

Len Duvall OBE AM  
Chair of the London Assembly

(Sent by email)

7<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Len Duvall,

Thank you for your letter regarding Motion 3.1 - Dog Control Public Space Protection Orders and Stray Dogs passed during the London Assembly Plenary Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

We welcome your encouragement for London boroughs to review their PSPOs in respect to dogs. The London Borough of Newham (Dog Management) Public Spaces Protection Order was reviewed in 2025 and will remain in place until 2028 as it was deemed proportionate and consistent. It applies to all residents except those who have a recognised disability which affects mobility, manual dexterity, physical coordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, and are in charge of an assistance dog trained by a relevant charity.

In line with the measures noted in your letter to tackle strays and anti-social behaviour with dogs, Newham's Dog Control PSPO includes the following:

- Dog faeces must be cleaned up by those responsible for their dog(s)
- Dogs must be put on lead when instructed to do so by an authorised officer
- Maximum of four dogs with one handler
- Dogs excluded from Children's Play areas and Multi Use Games Areas

Our Dog Control PSPO is focused on managing dog related anti-social behaviour rather than stray dogs or microchipping. However, our council website reminds residents that microchipping dogs is a legal requirement, and in addition to the PSPO, Newham has an exemplar animal welfare service commissioned by the RSPCA that looks after and rehomes strays, as well as supporting and advising neighbouring authorities to do the same.

Alongside the London Assembly, Newham remains committed to reducing strays and anti-social behaviour with dogs in order to prevent harmful behaviour in our communities and contribute towards delivering the best quality of life for our residents.

Best wishes,

The Office of the Mayor of Newham