

# FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE

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## **Dog owners urged to be extra responsible as many usual walking routes under water**

Dog owners are having to use busier routes for their usual walks while parts of Fenland remain waterlogged – and they're being urged to be extra careful to control their pets and be responsible.

Fenland District Council's Street Scene team has been patrolling streets to encourage responsible ownership, however increased issues are being noted in some areas.

In partnership with Whittlesey Town Council, new litter bins that dog waste can be deposited in are being bought for Stonald Road. One was installed at the junction of Crossway Hands last week (Friday, March 1).

Cllr Dee Laws, Fenland District Council cabinet member and Whittlesey North West ward representative, said: "Whittlesey is one area I personally have noted issues. Dog walkers don't have access to the fields and walks they'd usually use and as a result are having to walk their pets on streets busy with people and runners.

"We know the majority of owners are responsible, but just want to remind people to keep their dogs controlled on leads and to pick up after them. We hope the new bins will help."

Fenland District Council can issue fixed penalties of £100 to people who don't pick up after their dogs, allow a dog in fenced off play area or refuse to put a dog on a lead when asked due to it being a nuisance.

The council does not have powers in relation to dangerous dogs. Issues with dangerous dogs should be reported to Cambridgeshire police.

If you spot dog fouling, or somebody not cleaning up after their dog, report it to Fenland District Council via: [www.fenland.gov.uk/dogfouling](http://www.fenland.gov.uk/dogfouling) or 01354 654321.

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**Photo:**

New litter bin for all waste including dog waste in Stonald Road, Whittlesey, at the junction with Crossway Hands.

