

The Mayor
Wirral Council
Wallasey Town Hall
Brighton Street
Wallasey
Wirral CH44 8ED

TOTAL
15,033
SIGNATURES

from: Councillor Chris Blakeley

74 Grampian Way
Moreton
CH46 0PZ

09th July, 2018

Dear Mr Mayor

I submit this petition on behalf of two groups, Wirral Good Dogs and Peaceful Protests – Wirral Dog Bans who have come together to oppose the Councils proposals to implement a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)

The petitioners state:

"If implemented this would introduce huge on the spot fines for dog owners who violate the new rules. We believe that **the new rules are draconian and unjustified** and will shut off these shared spaces to dog owners - something that will have a detrimental impact on our sense of community.

"The vast majority of dog owners are responsible and by implementing the PSPO, **the local council will be criminalising behaviour that is not really criminal.** For example, a dog walking on an empty beach, or a dog owner running out of bags, or a dog running into the middle of an empty sports area. Criminalising behaviour that is not really criminal makes a mockery of the Criminal Justice System and is arguably ethically and morally corrupt.

"We believe that Wirral Council do not have valid grounds to introduce this measure. There has been no data provided, no survey results provided or assessment made for each individual area and there has been no attempt to work with the vast majority of responsible dog walkers to combat any issue."

The lead petitioners are:
Ms Sarah Alexandra Ashworth,
Ms Amanda Lancaster,

Yours sincerely

Councillor Chris Blakeley

Councillor for Moreton West and Saughall Massie Ward.

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PETITION OPPOSING PSPO'S

| | <u>NAME</u> | <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>EMAIL</u> (If you consent to us contacting you?) | <u>SIGNATURE</u> | <u>ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY WISH TO ADD</u> |
|---|---------------|----------------|---|------------------|---|
| 1 | Jordan Page | | | | |
| 2 | Alain Levy | | | | |
| 3 | H Thompson | | | | |
| 4 | C. Redmond | | | | |
| 5 | C. Lopez | | | | |