

Proposed Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order

Overview

The aim of the Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is to promote responsible dog ownership so that everyone can use and enjoy public spaces.

The Order clarifies the controls for dog owners and non-owners on public spaces across the Dorset Council area.

The Order is restrictive in nature so, it is important to make sure any restrictions are proportionate and consistent across the Dorset Council area.

The PSPO incorporates restrictions at specific beaches and land used for certain activities such as enclosed children's play areas and parks. The current PSPO will expire on the 31 December 2023 and Dorset Council is seeking the views of the public on the contents of the next PSPO which will run from 1 January 2024 until the 31 December 2026.

Any changes that we make to the previous order will depend upon the views expressed. Councillors will make the final decision on the controls included in the new Order, having reviewed the feedback received during the consultation.

The views of residents, visitors and businesses are very important. The consultation will run for just over 10 weeks finishing at **4.30pm on Friday 25 August 2023**.

If you cannot access the survey online an alternative format is available, please email envhealth@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or call 01305 221000 for a copy.

Why your views matter

To have your say, please complete this short survey, it should take about 15 minutes or less with questions related to the proposal and a few 'about you'. There is a general comments box in the last section of the survey where you can mention any other matter relevant to this PSPO renewal. Results will be published on the Dorset Council website after the closing date.

A report including the findings from the consultation will be presented to the Place and Resources Overview Committee on the 5 October 2023. A final report, together with a draft Order will then be presented to Cabinet in November for their approval.

Information on the current Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Orders is available to view at: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dog-warden-service/dog-public-spaces-protection-orders>

Read about what a responsible dog owner can do <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/what-a-responsible-dog-owner-can-do>

About You

Q1. Do you own a dog? (Required)

Please tick only one item

1	Yes	
2	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Q2a. Are you answering this survey as...? (Required)

Please tick only one item

1	A resident of Dorset	
2	A visitor to Dorset	
3	A Councillor within Dorset	
4	A business operator	
5	A representative of an organisation (e.g. police) - please state organisation below - <i>Go to Q2b.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please tell us which organisation here: Lyme Regis Town Council

Only answer if you ticked option 5 at Q2a, otherwise go to Q3

Q2b. Is this an official response?

Please tick only one item

1	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	No	

If yes, please give your name:

Q3. What is the postcode for where you live? (Required)

Please tell us here: DT6 3BS

Dog Fouling

Q4. The current PSPO requires the clearing up and appropriate disposal of dog fouling in public spaces.

Do you think this should be retained?

Please tick only one item

1	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	No	

NB: You may wish to note that appropriate disposal includes deposit into a suitable receptacle (litter bin or dog waste bin) or taken home for disposal.

Maximum lead length

Q5. The current PSPO requires a dog to be on a lead, either by direction or when in a specific area. In these situations, and locations, the maximum lead length is two meters (six feet, six inches) to ensure control of a dog and to protect pedestrians, other dogs, and cyclists.

Would you like to see the retention of a maximum lead length as part of the 'on lead' requirement?

Please select tick one item

1	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dogs on lead 'by direction'

Q6. The dogs on lead 'by direction' requirement allows certain authorised officers, such as Dorset Council Animal Welfare and Dog Control officers, to require a dog be put on a lead in any public open space if there is a safety risk to another animal or people nearby.

Should this requirement be retained?

Please tick only one item

1	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dogs on leads

Q7. The current PSPO names areas where dogs are required to be kept on a lead at all times. These include specific roads, parks, gardens and other open spaces.

Should a 'dogs on lead' restriction be retained in the following areas?

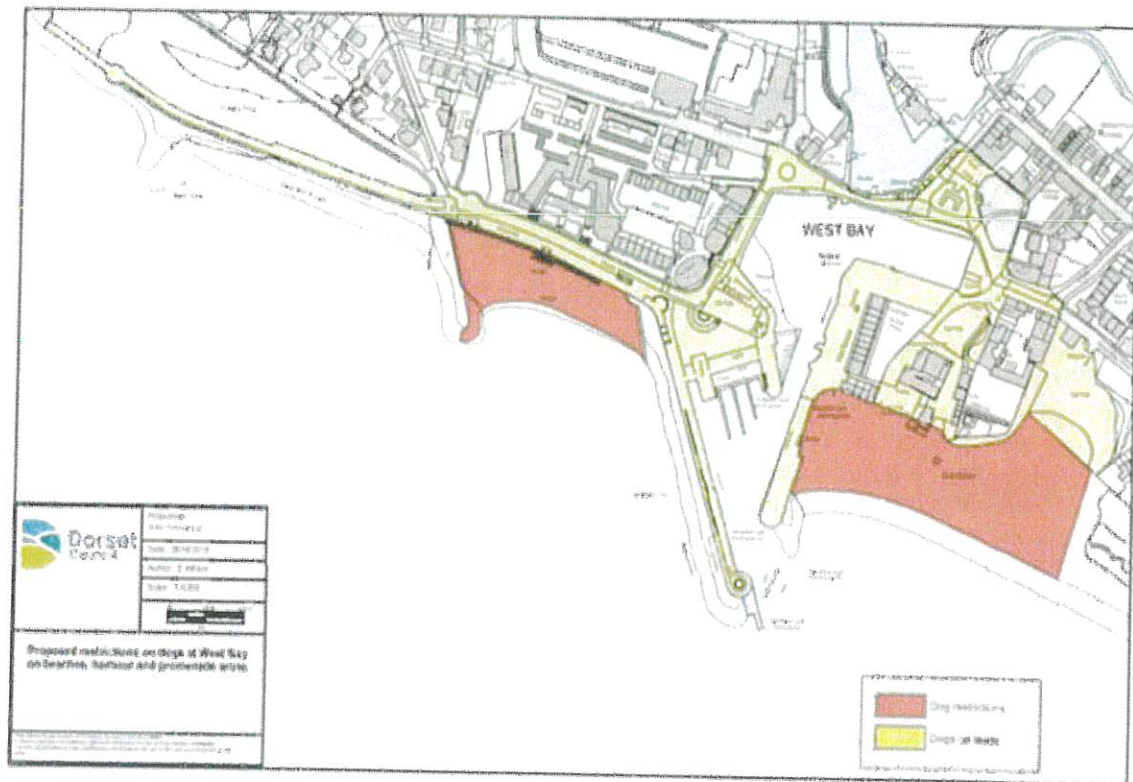
	Restriction to be retained	No restriction	Don't know
1	Municipal cemeteries and graveyards, where dogs are permitted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Public/formal gardens where dogs are permitted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Council - owned allotments where dogs are permitted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Council owned car parks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Within 5m of marked sports pitches	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

And at these specific locations:

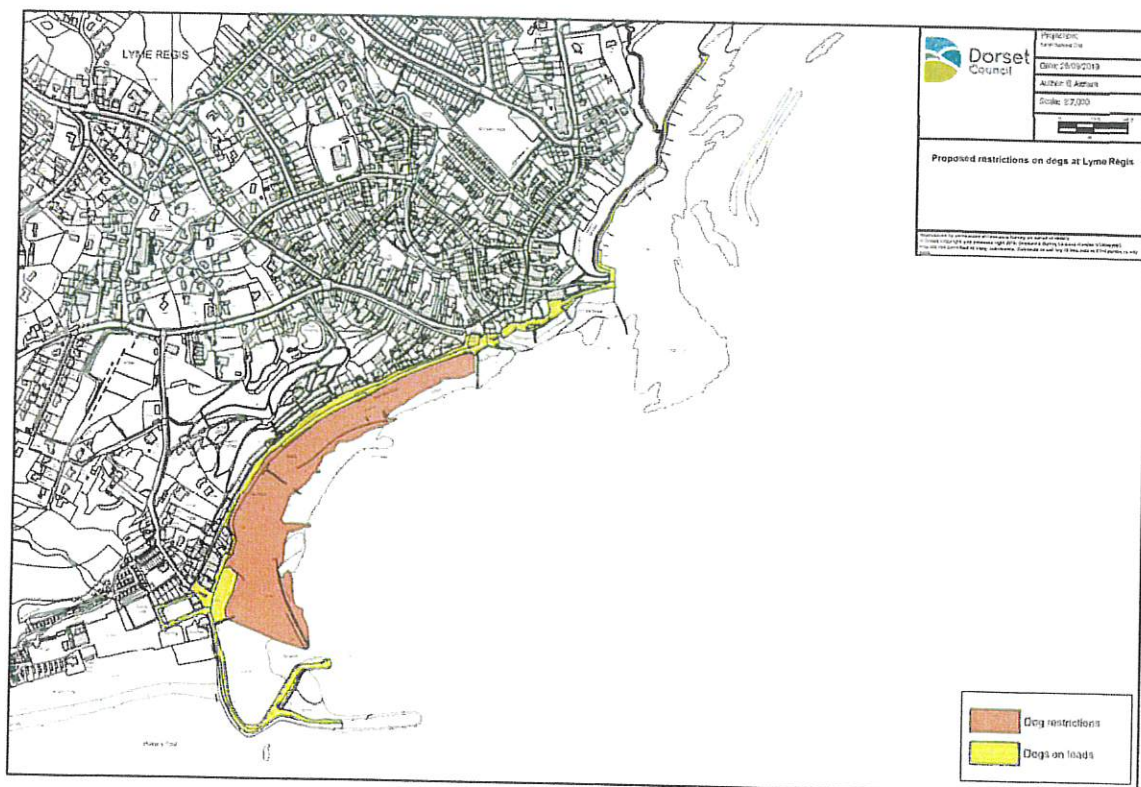
Please answer locations that are relevant to you. Maps for the different locations are shown below

		Restriction to be retained	No restriction	Don't know
1	The Rodwell Trail, Weymouth			
2	West Bay Harbour Walk and promenade (as shown on Map in yellow for West Bay)			
3	Lyme Regis - Marine Parade and Cart Road, and stair/footpath leading from Charmouth Road Car Park to Church Beach and the associated Sea Wall, Lyme Regis (as shown on Map in yellow for Lyme Regis)	✓		
4	The Esplanade, Weymouth (as shown on map in yellow for Weymouth)			
5	The Parade, and associated roads leading to The Parade and the beach, Swanage (as shown on Map in yellow for Swanage)			
6	Studland – Access to Knoll Beach and Middle Beach from the car park, including the car park and staircases leading on to the beaches (as shown in map)			
7	Studland - Shell Beach during 1st May to 30th September (as shown in map)			
8	Studland Beach known as Knoll Beach (not including Middle Beach) during 1st May to 30th September			
9	Studland – Ferry Road, from Studland Beach car park to South Coast end marker (as shown in Map), Shell beach National Trust car park and access routes to Shell Beach			
10	At Charmouth, Lower Sea Lane from the car park access, including the three car parks, the footpath leading to the beach including the bridge and paths adjacent to the heritage centre			

West Bay Map



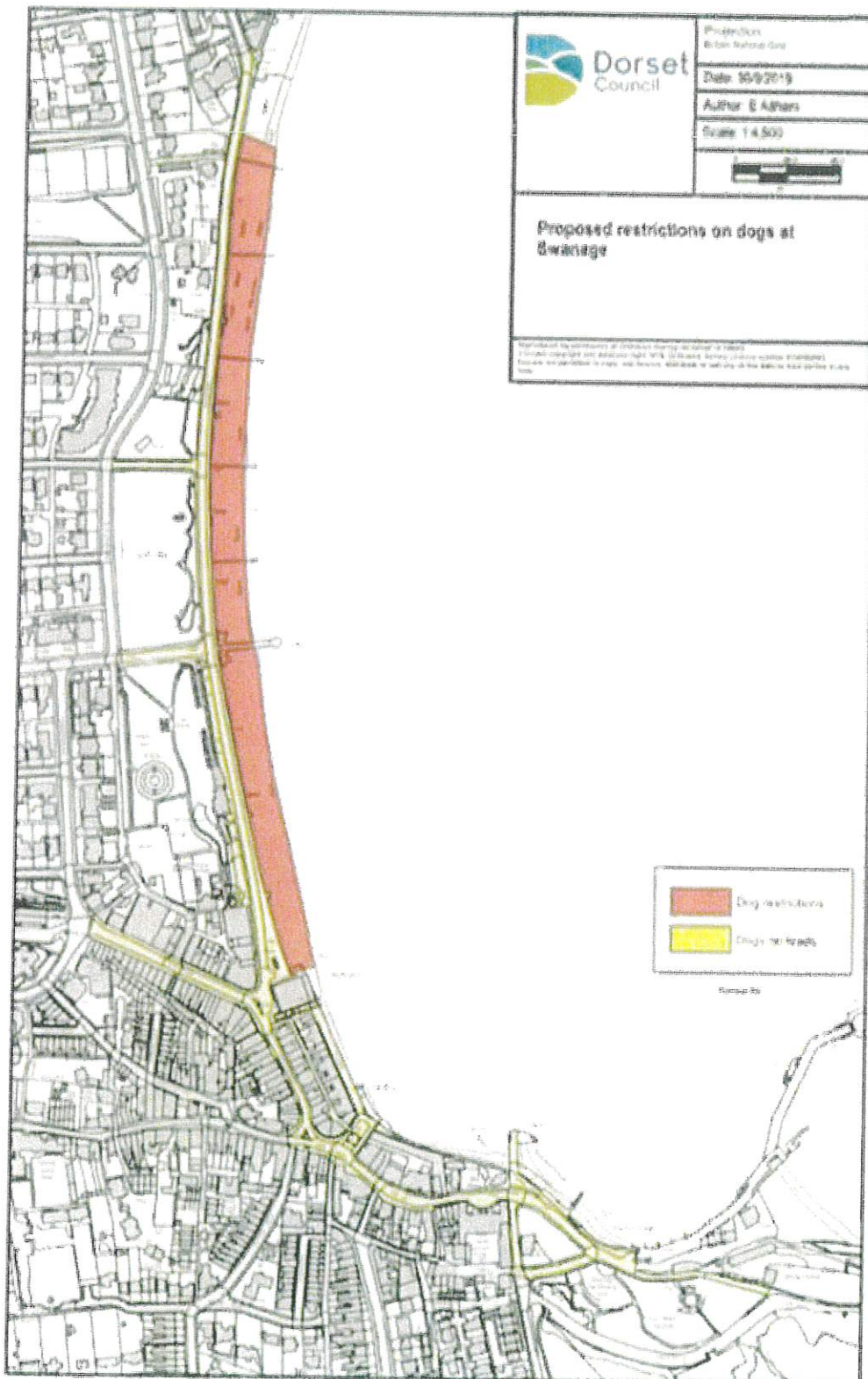
Lyme Regis Map



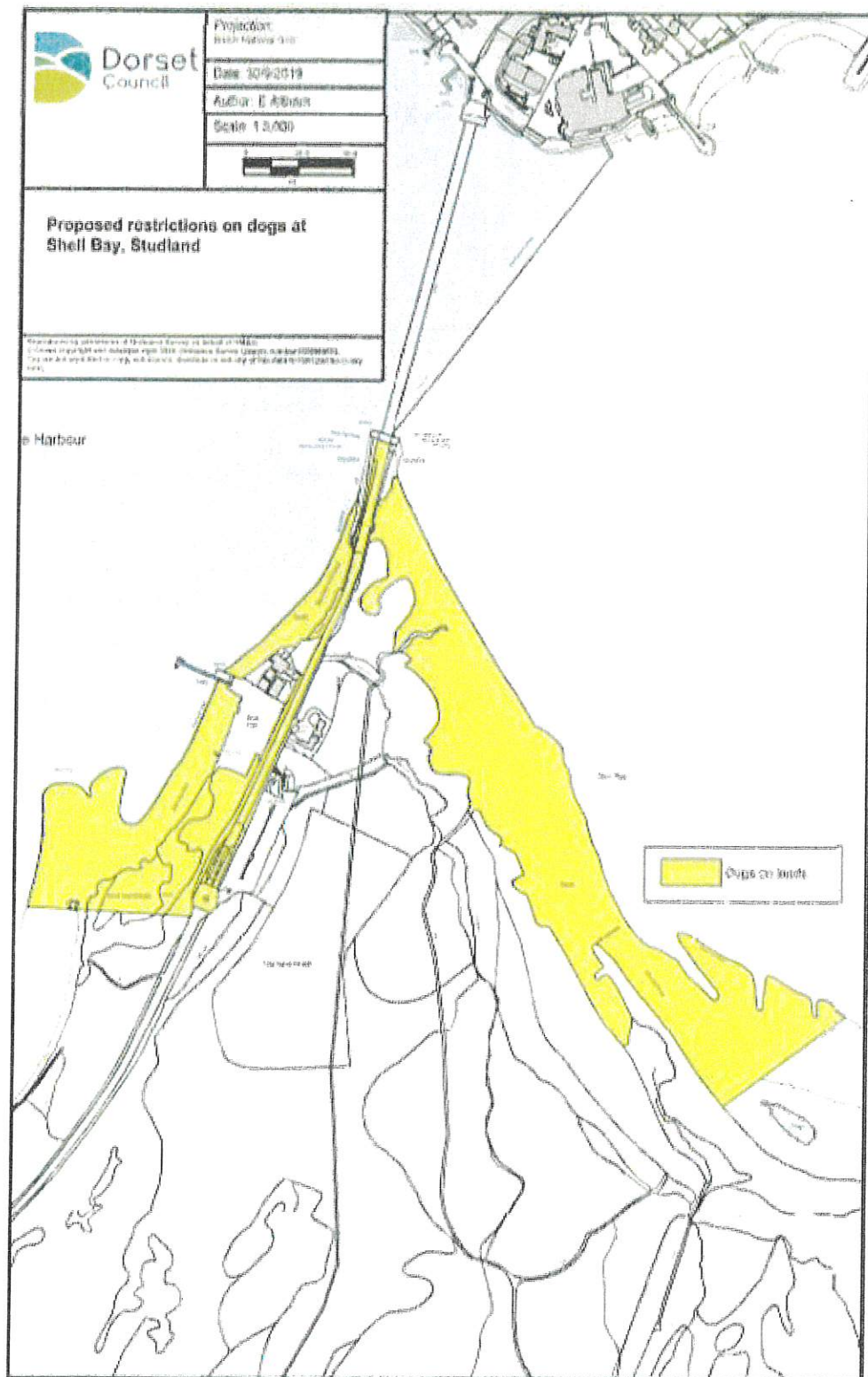
Weymouth Map



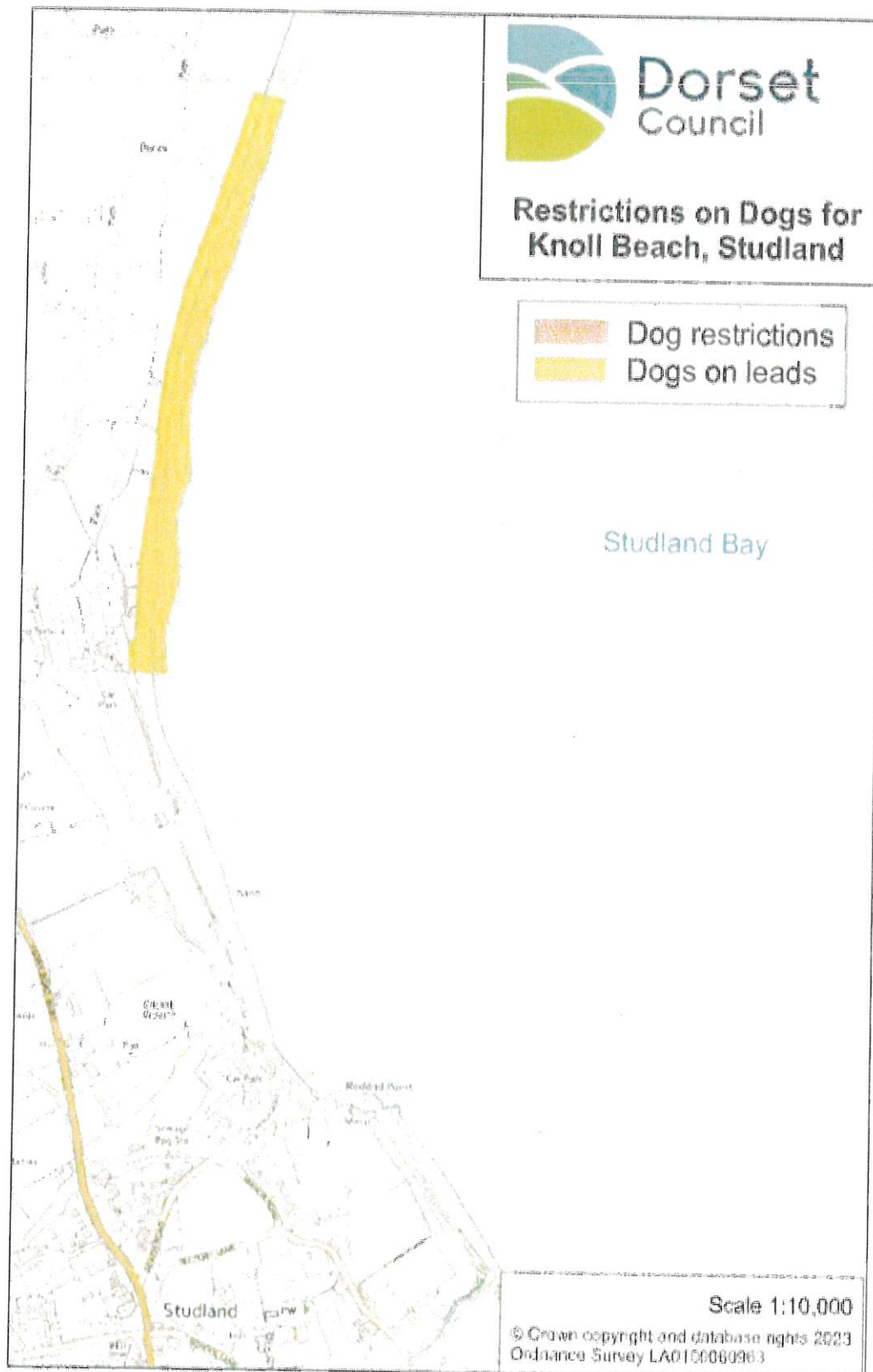
Swanage Map



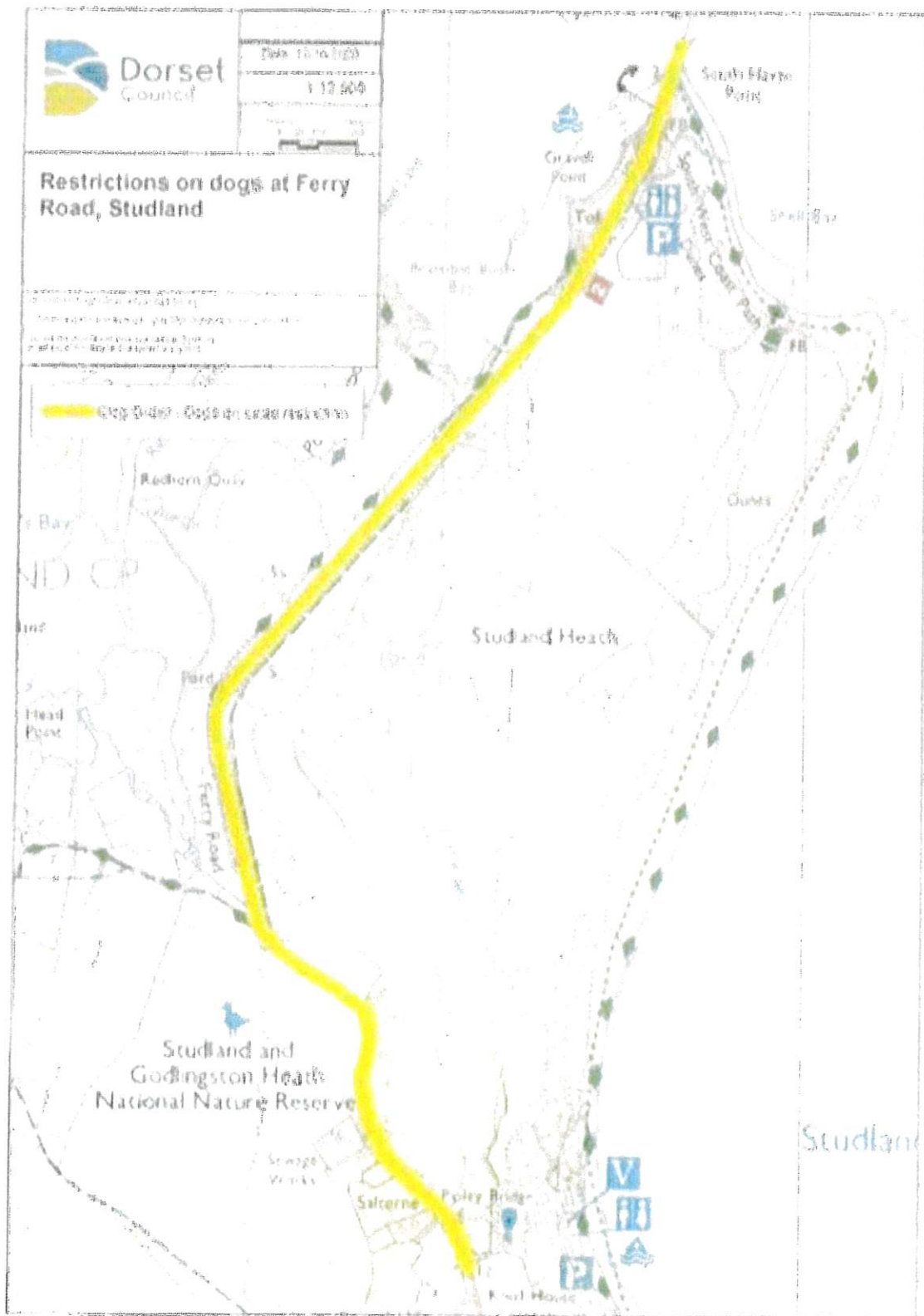
Studland – Shell Beach Map



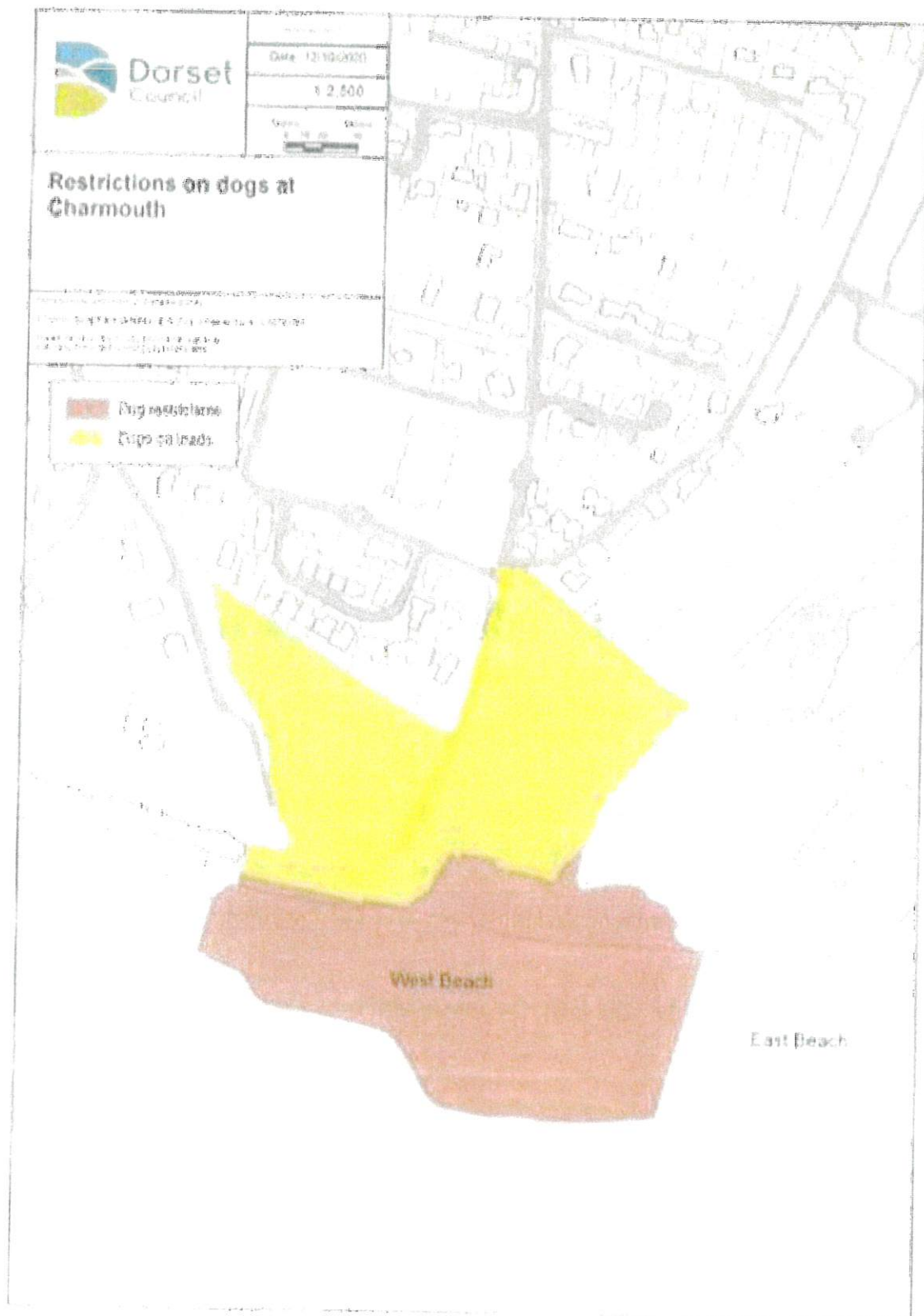
Studland – Knoll Beach Map



Studland – Ferry Road Map



Charmouth Beach Map



Dog Exclusion Areas

Q8. Recreation areas and Marked Sports Pitches:

The current PSPO excludes dogs from public areas which are clearly marked 'No dogs' (or words/symbols to that effect). These areas are skateboard parks, tennis and basketball courts, bowling and putting greens, enclosed play parks, sporting or recreational facilities and athletics tracks. Would you like to see this continued?

Please tick only one item

1	Yes - I think dogs should be excluded from all of these areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	No - I think dogs should be kept on a lead but not excluded	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	No - I think there should be no restrictions	<input type="checkbox"/>

NB: Please note that some landowners have exempted their land from the previous Order and may choose to extend this to the proposed Order.

Q9. The current PSPO excludes dogs from marked sports pitches which are clearly marked with 'No dogs' (or words/symbols to that effect). Would you like to see this retained?

Please tick only one item

1	Yes - I think dogs should be excluded from these areas at all times	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	No - I think dogs should only be excluded when the sports pitch is in use	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	No - I think dogs should only be excluded during the playing season	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	No - I think there should be no exclusions	<input type="checkbox"/>

Beaches in the area of Dorset Council

Q10. The current PSPO applies a consistent period of a start and end date for the exclusion of dogs on specified beaches. This period is between the 1st May and the 30th September. If we retain a restriction, it is preferred we keep a consistent period across the specified beaches.

The list of affected beaches: Central Beach, Swanage; Front Town Beach, Lyme Regis; Seatown Beach, Chideock; West Bay Beaches; Charmouth West Beach and Weymouth (Central) Beach.

Do you agree with the continuation of a consistent period for these specified beaches?

Please tick only one item

1	I agree with the current period (1st May and the 30th September)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	I agree with a set time period but think it should be different dates and/ or times - Go to Q11	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	I disagree - there should be no restriction	<input type="checkbox"/>

Only answer if you selected option 2 at Q10. Otherwise, go to Q12 (Beaches in the area of Dorset Council)

Q11. As you think it should be a different period, please select a different time-frame. Restrictions should apply to:

Please tick only one item

1	The beginning of the Dorset Council Spring Term School Holiday and the end of the Dorset Council Summer Term School holidays	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	After 08:00 and before 19:00 (1st May to 30th September)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Beaches in the area of Dorset Council

Below are questions on 6 of the following beaches

- Swanage (Central Beach)
- Lyme Regis (Front Town Beach)
- Seatown Beach,
- Chideock
- West Bay Beaches
- West Beach, Charmouth
- Weymouth (Central) Beach

Please **ONLY** respond beaches you want to comment on

No other beaches are affected by this PSPO.

Central Beach, Swanage

Q12. The current Order prohibits dogs from Central Beach during a specified summer period. Would you like this control retained?

Please tick only one item

1	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	No	<input type="checkbox"/>



Front Town Beach, Lyme Regis

Q13. The current Order prohibits dogs from Front Town Beach during specified summer months. Would you like this control retained?

Please tick only one item

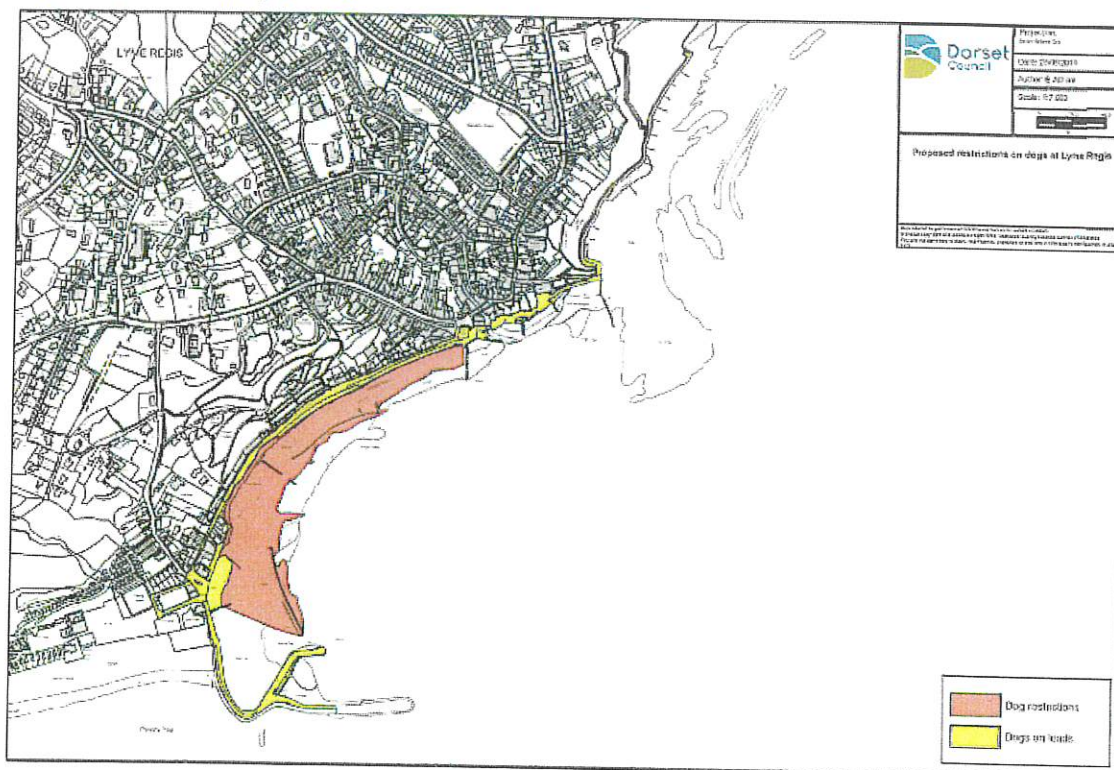
1	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q14. Dogs must be on lead from the 1st October to the 30th April in this area of the beach. Do you agree?

Please tick only one item

1	Yes - I think dogs should be required to be kept on a lead during this period	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	No- I think dogs should not be required to be kept on a lead during this period	<input type="checkbox"/>

Lyme Regis Proposed Dog Order 2019



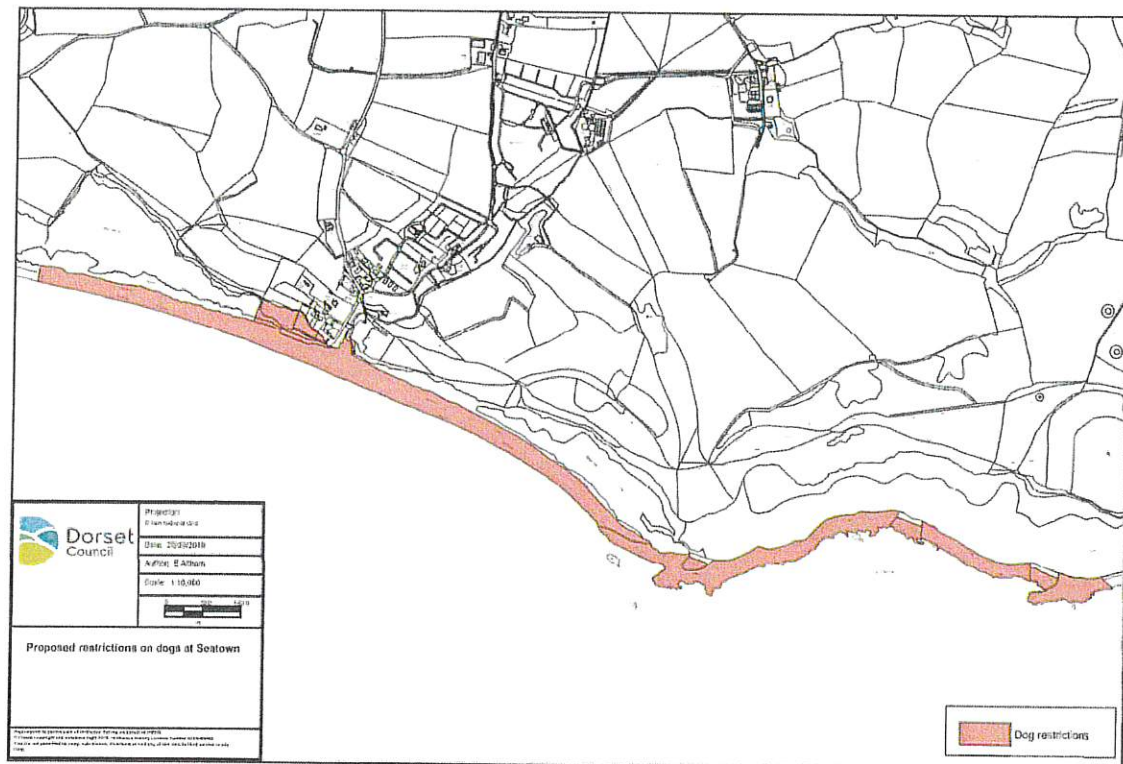
Seatown Beach, Chideock

Q15. The current Order prohibits dogs from Seatown Beach during specified summer period. Would you like this control retained?

Please tick only one item

1	Yes	
2	No	

Seatown Proposed Dog Order - 2019



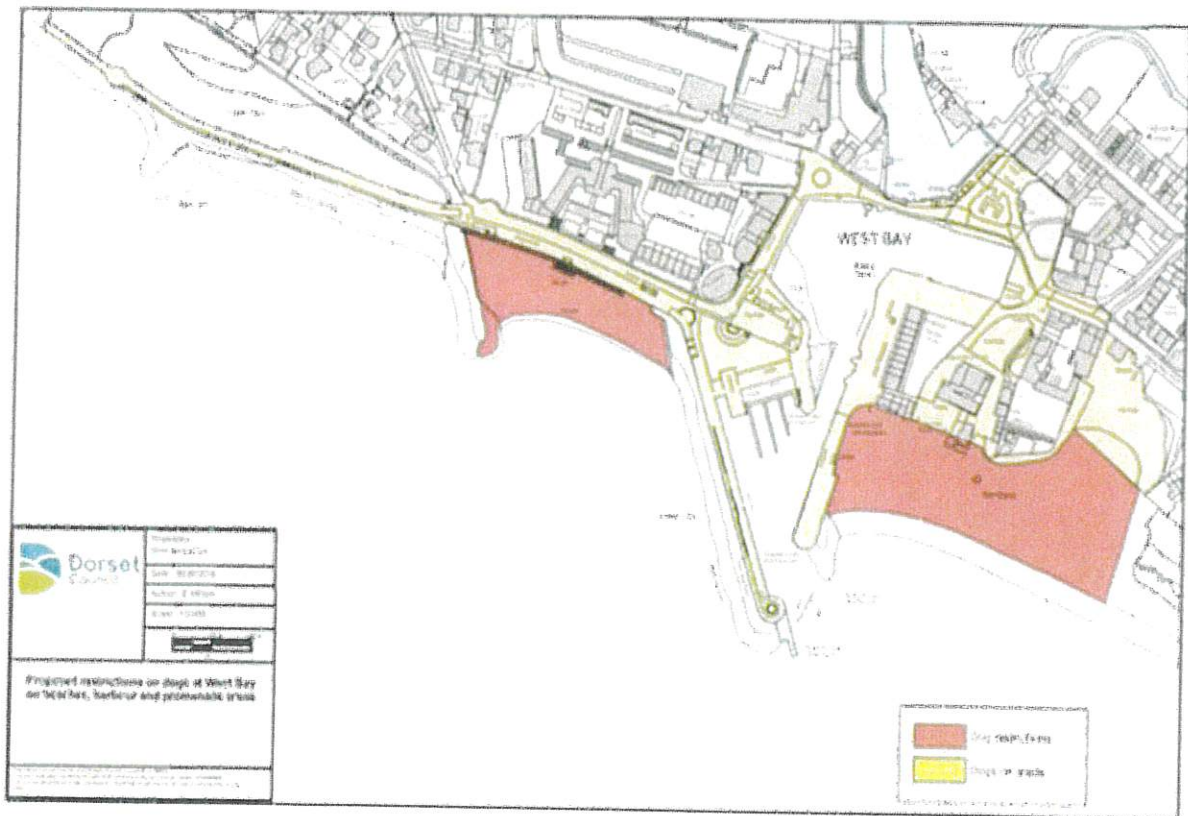
West Bay Beaches (East and West)

Q16. The current Order prohibits dogs from East and West Bay Beaches during specified summer period. Would you like this control retained?

Please tick only one item

1	Yes	
2	No	

West Bay Proposed Dog Order 2019



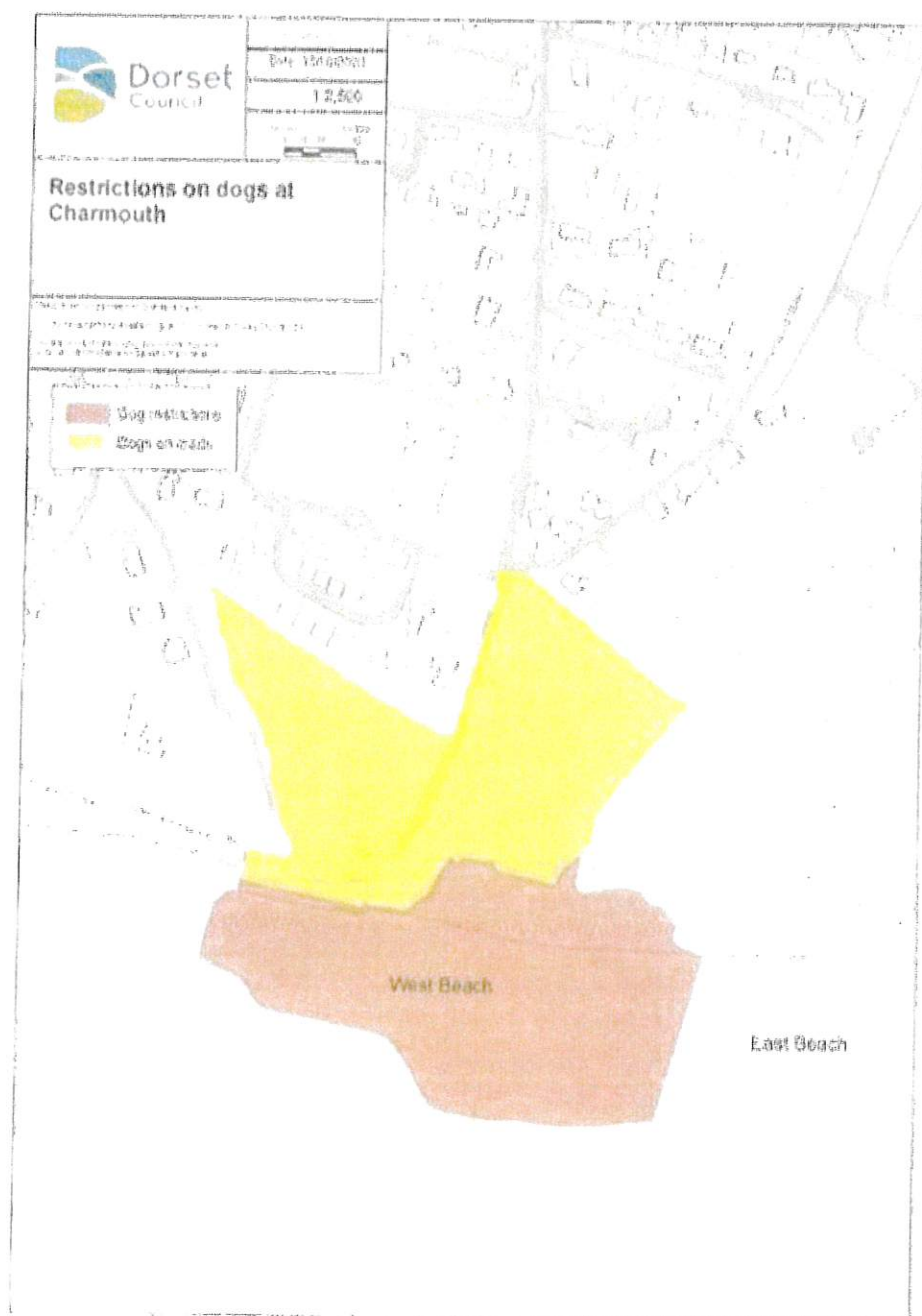
Charmouth Beaches

Q17. The current Order stipulates dogs are prohibited from West Beach during specified summer months. Would you like this control retained?

Please tick only one item

1	Yes	
2	No	

Charmouth Proposed Dog Order



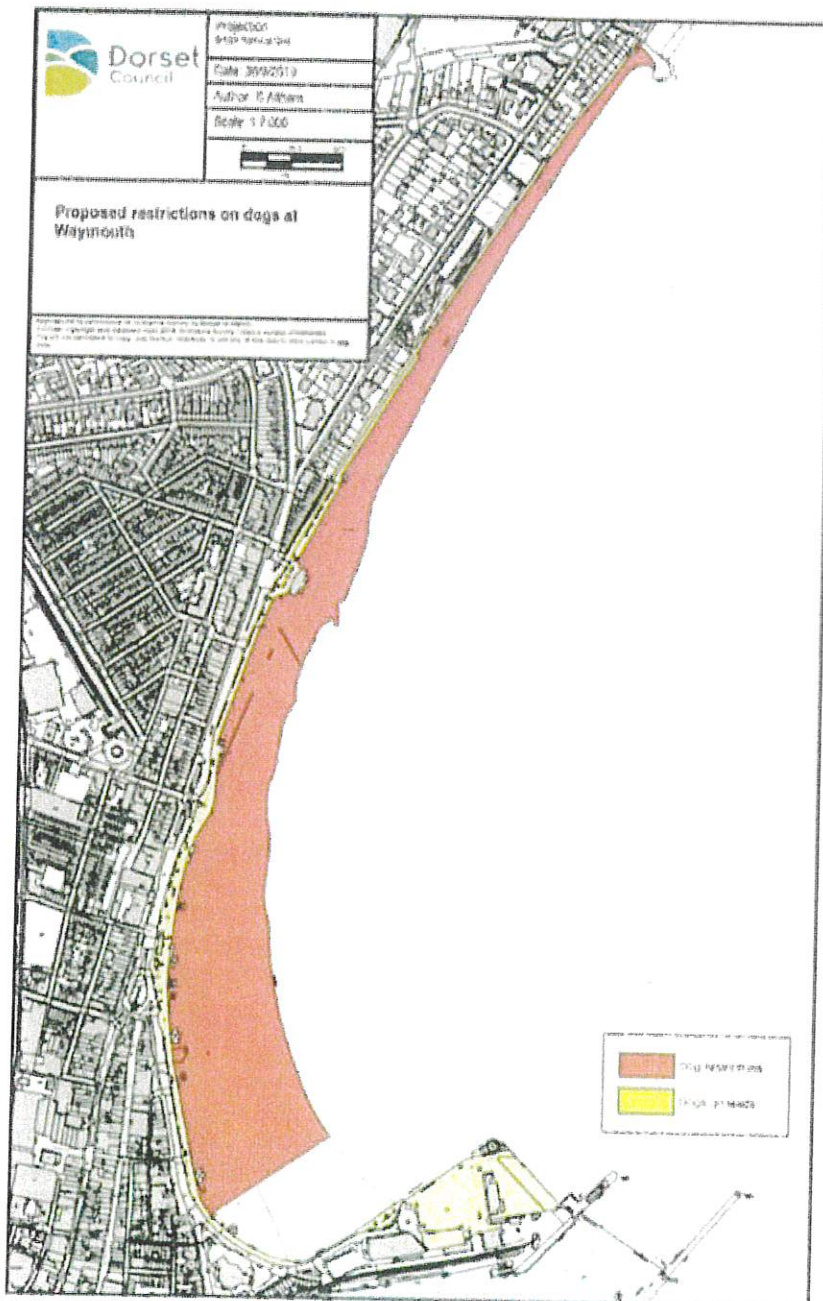
Weymouth (Central) Beach

Q18. The current Order has a permanent dog exercise area at the Pavilion end where dogs are permitted all year round. This will be retained. Dogs are excluded from the area between the marked exercise area (Pavilion end of the beach) and Greenhill Groyne during specified summer period. Would you like this control retained?

Please tick only one item

1	Yes	
2	No	

Weymouth Proposed Dog Order 2019



General Comments

Q19. If you have any additional comments about the proposed PSPO that are not addressed in this survey, please comment in the box below.

THE DEFAULT POSITION ON THE RELEVANT SURVEY QUESTIONS IS THE RETENTION OF THE STATUS QUO, IT DOESN'T ALLOW THE RESPONDENT THE OPTION TO EXTEND DOG BANS. THIS FORCES THE RESPONDENT, AND THIS INCLUDES LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL, TO CHOOSE A 'BEST FIT' RESPONSE, WHICH IS NOT NECESSARILY A PREFERRED OPTION AND, AS A RESULT, SKEWS THE SURVEY RESULTS.

A few more details about you

If you are representing an organisation you do not need to answer the following questions.

So that we can see how different people may be affected by the proposals, we would be grateful if you could complete a few questions about yourself. These questions are optional.

Q20. Please state your sex

Please tick only one item

1	Male	
2	Female	
3	Prefer not to say	

Q21a. The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted or is likely to last 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed. Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?

Please tick only one item

1	Yes – <i>go to Q21b</i>	
2	No	
3	Prefer not to say	

Please answer only if you ticked 'Yes' (option 1) at Q21a, otherwise skip to Q22.

Q21b. The following question is to gain a better understanding of those who may use assistant dogs.

At the previous question you stated you consider yourself to have a disability. Please state the type of disability which applies to you (please select all that apply)

Please tick all that apply

1	Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)	
2	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	
3	Autistic Spectrum Conditions	
4	Blind	
5	Dyscalculia	
6	Dyslexia	
7	Dyspraxia	
8	Deaf	
9	Hearing loss	
10	Long term health condition	
11	Mental health issues	
12	Physical impairment	
13	Sign Language User	
14	Visually impaired	
15	Medical conditions	
16	Mobility issues	
17	Learning disability	
18	Specific learning differences	
19	Wheelchair user	

If you prefer to use another term, please write in:

Q22. Which age group do you belong to?

Please tick only one item

1	Under 18 years	
2	19 – 24 years	
3	25 – 34 years	
4	35 – 44 years	
5	45 – 54 years	
6	55 – 64 years	
7	65 years or over	
8	Prefer not to say	

Q23. Which of the following best describes your ethnic origin?

Please tick only one item

1	White: British	
2	White: Irish	
3	White: Gypsy	
4	White: Irish Traveller	
5	White: Other	
6	Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	
7	Mixed: White and Black African	
8	Mixed: White and Asian	
9	Mixed: Other	
10	Asian or Asian British: Indian	
11	Asian or Asian British: Pakistani	
12	Asian or Asian British: Chinese	
13	Asian or Asian British: Other	
14	Black or Black British:	
15	Arab	
16	Other ethnic group	
17	Prefer not to say	

If other, please specify here:

Thank you for completing the questionnaire.