

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Dog Waste Bins**

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

### **You asked:**

- 1. I wish to find out the location of all dog waste bins and any parks where my dog is allowed to walk off the lead in the area for which you are responsible as a Council.**
- 2. Please can you send me maps highlighting the locations of all dog waste bins and parks suitable for dogs off the lead?**

### **Answer:**

Under the Dog Control Orders (DCO) that have been applied to sites in Leicester City dogs can be exercised off the lead in all parks and green spaces with the exception of designated play areas and cemeteries and the pets Corner in Abbey Park (except assistance dogs) which have appropriate signage to confirm that the DCO apply.

It is a requirement to pick up after your dog in all areas within the City as per the DCO's and also to put your dog on a lead if requested to do so by an authorised officer, however this would only be requested if the animal was being a nuisance to other service users.

We do not have site plans of all of the 157 dog bins across the various parks sites, however we allow and encourage dog users to dispose of their dog waste in the general litter bins and many have signage to confirm that they are dual bins and it is acceptable to dispose dog waste in them.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

**Head of Information Governance  
Information and Support**

**Leicester City Council  
FREEPOST (LE985/33)  
New Walk Centre  
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**

e-mail: [FOIA@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:FOIA@leicester.gov.uk)

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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**Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow SK9 5AF  
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[www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)**

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Yours sincerely

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