

Appendix D - Examples of written responses to Somerset North's consultation.

The majority of relevant written responses were around the proposals for Burnham on Sea Beach and were not in favour of the Councils proposals.

Burnham on Sea Beach

Do you agree with the proposed changes to the existing dog ban orders on the beaches at Burnham on Sea?

- Yes
 No

If you selected No, please tell us more

Beach area 1 must have a ban on dogs all year round, not just in the tourist season as proposed.

Residents with young families use this beach out of the holiday season.

Making the proposed change will make Burnham less family-friendly.

Burnham on Sea Beach

Do you agree with the proposed changes to the existing dog ban orders on the beaches at Burnham on Sea?

- Yes
 No

If you selected No, please tell us more

It is not an attempt to allow people to enjoy part of the beach dog-free as there will be no restrictions on dogs at all across all of the beach for half of the year. It has been so much nicer to not have the noise, smell and fouling and dogs running up to you. There is all of the beach from Maddocks Slade on northwards where dogs are always allowed. Plus most of the beach outside May to Sept. Is that not enough? The beach north of Maddocks Slade is the area I live in by the way and the amount of dog faeces is disgusting.

Burnham on Sea Beach

Do you agree with the proposed changes to the existing dog ban orders on the beaches at Burnham on Sea?

- Yes
- No

If you selected No, please tell us more

The current state works well, I witness dog owners leaving poo on the beach in the current dog walking areas, not all owners are responsible.
Children use the beach even in the off season.
Dogs running around the jetty have recently caused issues.
Fishing along this area would be disturbed

Burnham on Sea Beach

Do you agree with the proposed changes to the existing dog ban orders on the beaches at Burnham on Sea?

- Yes
- No

If you selected No, please tell us more

Dogs are often wildly out of control on the beaches. I think the bans should remain in place. The problem is with the owners not controlling their dogs. My granddaughter is terrified of dogs after being chased on the beach and now will not walk on the beach. We are becoming a town that is more for dogs than people. Current restrictions should be maintained. The beach is for everyone to enjoy, not just dog owners.