

Appendix F - Comments on Resourcing and Enforcement for PSPO Aberavon Beach

1. Dogs should be let on the beach the whole year around, it is the people on the beach that leaves the mess. And by going by this year, I have seen lots of people taking their dogs on the beach and nothing has been done about it, so the ones that listen like myself loses out
2. why don't you make sure owners clean up their dog poo from all areas on beach front and the sand, no enforcement what so ever
3. I visit the beach very regularly and the rules are VERY blatantly flouted. I have never ever seen a patrol along the prom which, when it's not raining, is full of dog mess. Dogs should have their own designated area (small beach) but be on a lead a t all times out of this area. Unfortunately the owners that flout the rules also seem to have the untrained dogs.
4. I have been bothered by dogs on the beach and on the promenade on several occasions. I've had dogs running and barking at me, and jumping up onto me. I am a disabled person (largely invisible condition), these incidents have caused me great anxiety and over the last year I have actively avoided walking on the beach when dogs are allowed on it. The majority of dog owners are responsible and keep their dogs under control, however I continue to suffer repeated incidents from dogs not under proper control, and victim blaming from irresponsible dog owners. I have reported concerns to the council in the past and have spoken to the officer who patrols the beach. On several occasions I have noticed dog faeces on the beach also. I feel very strongly that restrictions should remain place and be better unforced. Dog mess is a constant problem on the promenade and spoils the area for the whole community and any visitors to it.
5. Having grown up on the beach I take great pride in looking after what we have and what we call home. The beach is a place of beauty and encourages connection with nature and the community. Most dogs and dog owners respect it as I do, it is sadly the minority of dog owners who spoil it for others. If this is a safety response to the news about aggressive dogs in the press, the same people will carry on offending regardless - as the situation is not patrolled or policed often enough to enforce the

policy. My husband is a police officer and dog crimes whilst taken seriously, will not be top of their priorities unless there is a risk to life. They are busy enough. I have been disgusted by the mess I have been met with most mornings through the summer from people abusing the beach. Rubbish, glass, burnt out fire pits. The council do a good job of cleaning up, but it's not policed or therefore no policy enforced (my precious point re bad dog owners!). Besides, the council rarely have time to clean the beach before the dog owners get there in the summer months. So we face the mess regardless in the little space we are allowed on. I plead that you do not enforce these silly rules to only be broken by the usual offenders.

6. Enforcement wardens are needed to deter the rule breaking. We love our dog but get frustrated with other owners having a care free attitude. The beach should be protected during the height of the summer. Families should be able to picnic and play without a dog interfering when not wanted
7. Regular wardens to remind dog owners of their responsibilities especially when it comes to cleaning up after them
8. I always abide to the rules this becomes an issue when some dog owners do not. I often see people walking their dogs between April and September on the designated beach they not supposed to be on but have never seen them charged more fines need to be issued and more patrol is needed.
9. Need more wardens to enforce the Public Space Protection Order, especially dogs off lead on the promenade.
10. Equally mindful living in mariners point and constantly picking up rubbish from humans on the beach. Unfortunately unless there are patrol and fines there are no consequences. In 17 years of living here I've never ever seen a marshal monitoring dog fouling or humans leaving rubbish. So change what you like after your consultation it will make no difference unless strict monitoring and marshalling of the beaches take place.
11. Blanket ban is ridiculous. More enforcement required. That goes for humans who litter also
12. More patrols as I regularly see dogs off leads during this period
13. We need better policing regarding the glass & other rubbish left on the beach. We also need strictest enforcement regarding picking up dog waste.

14. Dogs have only been allowed back on the beach for over a week and there's already an increase in dog poo on the promenade and grassed areas. During the summer dogs being kept on the leads should be policed more, there are always numbers of dogs off Lead
15. More dog wardens on patrol. Machines to clean prom during evening/night when there are fewer people around
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17. I walk the promenade on a daily basis, some irresponsible dog owners do not control their dogs and do not address fouling by their own owners, this is a fact and common place, I have reported this on numerous occasions to NPTBC, there is insufficient enforcement and a lack of clear sign posts, many owners simply disregard the signs and/or become abusive if challenged. More visible patrols are required and action taken against offenders as a deterrent. Local residents deserve to be able to enjoy this natural resource without fear of being attacked or stepping in dog excrement
18. Enforcement is poor already
19. More dog wardens on the promenade and on the streets
20. This is all well and good, but it is not policed at all. People can just do what they want, and not get into trouble for it. People cause more mess on beaches than dogs do.
21. People leave more of a mess on the beach than dogs/dog walkers. Maybe you need more enforcement officers there fining people got leaving rubbish/smashed glass etc on the beach
22. Would like to see enforcement of the exclusion area as often see dogs on the beach in the summer in the exclusion area and there are other areas of the beach you can freely take the dog.
23. The only way this will benefit anyone is if there is a dog warden available to fine those who do not keep dogs on leads. And mostly the dog owners who do not dispose of dog mess. Swimming is popular with many groups all year. It's sad and disgusting to see so many bags of poo left on all areas of beach.
24. Employ a full time permanent dog warden.
25. Enforce people picking up their dog waste and litter

26. What should be policed is owners not cleaning up after their dogs. The owners are the ones who should be more responsible. Dogs should be allowed on our beaches at any time, however all dogs should be on leads on the promenade. All you need to do more of is police those who don't pick up dog mess and get more poo bins
27. Policing the ban more effectively during the summer months would help. I have often seen dogs on the beach before the 30th Sept.
28. wardens on the beach ... keep the 'little beach open for dogs
29. The amount of times I've walked the prom early in the morning with my dog on a lead and people on the sand dogs running free .I haven't seen one dog patrol guy. Over the summer I would say 20 plus dogs I've seen on the various times of the day .So this needs to be managed more stringently
30. Fed up of seeing dogs on the beach between 1st May and 30th September. Dogs are regularly on the beach during this time. Do dog wardens patrol the area. Whilst walking along the promenade last week the amount of dog poo was disgusting. Feel sorry for the children as they always don't see the poo on the floor.
31. Whatever is decided it needs to be policed / patrolled fouling is particularly bad on the lower promenade at this time of year .
32. The amount of rubbish and detritus left by human beings on Aberavon Beach at all times of the year, far outweighs any rubbish left by the vast majority of dog walkers 99% of whom are responsible when exercising their dogs. They also spend large amounts of money on the facilities (such as there are) available. Why would you want to damage an already failing economy further by excluding the largest continual users of Aberavon Beach. Maybe actively enforcing the existing rules is a far better idea. The amount of people who aren't aware or choose to ignore the restrictions is galling if like me and the vast majority to follow the rules.
33. A permanent enforcement officer should patrol the beach in the summer rather than leaving it to locals who get nothing but abuse when asking dog owners to obey the rules
34. Would like to see rules enforced as a dog walker I'm often ashamed of some of other walkers disregard of the rules
35. As a daily walker on Aberavon seafront it would be nice to see a warden at the beach enforcing the order during the summer as there are always people ignoring the restriction, and when I have pointed out it's not allowed I get a mouthful of abuse.

36. Police the promenade
37. I am a regulars walker at Aberavon beach. I have noticed since dogs are allowed onto beach a massive increase in dog mess on the beach and lower walkway below the promenade. Two weeks ago on the lower walkway I counted 14 piles of dogs mess 2 poo bags full just left on holders and this was only between the RNLI slipway and the slipway going up to the Whale. I often see dogs pooing on beach and their owners just covering it with sand. I wonder how they would feel if they stepped in it bare footed or their child dug it up whilst building sandcastles. There are so many responsible dog owners but then there are those who have no qualms about let their dog foul and not clearing it up. It is only up until recently that I have not been a dog owner and find it so frustrating to see so many dogs running free whilst children are playing at the beach over the past few weeks with their owners hundreds of meters away, there is no way they could have control over their animals at such a distance. Perhaps it's about time NPT Council employed a beach dog warden full time
38. The beach and prom are covered in dog faeces year round. It is truly disgusting. Also the dog fouling and keeping dogs on leads does not seem to be policed by NPTCBC in any way. Some of the dogs and their owners are absolutely terrifying, it's not a nice place to be. A dog warden giving out fines would be self funding. Please do something about this appalling state of affairs.
39. Have more dog wardens so that dog owners pick up their dogs mess
40. As long as owners clean up after their dogs there should be no issue. Also need an good enforcement team with protection for them from owners by the police.