

Dogs in Public Places - Beaches

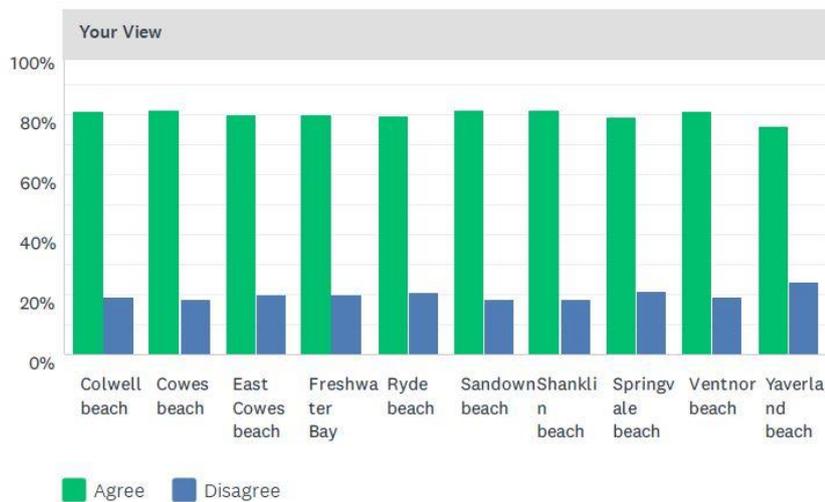
It is proposed to migrate the [current Dog Control Orders](#) (DCOs) - which permit dogs to use beaches during the winter into the PSPO.

This proposal would continue to exclude dogs from some beaches between 1 May - 30 September each year.

No new proposals or zones are proposed. to view maps of zones that are currently covered visit our [website](#).

Q3 Please indicate if you agree or disagree with this proposal to migrate the existing Orders for each location?

Answered: 860 Skipped: 267



Your View	AGREE	DISAGREE	TOTAL
Colwell beach	80.98% 643	19.02% 151	794
Cowes beach	81.30% 639	18.70% 147	786
East Cowes beach	79.85% 630	20.15% 159	789
Freshwater Bay	80.10% 632	19.90% 157	789
Ryde beach	79.44% 649	20.56% 168	817
Sandown beach	81.50% 652	18.50% 148	800
Shanklin beach	81.72% 648	18.28% 145	793
Springvale beach	78.93% 622	21.07% 166	788
Ventnor beach	81.02% 636	18.98% 149	785
Yaverland beach	76.17% 601	23.83% 188	789

Comments Received

Comments – (249) People were asked to comment if they disagreed. [to view click on arrow]

1. I think all beaches should be available for people to exercise their dogs as long as they clear up any faeces let's be honest more damage is done by humans. Look at the rubbish they all leave behind.
2. The beaches i disagree too should be accessible to dogs, perhaps with the permit of them during peak times remaining on the lead above water level Again, with Ryde beach, when the tide is out dogs should be allowed to roam below water level off the lead with fouling penalties in place for those ignorant enough to no pick up after their dog. Yaverland beach, to the left of the ramp should remain accessable to dogs and their walkers on or off the lead
3. Beach area near the harbour. Many people continue to use it early in the morning despite date. Would it be possible to make this allowed?
4. The state of the beaches after humans have been on them over the past 3 months is more of an issue than dogs! Before we restrict dogs to beaches we need to look at human activity!
5. The beach at Cowes is rarely used for swimming and few people use it to sit on except during cowes week. Responsible dog owners should be permitted to use this beach all year round.
6. No need to amalgamate separate orders has been shown. What amendments are being considered to previous orders?
7. Sandown, Shanklin and Yaverland beaches need to have the space for dogs INCREASED due to the amount of people not just dog owners using it.
8. Colwell beach is used happily and responsibly by dog owners throughout the season. There may be a restriction in place at the moment but I don't believe it needs to be reinforced. Notices and the ability to fine for poor behaviour should be enough here
9. I disagree as even in these months the beach in sections have no one on them and the end section is very busy it would be helpful if the dog section was longer or best choice another section !
10. i think my dog should be allowed on all beaches,she dosnt make a mess like people do,i always clean up after her ,and she is always on a harness and lead,she helps with my depressionand i feel more confident and relaxed when shes with me.

11. I think dogs are less of a threat than humans at the moment...yes there are a few irresponsible owners (those who don't pick up, or worse, those that do bag the poop, but then disarding the bag in the bushes 😊) but these are definitely outnumbered by the majority of responsible owners...have areas where dogs have to be on leads, but don't restrict them altogether.
12. Dogs should be allowed all year round
13. Ryde and Yaverland should be open to dogs all year
14. Springvale Beach is mainly stones and very rarely do you see people sitting on this beach. Families like the sand not stones. It is mainly used by dog walkers at low tide when possible. This beach should, in my opinion remain dog friendly all year round. The main beaches that dog bans are in force I totally agree with
15. Dogs should be allowed access to our beaches
16. I maintain that humans cause far more fouling to beaches than dogs. Could we allow dogs onto beaches during this period with the instruction that they must be kept on a lead
17. We only ever take our dog very early in the morning when no one is about. And we often clean up behind the youth from the night before leaving all there bottles BBQ and other little. They should be band not our dogs. 99% of us clean up not only after our dogs but other people who cant take there little home.
18. Ryde and Sandown beaches should still have some access to responsibly owned dogs as it is likely to create less mess than the humans using them
19. Dogs should be allowed on all beaches all year. Maybe in the summer July and August on leads. They don't leave rubbish everywhere or start fights. Human idiots left the beach at Bournemouth in a dreadful state, not dogs
20. These are the less popular public beaches and would allow responsible dog owners to walk their dogs on some beaches.
21. I agree with Ryde, but believe it should be extended to beyond Appley Tower to the Dell Café area; that is a nice sandy area for families to sit and for children to play. It is also an area for beach football. Although all of this is pointless if nobody is ever prosecuted for allowing their dogs on all the beaches anyway. Lots of people totally ignore your rules and always have. Never seen a prosecution, ever. This survey must be costing money, so I hope it's not a waste.
22. The exclusion area is currently to broad and discourages holiday makers with dogs. The rubbish left by people is a greater problem
23. Clear signs with fines, the requirement for the animal to remain on a lead whilst on the beaches, the exact location of the allowable areas and the requirement for the picking up of faeces should be displayed in each area and be patrolled regularly by Council enforcers/wardens. Fines should be enforced for infringements. CCTV would be useful in ensuring compliance. To ensure animals are on a lead at all times would reduce the number of incidents where other dogs or humans are put in frightening circumstances or suffer actual bodily harm from dogs not properly restrained and acting in an aggressive manner.
24. Ventnor beach. I think dogs should be allowed all year around. Less dog attacks will happen a d dogs are less likely to be injured by adders on beaches in the summer.
25. Many UK holiday makers, a key income generator for the Island, choose to holiday in the UK so they can take their dog. So they come here and have to leave their dog somewhere or miss out on family time on a beach. As long as on a lead, fine.
26. All of them . More rubbish is left by people than dogs..if dog owners are responsible they will clear up any poo, increase the amount of dog poo bins there are not enough and actually empty them !
27. Would it not be possible to allow some access to beaches in the evenings?
28. Dogs are part of a family, they should be allowed on beaches all year round
29. All beaches; dogs should be allowed on in the evening and early morning. Or on leads
30. I thought yaverland could be walked on anyway or is it just part of it?

31. People cause far more trouble than dogs could ever do. I don't see why they have to be excluded at all for any period or any part of the Island
32. All. Responsible dog owners always pick up after their dogs, and leave no litter, used barbecues, nappies or alcohol bottles or cans. People leave much more mess than any dog I've encounter. I suggest changing the rules to ban dogs off lead during high season.
33. There should be some beaches available for dogs to swim etc. Perhaps specific hours say early morning or evening. After all you should not have a dog out in the mid day sun! I refer to Yaverland specifically
34. I tire of this hatred of responsible dog owners. Deal with irresponsible owners, don't penalise everyone.
35. I think the duration of the ban should be shortened to peak months when children are on school holidays so a total ban during July , August then in June and September dogs allowed prior to 10am and after 6pm therefore a partial ban
36. People with dogs should be allowed on the beaches all year, at the height of the season, July and August after 6pm and before 10am. That is the only time the beaches on the Island are busy.
37. All beaches the ban should be reduced to July and August and from 10am to 6pm as they have done in Cornwall. This will encourage dog walking tourism which is very lucrative to the IW
38. I think that you should look at what Cornwall is doing, bans July & August & being able to walk dogs before 10am & after 6pm <https://dogfriendlyplaces.eu/en/news/details/2020-welcomes-new-rules-for-dog-owners-on-cornwall-s-beaches/>
39. Dogs should be allowed on all beaches. Owners should pick up after their dogs so put fines in place for not picking up poop but allow dogs on any beach
40. But I think the exclusion period for dogs on beaches should be extended to include April as this would also cover Easter school holidays when families and children would / may be use the beaches in these locations.
41. I feel if you allow dogs all year but during summer months restrictions until 6pm . Dogs are not a problem as much as humans and rubbish left.
42. I think dogs under control should be allowed on the beaches
43. I believe that this is a real missed opportunity to also include an element of zoning to have areas restricted to dogs over the winter too. The Isle of Wight Council played an active role in the preparation of an Access Management Assessment of Ryde beach and I truly believe that the zoning approach recommended in this should be put into place now.
44. Both Springvale and Yaverland beach are a lifeline for being able to exercise dogs on a beach in summer. We are always careful to keep our dog under control and clean up after him and have never encountered problems as we watch him and call him back if necessary, or put him on the lead if we see anyone with a picnic.
45. Springvale seems to be the only excluded beach along this coastline. Why? It is also the least popular beach for visiting & swimming from, and is much used during the other months, particularly as people walking their dogs along the beach have no idea this one is solely excluded.
46. AGREE
47. Yaverland has a well defined dog area which is fairly well respected.
48. Ryde beach. The summer ban on dogs should be extended to winter as well from Ryde Esplanade to the Big Kahuna kiosk. This stretch of beach is a key winter feeding area for Dark-bellied Brent Geese and Sanderling (Ryde East Sands is a Site of National Importance for this species). I cover a monthly Wetland Bird Survey for Ryde Sands and the level of disturbance by loose dogs and dog walkers walking the tideline is increasing each year and it would have caused a life threatening situation for the birds this winter if it had not been a mild winter. Bird Aware Solent are doing a brilliant job trying to educate people to give the birds room but they cannot be there every day so there are still plenty of dog owners who are unaware of the problems they cause. Obviously, as in the summer, not everyone is going to comply with a ban but they could freely exercise their dogs at

Puckpool in the winter as this area is not favoured by the birds. Sanderling, for example, roost on the revetment between Hovertravel and Ryde Harbour.

49. Yaverland

50. I do not believe you can agree or disagree ... I believe there should be set aside ONE beach on the Island for dogs the rest should be for Children. There should be ONE park set aside for Dogs the rest should be for children to play in.. Dog owner want everything EVEN if the rules were reversed and ONE Park ONE Beach or ONE Footpath was closed to Dogs for people to walk without watching where they put there feet, dog owners would ignore the rule, dogs don't read.
51. Springvale beach seems a complete waste of time to have a dog ban on there is hardly ever anyone on it in the summer because it's not that nice a beach
52. Our dogs need somewhere they can exercise - and also our Island holds itself out as dog friendly - most dog owners are responsible - action should be taken to encourage/enforce the bad ones and not penalise all of us.
53. 2 Beaches, Colwell Beach and Freshwater Bay. Dogs are family members to a lot of people and therefore like to take their dogs on a day out. But only if properly controlled
54. I think dogs should be allowed on the beach in winter and specific times in summer ie 8-9.30am 5.30-7pm in summer with owners responsibility for faeses
55. Yaverland beach is enjoyed all year round by many dogs owners who are Island residents and council tax payers, there are few beaches available during the summer months, this beach sits along Sandown beach which is plenty big enough for tourists and beach lovers who do not wish to share with dogs.
56. Better enforcement is needed, I will not take my children onto Yaverland beach in the summer as the amount of dog poo there is a public health hazard.
57. Dogs should be allowed on tourist popular beaches all year around, but on leads during summer season
58. Again this order is not fully policed as there are many times when dogs and their owners are seen on beaches during the 1st May to 30th September period. Question? How many individuals have been caught and prosecuted. Signs and orders are no good if they are not enforced.
59. Appley Beach in Ryde through to Seaview has always been used through the summer. We are advertised as a dog friendly Island many businesses now allow dogs. We need to promote the Island for tourism for walking and outdoor pursuits. Give the Island a chance! More bins, more wardens thats the answer catch the irresponsible dog owners
60. Dogs need to be freely exercised and allowed to exhibit normal behaviour all months of the year (Animal Welfare Act 2006) and not just in the winter and this can cause psychological issues to then not be allowed , why can there not be a section on all or most beaches where dogs can be allowed? Humans are the ones who leave mess/waste and not the actual dog, and penalties for this need to happen. Accessing information on where you can take your dog on a beach in summer is very difficult to find in the IOW (only where you cannot go....most places!) This proposal is also not great for tourism and business, a lot of people holiday in the UK with their dogs because they want them on holiday with them and most accommodation does not allow you to leave your pets unattended in the property.
61. East Cowes and Cowes. The length of the beaches, which are shingle are easily accessed by dogs and the majority of the shoreline is under water at high tide. In my view the shore is more likely to be used by dog walkers and for most of the area dogs have to be on a lead due to the proximity of the road. They are not beaches packed with tourists. In these areas, I think dog walkers should take precedence
62. Dogs have always been allowed on this beach all year. With summer bans on Sandown and Shanklin I don't think this beach should be included. Especially for holiday makers that are supposed to be coming to a dog friendly isle
63. I think all beaches should have accessibility during winter months.

64. I think all beaches should be open to dogs all year. I live in Ryde so would like to see Ryde Beach open to dogs all year. I certainly disagree with restricting dogs on beaches.
65. Sadly owners do not always clear up after their dogs have been on the beaches. As it's a big selling point in Ryde keeping dogs off the beach during the summer months is a must. Lots of small children and babies enjoy the beach and we must keep it that way.
66. I strongly feel that dog walking should continue year round on these beaches. Maybe during the busier months for families using the beaches the dog walking hours could be specified for early mornings and later days but still to include daylight hours. Everyone benefits
67. As long as owners completely clean up after their dogs and that dogs are under complete control
68. All beaches mentioned. Why would you want to restrict this, people get huge enjoyment from it not to mention the revenue for local businesses.
69. It wasn't broken before so what are the councils true motivations behind this?
70. On beach outside of summer holidays
71. Summer is the time when dogs need to cool off.....so to ban them is ridiculous. Whilst I agree that to have beaches without dogs is great, can we have dog only beaches where only people with dogs can go. This might alleviate the clash
72. I disagree in terms of all of them, particularly Yaverland which is the best known dog beach on the IW!!! We are known to be a dog-friendly island, which in turn and despite terrible ferry prices, attracts many holiday makers and creates prosperity for all working or connected in any respect to providing services and goods to those visitors. Also, we have many island dog owners who frequent the pubs, cafes, etc during their dog's walk and are often responsible for keeping these businesses afloat. If we restrict both visiting and island dog owners & their dogs, we will damage the islands economy.
73. I think the exclusion period should only be from 1st of April to 31st August
74. Cornwall are relaxing some Babs and changing hours of restrictions for others to encourage tourism. This should be emulated in my opinion
75. There is no logical reason to keep dogs off beaches 24 hours a day all year round. Most of our dogs are cleaner and better behaved than humans and they have an absolute right to be allowed on beaches after a certain time in the evening after the people have gone back to their hotels etc. I am writing this as a human who is seriously ill and can only walk short distances and much easier for me on sand due to the pain given to me by the NHS. Having lived in Shanklin for the past 75 years I really do resent being kept off the beach for half of each year as I need my companion with me at all times. A little more intelligence and compassion please from our Isle of Wight councillors.
76. All
77. There is nothing nicer than to see dogs enjoying themselves on beaches... Don't ruin it for those of us that actually like dogs.
78. I believe the less popular beaches, especially East Cowes would benefit from allowing dogs in the summer. These are not 'sandcastle' type beaches and rarely are people seen sunbathing on them. I believe having dogs on these beaches will add value to that area and aid tourism.
79. Dogs under control should be allowed on the beach 24/7
80. These blanket bans dont maximise the island's potential as a dog friendly destination, and are too long in duration. Take a look at what Cornwall County Council is now doing, following a major public consultation, in reducing the duration of most of its beach bans to cover the peak holiday months of July and August only, and making them daytime (10am to 6pm), with only its Blue Flag beaches retaining a longer ban - and even this starts in mid May (not 1 May) and is also 10am to 6pm. These proposals were overwhelmingly supported by both the public and the holiday industry - dont let Cornwall steal a march on our island!
81. Ryde Beach is a haven in the winter for migrating and winter visiting birds feeding there. Dogs chase the birds and owners seem to enjoy this as much as the dogs, thus the birds are disturbed many

many times daily, often almost continuously, obviously to their detriment whilst trying to feed.
Dogs off leads should be prohibited all year round.

82. Plenty of no do beach further towards sandown
83. Is this new as I was unaware that Yaverland beach was only ok for dogs October to April?
84. In my opinion, these orders should not exist, as they are discriminatory against dog owners. The vast majority of these people abide by the law and walk their dogs on a daily basis without incident, so it is difficult to see how this kind of draconian legislation can be justified. The council has significant targeted powers to deal with irresponsible dog owners, such as Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and Community Protection Notices, and should be making more effective use of these rather than penalising the many for the sins of the few. Under the terms of the Animal Welfare Act 2006, dog owners have a legal obligation to exercise their dogs off the lead and this is made significantly harder when suitable places suddenly become out bounds. I also believe these kinds of bans have a detrimental effect on businesses, because they reduce the number of people coming to an area and by extension the number of customers.
85. Any dog on any beach should be under control of the owner. They should not be stopped in the summer months.
86. I feel that the dog exclusion period is too long and should end as soon as the Autumn term starts in schools
87. I am pleased to see that there are no longer any proposals to extent the existing beach restrictions and while I accept that some areas should be kept clear of dogs for the enjoyment of all I disagree with the blanket restriction between 1st May and 30th September. Dogs also require access to beaches to cool down in the summer especially when they live on the island. Dog walking is a matter of keeping your dog in good physical and mental health and for most islanders (and presumably visitors) access to the nearest public areas which often includes the beach is required before and after work regardless of the time of year. With all of the island's beaches being tidal, there are times when those beaches are not necessarily accessible but in other Counties in the UK (Cornwall and Devon for instance), dog restrictions on beaches are only during the busiest hours of the day 8am to 6pm when presumably most holiday makers are using the beach and available as usual to all outside of those busy hours. I would therefore ask for the Council to reconsider the curent blanket period restriction which represents a large proportion of the year and actually fails to include one of the busiest time for holiday makers during Easter but includes months when there are only limited numbers of visitors (and specifically children) on our beaches.
88. I disagree this should be in force between 1st May - 1st September. Given our very poor summers this period is too long. 1st June - 1 September would be more acceptable. It would also be helpful to have a designated lane down each side of the beach so that dog-walkers can easily access the 100 m boundary e.g. below the water line.
89. Ryde & Yaverland could have dog areas.
90. Dogs should only be banned from non-tidal beaches on summer weekends and summer school holidays
91. These beaches are large enough to accommodate dogs. I am not familiar with the others.
92. Only a few owners don't clean up after their dogs. But loads of people litter the beaches. Punish those who leave the beach dirty, dogs deserve to be allowed to go.
93. Ryde and Yaverland
94. Disagree with Freshwater Bay and Totland. In neither case is the beach remotely used heavily by holidaymakers, or for sunbathing/swimming. Freshwater all on sloping shingle. Totland, a lightly used beach.
95. I would love to be able to take my dog onto the beach with me in the summer. We always pick up her mess and she is very well trained and always under control. It is such a pity that the responsible dog owners have to be limited because of irresponsible people.

96. The existing order is that Yaverland beach is available to dog walkers off of the lead. Despite the ambiguity in this question this facility should remain
97. We believe responsible dog owners would pick up any dog fouling at any time of year and should not be banned for specific months of the year from beaches. The emphasis should be on fouling by people and litter left by the public.
98. I think the date should be altered. From Easter to 30th September. Weather can be very mild in April.
99. I disagree that dogs should be banned from beaches in the summer months. Often these beaches are empty early mornings/ late evenings when it's cool enough to walk. Responsible dog owners are already keeping the beaches cleaner than most other humans.
100. I think dogs should be able to use the beach all year round there should be no restrictions
101. There are too many bans. While I'm OK with the principle, too few, or too small, areas remain in summer. Also the demarcation could be clearer.
102. As long as the area beyond the tower is still available for dog use and below the tide line
103. I am referring to all the beaches. Restrictions on dogs are already too excessive.
104. The duver St. Helens and Sandown dogs should be able to sit with families on beach and more dog showers and free poo bags needed and availability to buy dogs treats in vending Machines
105. I feel that the current exclusion from 1 May to 30 September is out of date with current times. Beaches now empty until school holidays begin. Surely a more reasonable time period could be found. For example 1st July until (approx) 10 September
106. Dogs should not be allowed on any beaches, owners do not pick up the poo and there is no one to police it.
107. On the beaches I have disagreed on it would be good if dogs could go on these beaches after 6pm and before 10am during the summer months.
108. Ryde beach and Shanklin beach are large enough to have an area where dogs are allowed all year round, and Yaverland always used to allow dogs all year round, especially if Sandown beaches are dog free for the summer, People who bring their dogs on holiday like to go to the beach with them, what are they supposed to do with them ? - leave them at their lodgings. It could put people off coming to the Island.
109. Disagreed to ALL. Dogs and families go together and not for breaking up
110. I disagree with the ban on dogs on any beach. Dogs (in the main) are part of a family, by banning dogs, the council are effectively excluding the public who own dogs from enjoying public spaces.
111. Dogs should be allowed on all beaches. Patrols should be in place to fine owners not clearing up after their dogs (any beach user should be fined for leaving any mess / litter).
112. I feel that banning dogs from beaches on the island during the summer months puts off tourists and people living on the isle of Wight with dogs in their families from visiting. Keeping them on a lead seems a more prudent way of controlling dogs on beaches during these months, enabling families to still enjoy the facilities during the summer without the worries of leaving their beloved pets behind.
113. Dogs should not be allowed on beaches at any time of year. The owners just let them foul the beach and don't clean up. Why should it be any different dependent on time of year? They are all year round facilities.
114. This beach with Sandown beach is big enough to allow dogs here in summer months
115. Honestly it sounds dramatic but this would be the last straw for me. Humans make the mess, they are responsible. Think about how the beach looks the day after a heat wave/bank holiday!
116. Other counties that I visit regularly actively welcome dogs and dog owners to visit. The IOW relies on the holiday industry and should not take any steps that can be interpreted as discriminating against a section of the potential holiday visitor.

117. I disagree, I think I dogs should be allowed on beaches all year round. Dogs are cleaner than humans, who leave bbq, broken glass and all sorts on the beach in the summer!
118. Should leave a zone open to dogs as that is only area for all of cows
119. Dogs should be banned from all beaches, all year round
120. I feel there should be dog friendly areas of beaches to allow ALL family members to enjoy summer days on the beach. After all the dogs make far less mess than a lot of the people who visit the beaches! Just compare the state of beaches in the winter to the summer months 😊 so therefore I disagree to all the above beaches being excluded in the stated months but would feel far happier if they chose to keep some areas/some beaches dog friendly all year whilst having particular areas/beaches dog free for those who don't like/are scared of dogs. But on a more equal scale.
121. Dogs should be allowed on all beaches - it's the humans that create the most mess and destruction
122. Things should be left as they are, but you should actually hire some people to patrol and fine owners who do not pick up after their dogs.
123. Dogs should be able to use ALL beaches ALL year!
124. All
125. Most of the time there is only dog walkers on these beaches, do'nt penalise all dog owners for the irresponsibility of a few, I litter pick all year round while walking my dog and there is more rubbish on the beaches and in the countryside than dog mess and its getting worse
126. Springvale beach should be removed from the Order and proposals. This beach is not a sandy beach and is not regularly used by beach goers in the summer months. The beach is almost entirely covered by the high tide twice a day and only appears to have been included as it adjoins an area of free car parking. It is an ideal beach for dog walkers in the summer months. The signs banning dogs from the beach will not be seen by people walking along the beach from Puckpool to Seaview or vice-versa. This area should be removed from the proposal.
127. Dogs should be banned from all beaches all year round including all esplanades. Fed up treading over mess on pavements (especially in Shanklin). Why do dog owners think it is ok for their dogs to pee over everything such as a bench people are sitting on or children's sandcastles. Ban from all beaches!
128. There is no rationale for a dog ban on Springvale beach. This is not an area that is commonly used for recreation and bathing. It is bounded by 2 areas where dogs are allowed all year round and it is difficult from the beach side to know where the area changes. This area is also fully tidal up to the sea wall / defences. This appears to be an anomaly with the ban more aimed at pushing people arriving in cars to areas where they are required to pay to park as these areas are dog-friendly beaches!!
129. I feel it is unfair to exclude dogs from areas they should be allowed to use, during high tide during the day a limit could be out in place, but evenings when rarely used would be a good time for them to have access all year round
130. I would like the council to consider following the model used by Cornwall , another tourist area that advertises as dog friendly. This model allows beach access , to all beaches during summer months after 6pm
131. disagree - all beaches
132. Yavaland have dogs on all year round. Left of the slope
133. The council's should provide dog boxes
134. Disagree
135. All of them. Litter on the beach is more harmful than dog poo. That can be washed off. Being cut by plastic,glass, fishing hooks can lead to having to visit the hospital. Alot of tourists also visit the l.o.w because they can bring their dogs into the beach.
136. Yaverland

137. Yaverland is one of the few beaches where dogs can be exercised all year and this should continue
138. I disagree with excluding any dog at any time of the year from any beach, dogs are not the problem, irresponsible owners are.
139. Each beach, if large enough, should have an area where dogs are allowed all year round as Appley currently does. Between certain landmarks should be designated a dog friendly area all year round. But I agree to there being exclusion zones for dogs during summer months.
140. Dogs should NOT BE excluded from beaches at all. In my experience humans are much more inclined to leave a disgusting mess behind
141. Dogs should be banned from beaches all year round in tourist beaches. Ventnor, Shanklin, Sandown, Ryde and Colwell.
142. I feel it's acceptable to have dog free zones during the existing times. I can see no reason why dogs should be banned during the winter months also. I have yet to witness any problems caused by dogs on beaches. For many, dogs are a life line for the elderly and those living alone. Please don't include the winter months. I see far more litter on the beaches left by humans, and very very rarely dog mess. Walking on the beach with my dog is an absolute pleasure, as it is for many others
143. I disagree with the proposed banning of dogs from Ryde beaches.
144. As far as i am aware yaverland to the left of the car park is open to dogs and should remain like it all year.
145. Dogs should be allowed on the beach all year round. The isle of wight should be a dog friendly in order to attract tourists.
146. Leave things as they are. Majority of dog owners are responsible people and pick up after there dogs. Why should a lazy few spoil it for everyone else.
147. Dogs should be kept off all beaches ALL the time
148. A requirement for responsible dog ownership and to remove feaces is sufficient. Banning dogs from beaches impacts holidaymakers with dogs. These are the people who choose a uk holiday because they have a dog. Responsible dog ownership should be promoted, not a blanket ban.
149. dogs should be allowed on beaches allover the island all year as long as the owners are responsible
150. On Ryde beaches it is difficult to ascertain which parts of the beaches should be dog free. The signage is not helpful and dog walkers move along the beach from one area to another passing from a restricted area into a permitted area and vice versa. Dogs need to be banned completely from all parts of the beaches at Ryde during the extent of the summer season and autumn periods. Dog owners quite simply do not pick up,they tend to just brush a covering of sand over the excrement that their dog leaves behind.After all that is one of the reasons people take their dogs to the beach.
151. All, there is no need to ban dogs from beaches as horses are allowed and humans leave pollution but they aren't banned.
152. There is no place to comment on Horses on beaches. I've seen a woman with 3 collies ride her horse from her horse box in the Zoo carpark to the beach at Yaverland. They were all off the lead and I doubt if she had any means of clearing up after them OR the horse. I strongly object to horses fouling beaches but I don't object to them being exercised on them or being allowed to swim in the hot weather. Yaverland is an area used by many water sports enthusiasts so they shouldn't have to put up with excrement from dog or horse. Just make it a requirement to clean up after horses as well as dogs. I tried for years to get something done via local council officials and it going to IWCC but none of you are prepared to do anything. I expect there are too many horse owners at County Hall.
153. Springvale is not really used as a family sitting beach due to the high tides, stones and shingle. I walk along here fairly regularly during the year with my dog and children and never see families using this area other than walking their dogs. This beach, I believe should remain for dog walkers and their dogs

154. All beaches. Everyone has the right to enjoy the islands beaches equally. Instead of removing dogs from these large areas you could perhaps split them into dog and no dog zones. People without dogs should have the same restrictions applied and should only be allowed in the no dog zones
155. Beaches should have dogs banned all year.
156. I would like it to stay as it is now - with dogs allowed on the beaches in winter but not in the summer from 1st May to 30th September. This seems to be fine with a lot of people and there are other beaches you can go to with your dog. However as for Ventnor Beach, dogs on this beach in the summer months are mainly from holiday makers who are not aware dogs are not allowed on the beach and they don't see the signage that tells them this. The amount of times I have had to point the signage out, which is clearly displayed on the railings at the top of every steps down to the beach. I think it should also be painted on the ground at the top of the steps as everyone looks down to see their footing with the steps down. As for the locals, most of them comply with this but you will always get one local in the very late of night and early hours of the morning with their dog on the beach. No one around to give them a ticket/fine. Ventnor Town Council refused to pay for the extra dog warden service so a dog warden is non-existent in Ventnor. And with no fines being issued for a couple of years I don't expect to see any change in the situation. As a dog owner and beach cleaner for Ventnor Town Council who cleans Ventnor Beach from very early in the morning from 1st April to 30th September, 7 days a week I know what I'm talking about. Once I'm done the Beach Safety Team take over. I believe my colleagues, when on duty last year advised 50 ish people throughout the season to kindly remove their dog from the beach. But with no dog wardens around if the person doesn't want to remove the dog there is nothing they or even myself can do other than advise them - especially if that person turns nasty.
157. I disagree with dogs not allowed on all of the above beaches. A dog is part of your family. You wouldn't leave a child at home and go to the beach. But you are expected to abandon your dog!!!
158. Although I agree with this proposal in all areas. I believe that the period of restriction of dogs on beaches should be extended to run from 1 April or even 1 March which would then include the Easter holidays when the weather can be good enough for families to enjoy the beaches.
159. Springvale beach. This is a rocky and often weedy beach used primarily by walkers. I can't see the reason for excluding dogs from this beach.
160. Tollgate to Puckpool
161. Suggestion: for Springvale beach - large notices are needed both sides of the wall so people understand. At low tide it is possible to walk a dog from either Ryde or Seaview direction and not be aware of the order
162. I would add St Helen's Duver as it is a bathing beach.
163. I think the Ryde Beach area exclusion area should be extended to the whole of the beach. This is a popular area with families and the boundaries of the present limits are not easily identified 'on the ground'. It is common to see the exclusion zone being ignored.
164. dogs shouldn't be allowed on sandy beaches
165. The way it is worded makes it hard to understand if you are proposing that dogs should be banned from all beaches all of the time. I disagree if this is the case
166. Agree on basis that if it works leave well alone.
167. Clearer signage is required at East Cowes showing exactly the exclusion zones that apply during summer.
168. Yaverland should be kept as a dog friendly beach all year. Families who bring their dog on holiday need somewhere to go.
169. Dogs are not causing any harm being on a beach. The beach is there for everyone to enjoy and banning dogs from the beach means you are banning a percentage of council tax payers from enjoying this facility.
170. Dogs should be allowed on all beaches,

171. All locations: many people on the island own dogs, some are families some are elderly people, with a dog as their only companion. Dog owners feel severely restricted and penalised in the summer due to these current laws. Additionally many people come the island with their dogs whilst visiting. Open the beaches up, it will increase tourism and the appeal of the island.
172. Any responsible dog owner will put their dog on the lead if there was any danger to their dog or to wildlife, do not punish the many because of the few. Dogs need to be let off the lead to let off steam. The way some adults and children behave, perhaps they should be banned or put on a lead!
173. I would prefer that dogs are not allowed on any of our beaches at any time of year, our beaches are one of our biggest tourist attractions, and having large packs of dogs off leads fouling beaches is off putting to family wanting to enjoy our beaches
174. Disagree on all beaches, I think dogs should be allowed on all beaches before 9am & after 6pm during the summer months so there is no confusion & everyone gets to enjoy the beach.
175. I am a responsible dog owner who picks up any dog poo my dogs do. They are good for my mental health and for my fitness. There are a few people that are not responsible with their dogs, tackle them instead of tarring every dog owner.
176. East Cowes beach is not suitable for human bathing so I don't object to dogs using it
177. It would be better if the dog free zone ended at the end of the Esplanade and dogs allowed from the slipway. Access on to the beach beyond the Fishermans Cottage can be difficult for elderly dog walkers. It will also make it easier for families visiting with children. I also think horses should be banned from beaches.
178. Yaverland in particular has always allowed dogs and should remain so
179. Nobody ever enforces the rules of dogs on beaches anyway so why waste taxpayers money on people sitting at desks dealing with this when nothing will change anyway???
180. We want holiday makers on the iow they bring dogs , dogs should not be left in hot cars , if they can not take a dog on the beach it would discourage the holiday growth keep a dog on the lead would be better.
181. There are very few areas on East Cowes seafront where dogs are permitted especially as most of the Green has now been made into a very large children's play area. The beach is not widely used and many people in East Cowes walk on the seafront. Springvale beach is not widely used, so I see little point in banning dogs. Incidentally, there are no accessible dog or any other bins in the area.
182. ryde dog control zone should extend to project beach soccer area and springvale removed to allow summer access as compensation
183. All of them if the dog fouling order is followed through properly there shouldn't be any problem with dogs going On beaches and terms should state any dog on the beach during peak times should be kept on a lead
184. Your statement that no new proposals or zones are proposed it incorrect. Your 'new' map for the Sandiwn area has been extended. The original zone extended west "to the public conveniences adjacent to Lake slipway". This is taken from the current dog control order. You new map has extended the zone to the west of the cafe (Hink) . You have no mandate to extend it...so please correct the 'new' map asap
185. We have always been allowed to go on the left hand side of the slipway at the end of the car park at the end of Yaverland beach our dog loves to run along that stretch of the beach, it's the closest one to us and now we won't be able to unless you are talking about the beach in front cafe
186. I disagree with banning dogs from all beaches. The council is trying to solve the wrong problem. The presence of the dogs is not the problem, the leaving behind of faeces or aggressive and uncontrolled dogs being present is the problem.
187. Allow dogs on beaches all year round
188. I disagree with Springvale zone as not a popular beach for families, believe you are trying to keep the rich 2nd home owners of Seaview happy rather than year long round residents

189. I see no reason why responsible dog owners should be excluded from these areas during summer months.
190. Dogs should be allowed on a lead all year round
191. Dogs should never be allowed on beaches.
192. East Cowes is hardly a tourist beach, I think dogs should be allowed on it. Yaverland is the only beach to take a dog during the summer. There are plenty of other beaches which restrict dogs, I think it is fair to have one dogs can use. Many tourists bring their dog on holiday so would be nice if they can enjoy a beach with their dog and that could be promoted as such
193. Prohibition should be 12 months of the year. Why is it ok for me to get dog dirt all over my shoes on April 30, but not on May 1 ?
194. I disagree to the length of time may to September I have been many time to the beach and no one the beach I would say June to end August and or time could go on before 8 am and after 8 pm ?
195. Dogs should be allowed on all beaches at all times
196. People are responsible for the mess left on beaches not the dogs.
197. Do you want people to come to the Island on holiday? A vast amount want to bring dogs AND go to the beach!
198. Can not stop dogs on any beach through winter. You don't have the resources to police it anyway!
199. Dogs should be banned from beaches at all times unless on leads
200. This is unnecessary
201. All beaches should be dog friendly all year round.
202. Another idea might be to allow dogs to be walked on these beaches in the evening, such as after 8pm.
203. Yaverland, Sandown and Ryde are great places for dog walkers to socialise. and to socialise their pets. Rather than exclusion of all dogs, action should be taken against bad owners
204. All beaches. There is far less or damage done by dogs than by the people leaving litter and dirty nappies
205. Agree. Love having dogs about. Re Ryde beach ..Please be aware that there are quite a few people who exercise their dogs... and it does seem to be multiple groups of dogs .. after dark and do not pick up at all when they think they cannot be seen.... watched this often, over the wall by the swan lake
206. Have always used yaverland beach year round , we expect dogs to be on that beach and go there because dogs are allowed
207. With restrictions on Shanklin and Sandown it is not necessary to include Yaverland. East Cowes is not primarily a swimming beach
208. Once the children go back to school in September the beaches should be accessible to dogs. So please alter the date to September 7th .
209. It hardly a beach and the only reasonable safe place to take your dog. If people pick up their dog mess there should be no problem. You are not allowing residents and holiday makers much choice over the summer period even Bournemouth has dog beaches set aside not shit unsafe area you are offering not
210. No objection in principle but would ask that sporting events (beach soccer etc) not be held in the small dog friendly area which further reduces dog areas
211. I disagree on Ryde and yaverland beaches as I feel it is important that dogs with responsible owners should be allowed on these all year as a basic freedom of movement.
212. Springvale is not overly used by people during the summer months as most prefer the sandy side of Appley beaches....it's mostly seaweed and rock strewn and as you can use Seaview end of the beach which isnt a lot different to that of Springvale beach I think the ban is pointless and unnecessary.

213. East Cowes beach is rarely if ever used by anyone other than dog walkers even during the period when the bans are in force. Visitors and residents with children use the play area not the beach.
214. Please can it be made an offence to let dogs chase and harrass the bird flocks on the beach in winter.
215. dogs should be allowed on beaches all year round to encourage dog tourism. Especially those which are not naturally sun bathing / family spaces
216. Neither springvale or yaverland are used predominantly by families and are used more by dog walkers. There are other beaches very close by: ie Ryde and Sandown that should remain dog free and allow dogs and their owners to use the other two beaches all year round
217. It would be nice to see some action taken when the orders are breached, especially in Freshwater Bay
218. Dogs should be allowed all year round. During the summer months on a lead! During winter permitted off the lead.
219. All beaches... No logical reason to exclude if responsible dog owners.
220. Dogs should be allowed on some beaches, they are not a nuisance
221. I am a responsible dog owner and I know how to keep my dog under control
222. I thinks dogs should have access to the beaches all year round. They are a huge part of many families . Obviously - should be responsibility owned.
223. Existing legislation deals with dogs not under proper control, banning dogs is draconian. Many residents and visitors with dogs should be allowed to enjoy the environment as much as those without dogs.
224. Freshwater bay
225. Dogs should be banned from all beaches at all times of the year
226. Some Beaches should be accessible
227. All of the beaches.
228. Main tourist beaches are okay but why less frequented sites. Having additional dog wardens and environment officers to enforce orders are better deterrents.
229. All areas. These powers should be extended to cover the whole year. Island residents and visitors use these areas all year round. Those who do not wish to be approached by dogs or very young children are effectively excluded from most beaches and public spaces where dog owners allow their dogs off the lead and out of their control. Since many dog owners show little appreciation of other's feelings, it is important to provide more protected areas for the full year to allow everyone equal opportunity to enjoy the island.
230. Springvale is not a typical bathing beach and offers continuity to dog walkers along this stretch. It is very popular with walkers and families with dogs using the beach.
231. I do agree but another option is to allow dogs all year on beach but only after 6pm summer time.
232. Dogs should not be allowed where children play which right of the slipway during the months Mar - Oct
233. Dogs should be allowed on beaches
234. All beaches Dogs should be excluded from all island beaches during the period, outside of the period they should be kept on leads. Too many irresponsible owners allow dogs to run, chase & foul on the beaches, personal experience of children & adults being attacked, towels, toys and children's sandcastles being urinated on etc
235. North-east beaches in winter need dogs to be kept off to protect wading birds.
236. BEACH HARDLY USE FOR RECREATION OTHER THAN DOG WALKING
237. I'm not sure if I'm agreeing to have existing kept or extended, but I am in fouvour of keeping dogs off public beaches for as long as possible.

238. I don't think dogs should be allowed on beaches period. I've taken my child to all the above beaches, only to find find huge dog turds buried in the sand! Disgusting.
239. This should be amended to only cover weekends and school holidays from 1/6 to 31/8. Outside these times the beaches are deserted
240. All - well behaved dogs should be acceptable at all times
241. We regularly walk our dogs on all the above beaches, winter or summer. Why stop dogs on beaches? They're part of our family.
242. I find dogs on beaches to be a nuisance and would like areas further restricted
243. Allow dogs on the beaches as per restrictions in place.
244. I would hope that there will still be dog friendly beaches as now please.
245. My only concern is that the council appear to be assuming that the repeal of the power to make Dog Control Orders, automatically enables them to be replaced by a PSPO. The conditions for a PSPO appear more stringent. I would submit that more assessment is still needed that the criteria for a PSPO are met in all cases.
246. The council already have the powers to deal with dogs on beaches, but don't bother to enforce them.
247. Dog owners could get a criminal record for a civil offence. This is not right
248. More rural beaches should not be included, such as East Cowes, west Cowes, Freshwater Bay and Ventnor beach, as these should be inclusive for all. But I do think more 'tourist' type beaches should be kept free from dogs during the summer, as not all dog owners keep their dogs under control or indeed clean up after them!
249. allow sandown / yaverland which are noy particularly nice beaches (bandstand onwards) to allow dogs all year