



States Greffe

Connétable Andy Jehan, Minister for Infrastructure

**BY EMAIL**

26th January 2026

Dear Minister,

**Animal Welfare & Control Review – Policing of Parks**

Earlier this week, the States Assembly approved the *Draft Policing of Parks (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202-* ([P.90/2025](#)). During the debate, the Panel noted your comment that “we could do more to be consistent” in ensuring that animal owners comply with the *Policing of Parks Regulations 1959*.

As part of its Animal Welfare & Control Review, the Panel are examining whether the existing framework, including the Policing of Parks Regulations, that govern animal control in public places is fit-for-purpose, effective, and coherent. The Terms of Reference for this review are appended.

The Panel would therefore welcome any further detail you wish to provide on the mechanisms or changes you may be considering to improve consistency of compliance, and whether you intend to introduce any of these before the end of this political term.

Moreover, the Panel understands that within parks listed under Parts 3 and 4 of the Regulations, dogs are permitted off-lead. Some of these areas now contain grazing livestock, and livestock owners have put up signs requiring dogs to be kept on leads. Please can you confirm under what legal authority livestock owners or land managers can impose lead requirements in parks where the law does not specify them? If no such authority exists, are you aware of any statutory obligation for dogs to be leashed in parks where livestock are kept?

Finally, the Panel will shortly be holding a public hearing with the States of Jersey Police and the Comité des Chefs de Police on the enforcement of the relevant legislation and Regulations. Following this, the Panel will consider whether any changes to the Policing of Parks Regulations are necessary and may therefore seek further comments from you at a later stage.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Hilary Jeune

**Chair, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel**

## Terms of Reference

1. To examine whether the *Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202-* is fit for purpose and how it will meet its intended aims of:
  - a. replacing the *Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2004* to shift from a reactive enforcement model towards a proactive, prevention-based system,
  - b. aligning with modern scientific understanding of animal sentience and current UK and EU welfare standards, and
  - c. granting the Minister with greater flexibility to respond quickly to new scientific developments or welfare guidance.
2. To identify any effects, resource implications and/or unintended consequences of the *Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202-* on enforcement officers, animal welfare organisations, animal-activity operators, pet-owners and the wider public.
3. To assess the structure of the *Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202-*, including the provision for order-making powers and the role of secondary legislation.
4. To examine the coherence, clarity and effectiveness of the existing statutory framework governing dog ownership, behaviour and control.
5. To evaluate the coherence and compatibility of the *Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202-*, the *Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961* and *Policing of Beaches, Parks and Roads Regulations* as a combined framework, including:
  - a. gaps, overlaps or inconsistencies between the regimes,
  - b. alignment of enforcement powers across relevant bodies,
  - c. the effectiveness of the combined model for welfare, ownership and public protection, and
  - d. whether consolidation is desirable.