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**Your Ref:**

Dear Alan

The issue of dog mess is one that concerns many residents of the city, and although most dog owners are responsible and clean up after their pets there is a minority who do not. Fouling of footpaths, verges and parks is unsightly and a health hazard.

Following the recent changes in dog control regulations by the Cabinet member for Environment, the issue of enforcement of by-laws is something which I and colleagues get asked about a great deal. I have been asked to clarify whether there has been any change in policy by Sussex Police over whether Police Community Support Officers have the power to issue fixed penalty fines to people who they witness allowing their dog to foul a public area and not clean it up afterwards.

If PCSOs are no longer able to issue such on the spot fines for dog fouling and other forms of littering, will the Community Safety Forum ask the Cabinet Member for Environment and/or the council's two members of the Sussex Police Authority to request that this policy is reviewed, or discuss this with Brighton and Hove Division command team officers present at the CSF to review it locally?

Yours sincerely



Councillor Warren Morgan  
Labour Member for East Brighton Ward  
Chair of Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee

