

did have a discussion with Ms Diane Cliff, ENCAMS Programmes Co-ordinator last week and she informed me that until they have been alerted through copying into [REDACTED] correspondence, the ENCAMS did not realise that our dog exclusion zones do not cover the whole beach areas at some beaches. Ms Cliff urged the Council to review our Dog Control Orders to ensure that we comply with the following criterion: a dog bye-law or control order should be excluding dogs from at least part of the beach (to include the bathing area) during the bathing season should be in place. This ban should apply to the whole of the section in question and not just to a specified depth from the sea wall.

Ms Cliff strongly advised the Council to extend the dog ban area at Ryde and other places where we have '100m from the sea wall' clause to comply with the above requirement.

I am currently investigating all options for such an extension.

In the light of this latest development, I have instructed the Senior Dog Warden to order some laminated stickers with clarification of the dates and boundaries of the dog exclusion zones which will be attached to all existing signs which currently don't have this information. An order for the stickers will be placed tomorrow and as soon as they are produced, we will update all signs. The signs with the stickers will stay until the decision is made about the extension of the dog ban areas or otherwise, and only then they would be replaced with the permanent signs designed to reflect the latest decision on this matter.

The Dog Wardens do enforce the Dog Control Orders. However, they only can do so when they catch somebody in act. So far, they have not seen anyone who was on the wrong part of the beach during the foot patrol at Appley Beach.