

Date received:	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Date responded:	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Subject:	2023 Fines – Dog fouling

Question:

**How many people have been fined in 2023 for allowing their dog to foul on public footpaths and pavements?**

Response:

The Council has the ability to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for such offences. No Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued for this offence in 2023. Despite the Council's will and determination to investigate each report and issue Fixed Penalty Notices, we can only issue for offences when there is irrefutable evidence to show the offence being committed and identify the individual offender. This would normally be clear CCTV footage, a witness who is prepared to give a written witness statement or one of the Council's authorised officers actually witnessing the offence. The Council cannot enforce without the necessary evidence which has to satisfy legal requirements of a criminal court.