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Have your say on plans to stamp out dog fouling

People are being asked to give their views on Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's plans to get tougher on dog owners who don't clear up after their dog. The council is proposing to introduce a borough wide public spaces protection order taking a firmer stance on dog fouling in Basingstoke and Deane and is asking people to have their say.

Evidence gained by the council demonstrates that dog fouling in public spaces is a problem across the borough and therefore the council is putting forward plans for a borough wide Public Spaces Protection Order for dog fouling bringing tougher penalties.

The draft order makes it an offence if people do not clear up after their dog has fouled in a public space and requires they carry with them an appropriate means to pick up their dog poo and transport it to a bin after their pet has fouled. If they do not comply they could receive an on the spot fine of £100 or be prosecuted at the Magistrates' Court.

People can their say online from Monday 10 August to Friday 18 September at www.basingstoke.gov.uk/PSPO-dog-fouling

Weekly waste collections return Monday 17 August

Weekly waste collections in Basingstoke and Deane are set to resume next week (starting Monday 17 August) as staffing for the bin collection service stabilises during the pandemic.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and its waste and recycling contractor Serco have reviewed staffing and are happy the weekly service can be resumed as lockdown measures continue to relax. The day residents' bins are collected will not change.

Reinstating the weekly waste collection means all of the council's waste and recycling services will be back online.

The council and Serco will continue to review the staffing of all waste and recycling services and will take measures to protect the core services during the COVID-19 crisis if required.

New subscriptions to the borough council and Hart District Council's popular garden waste service became available on 3 August but residents are being advised it will take over a month for bins or bags to be delivered and collections to start.

The council first made the difficult decision to stop garden waste and bulky waste collections in March and temporarily move to a fortnightly waste collection late April.

While the weekly collection is returning residents are being encouraged to continue their efforts to reduce waste and recycle more, only putting their waste bin out when they need to.

For more information on waste and recycling collections during the pandemic visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/covid-19-bins-and-recycling

#DontBeATosser littering campaign

A new borough wide littering campaign has been launched in Basingstoke and Deane targeting those people who selfishly toss their litter.

The #DontBeATosser campaign is a series of posters asking people to take responsibility for their own rubbish and put it in a bin or take it home with them.

The posters have been placed in litter hot spots to remind people of the consequences of littering. Dropping litter is an offence and people can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of £75 if caught, or prosecuted at a Magistrates' Court. Dropping litter from a vehicle can see a person fined £150 or prosecuted.

For the latest coronavirus updates from the borough council:

- Webpage www.basingstoke.gov.uk/coronavirus
- Facebook [@BasingstokeGov](https://www.facebook.com/BasingstokeGov)
- Twitter [@BasingstokeGov](https://twitter.com/BasingstokeGov)
- Resident news [Basingstoke & Deane Today online](#)

Community hubs network

- [Basingstoke Voluntary Action webpages](#)

Other useful links for advice and information

- [Government advice](#)
- [Health guidance](#)
- [Check your symptoms](#)
- [BBC](#)

If you do not have access to the internet and need specific advice or support, remember that the Coronavirus Hampshire Helpline can be contacted on 0333 370 4000 and is available seven days a week, from 9am to 5pm.