59 on 1st September 2028.

These apply boroughwide, including land managed by Central Swindon North Parish Council (CSNPC).

2. Relevant Order

1. **Dog Fouling and Dog Control PSPO (2025–2028)** – applies to all public land, including parish managed parks, recreation grounds, and open spaces.

3. Key Provisions Affecting Parish Land

- Dog Fouling: Dog owners (or anyone in charge of a dog) must immediately remove faeces from any public land covered by the Order.
- Dog Prohibition: Dogs are not permitted in any enclosed or fenced children's play area within Swindon.
- Offences: Failure to comply without reasonable excuse is a criminal offence under Section 67 of the Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, punishable by:
 - a Fixed Penalty Notice (typically £100), or
 - prosecution in court.

4. Implications for CSNPC

- All parish managed parks and play areas fall under the PSPO.
- Signage may need to be reviewed or updated to reflect the 2025–2028 extension dates.
- Grounds and enforcement staff should continue to:
 - Remind the public of PSPO conditions.
 - Report breaches to Swindon Borough Council enforcement officers.

- Ensure fenced play areas remain clearly marked as “No Dogs Allowed.”
- Publicise the update via the website, newsletters and noticeboards.

5. Supporting Information

Copies of the Order are available on the Swindon Borough Council website:

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20251/community_safety/638/public_spaces_protection_orders_pspo

These Orders will expire on 1st September 2028, unless further extended.