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BURHAM BEECHES
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Dear Sir

Displacement of dog walkers in Burnham Beeches

Some years ago the Corporation displaced horse riders from large areas of the park and they are now only permitted to ride on a few roads and tracks. It is not immediately apparent that the displacement of dog walkers from some 59% of the park should have any adverse affect on horse riding in the park, but it does mean that the heavily used bridleways, tracks and roads in the park and the surrounding area will increasingly be used by dog walkers. While most dog owners keep their charges in good control some dogs may bark or charge at horses which are easily spooked. So, in general, it is advisable not to place more dogs on roads, bridleways and tracks used by horse riders.

We also note with concern that Natural England does not support the proposal of the Corporation to limit dog walkers to a smaller area of the park on grounds of nature conservation.

We are strongly of the opinion that the Corporation should reconsider its proposals concerning dog walking in Burnham Beeches. The park is in an area where every bit of parkland and open space available to the public is of vital importance on recreational grounds and any further restrictions on the free use of this land would be very detrimental.

Yours sincerely

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