**Consultation re Proposed additional offence in relation to control of dogs.**

 **Bromley Council proposes to introduce an additional offence in relation to the control of dogs on public land in the borough.**

Dear Stakeholder / Resident

I am writing to you as part of our consultation process to inform you that Bromley Council is proposing to introduce an additional offence in relation to the control of dogs.

**Existing Public Spaces protection Orders have four offences affecting designated public land:**

* Failing to pick up after your dog has fouled
* Failing to put your dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer
* Allowing your dog into a no dog / exclusion area.
* Allowing your dog off lead in a dog on lead area.

The additional offence being consulted on and to have effect by introducing a new order is:

* **Being in charge of more than 4 dogs per person in a public place**

**We propose to increase the fixed penalty offence from £80 to £100 for all offences.**

Bromley Council is proposing to introduce this additional offence due to growing concerns from park user groups, local residents and key stakeholders about the increasing numbers of uncontrolled groups of dogs being walked by one person.

Please send your comments on the proposals to introduce the new offence and increase in the fixed penalty to;

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Or in writing to;

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The closing date for responses is the February 5th 2020 Apologies for the late notice.