

# **Report and Analysis of Visitor Questionnaire**

## **Poppit and High Street Car Park**

**St Dogmaels**

**Pembrokeshire**

St Dogmaels Community Council

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## 1. Introduction

In September 2018, the Community Council (CC) presented a report to Pembrokeshire County Council, after escalating complaints received by the Community Council about the lack of baby changing facilities and the poor conditions in the lady's block at Poppit sands, Pembrokeshire. It requested that a site meeting take place as soon as possible. The building also provided the headquarters for the local Surf Lifesavers Club.<sup>1</sup>

The toilet block sited on a beach with Blue Flag status<sup>2</sup> In an SSSI<sup>3</sup> within Pembrokeshire Coast National Park (PCNP), is managed by Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) under a management contract with Danfo.



External view of toilet block showing poor condition (S Davies, 2019)

An initial series of communications with Pembrokeshire County Council concluded that it had no intention of addressing the problems and expected the Community Council to undertake the task for which an asset transfer or lease to the CC would be required.

The CC response was that it had neither the capacity or experience to take on such a project.

The PCC advised, in April 2019, that it had decided, in July 2018, to withdraw funding from a number of public toilets in the County and this would include the toilet blocks at Poppit (approx annual revenue costs £16k) and the village car park (approx annual revenue costs £5k).

The potential loss of the Blue Flag status at Poppit and the probable impact on the dunes in the SSSI being used as a latrine (as there would be no public toilets within approximately 3.5 miles should both blocks close) appeared to be of no concern to PCC and PCNP. The potential impact on tourism both locally and in the wider area was also dismissed by them.

It was St Dogmaels Community Council's opinion that the impact on the economic and local wellbeing in terms of residents' use and local businesses would be high.

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<sup>1</sup> Poppit Surf Lifesavers Club is a voluntary organisation that trains young people to enable them to take part in beach sports and competitions. Many of the young people go on to become trained lifeguards and some members of the Cardigan Lifeboat crew.

<sup>2</sup> Blue Flag status is a worldwide recognised award being given based on a beach meeting and maintaining environmental, safety, accessibility and educational standards (Blue Flag, 2014).

<sup>3</sup> SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) is a habitat, protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, due to its wildlife and or geology.



The poor condition of the inside of the block and public water tap (S Davies, 2019)

According to a report to the National Assembly for Wales, Wales has some of the UK's most tourism-dependent local authorities, including Anglesey, Gwynedd, Conwy & Denbighshire, Powys, and South-West Wales (Pritchard, A., 2016)<sup>4</sup>. This view is reflected in documents available from PCC and PCNP.

Further research supported the importance of public perception of infrastructure at a tourist destination. Haneef (2017)<sup>5</sup>, reports that 'infrastructure ...plays a distinctive role in the development of this ever-expanding [tourism] industry. The decision-making process concerning tourism destination selection is strictly related to the availability of tourism infrastructure – attractions, accommodation, accessibility and amenities.'

It was recognised that the Community Council's response could be key in retaining toilet provision, and a working party was set up to research and inform this response.

Whilst it is now understood that Pembrokeshire County Council might be reviewing its position of the closure of the Poppit block the Community Council felt it was essential to continue to provide evidence of need.

## 2. Actions

St Dogmaels Community Council produced a questionnaire for visitors to the area (Appendix A) with regard to use of the two toilet blocks and opinion on the loss of said toilet blocks to visitor's future intention to return to the area.

The questionnaires were deposited, from 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019 until Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at:

The Coach House, St Dogmaels

The Post Office, St Dogmaels

RNLI shop, Poppit

Café, Poppit

Poppit Sands Cardigan Bay Holiday Park

Available online at <http://stdogmaels.org/toilet-blocks-questionnaire/>

<sup>4</sup> Pritchard, A., 2016. *Selling Wales to the world* [online]. Available

at: <http://senedd.assembly.wales/documents/s65558/06%20Professor%20Annette%20Pritchard.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> Haneef, S K, 2017. A model to explore tourist infrastructure on destination image for effective tourism marketing. Ph D University of Salford. Available at: <https://usir.salford.ac.uk/id/eprint/42201/1/PhD%20Thesis%20-%20Sunitha.pdf>

As a control measure names and addresses of respondents were collected but will not be released to third parties.

Mileage travelled was used, in conjunction with address details, to exclude any immediately local residents (residents in St Dogmaels Ward have been issued with a separate survey).

The information was collated onto a series of spreadsheets and that data was analysed.

### 3. Results – Visitor’s Questionnaire

#### Visitors Questionnaire Analysis for the Public Toilets at Poppit Sands and St Dogmaels Car Park

Questionnaires identified as having been completed by St Dogmaels’ residents were excluded from this analysis

#### 3.1 Poppit Sands

Of the total 1372 visitors accounted for in the returned Questionnaires, there was an average of 3.6 people for each visit per party.

Number of questionnaires returned as of 30/9/2019 = 390

#### a) Gender and age analysis.

Age Group Years	Number of People	Percentage of Total	Percentage Male	Percentage Female
Under 2	28	2%	No Gender Requested	No Gender Requested
2-12	197	14%	56%	44%
12-17	127	9%	55%	45%
17-45	289	21%	42%	58%
45-64	446	33%	42%	58%
65+	285	21%	48%	52%

#### b) Visitors by Home Region.

Region	Percentage
Unknown	11%
Pembrokeshire	6%
Other UK	82%
Overseas	1%

#### c) Disabled Requirements.

28% of respondents said that they had a requirement for disabled facilities for their party

#### d) Would visit if Poppit toilets were closed?

<u>Answer</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Unsure	23	6%
Yes	87	22%
No	280	72%

e) Respondents answer to Toilet Charging

<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Unsure	9	2%
Would Not Pay	33	9%
Would Pay	348	89%

Of the 390 questionnaires processed as at 30/9/2019, 345 respondents stated they would pay and indicated an amount they were willing to pay which showed an average of £0.27

**3.2. St Dogmaels Car Park**

Of the total 659 visitors accounted for in the returned Questionnaires, there was an average of 3.4 people for each visit per party.

Number of questionnaires returned as of 30/9/2019 = 189

b) Gender and age analysis.

<u>Age Group Years</u>	<u>Number of People</u>	<u>Percentage of Total</u>	<u>Percentage Male</u>	<u>Percentage Female</u>
Under 2	6	1%	No Gender Requested	No Gender Requested
2-12	87	13%	59%	41%
12-17	67	10%	57%	43%
17-45	121	18%	42%	58%
45-64	229	35%	45%	55%
65+	149	23%	44%	56%

b) Visitors by Home Region.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Unknown	5%
Pembrokeshire	7%
Other UK	87%
Overseas	1%

c) Disabled Requirements.

27% of respondents said that they had a requirement for disabled facilities for their party

d) Would visit if St Dogmaels toilets were closed?

<u>Answer</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Unsure	5	3%
Yes	65	34%
No	119	63%

#### e) Respondents answer to Toilet Charging

<u>Response</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Unsure	2	1%
Would Not Pay	15	8%
Would Pay	172	91%

Of the 189 questionnaires returned as at 30/9/2019 172 respondents stated they would pay and indicated an amount they were willing to pay which showed an average of £0.26

*Data analysis – Cllr Mike Kendall, 6/10/2019*

## 4. Conclusions

Whilst the survey took place over a relatively short period of time, with peak visitor numbers during the survey period expected to be within the timeframe 19/8/19 to 30/8/19, with a seasonal decline during the weeks in September, the key factor emerging from the exercise is the number of visitors who would not return to Poppit or St Dogmaels should the toilet blocks be closed.

There was no visitor support for closure indicated in any response.

St Dogmaels Community Council maintains its' concerns with regard to the potential impact on the tourist industry should toilet provision be lost at these locations.

Given the use of both facilities by visitors and a clear indication of an impact on the tourist industry should the blocks close, the Community Council does not believe that the costs associated with retaining and running them should fall upon a small community. The costs should be covered by Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority and Pembrokeshire County Council to the benefit of the wider economy.

## Annex A – Visitor Questionnaire

### St Dogmaels Community Council Public Toilet Questionnaire

The Public toilets in St Dogmaels car park and at Poppit sands are under threat of closure. While numerous options are being explored, one option is for St Dogmaels Community Council to take over the running of the toilets and the costs involved.

Before any decision is made the Community Council is seeking the views of residents and visitors.

Please fill out this questionnaire and place it in the box (Café or RNLI shop, Poppit), (Post Office or Coach House, St Dogmaels).

No time now? The questionnaire can be accessed on line at: <http://stdogmaels.org/toilet-blocks-questionnaire/>

and returned to [stdogmaelscc@outlook.com](mailto:stdogmaelscc@outlook.com)

Thank you.

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Are you staying in holiday accommodation YES/NO

How far have you travelled to visit St Dogmaels or Poppit today? .....

#### Poppit

How long do you expect/have you stayed at Poppit today? .....

How often, on average, do you visit Poppit each year? .....

How many people in your party? ..... What are the age groups of your party? (please tick below all relevant)

0-2 years old    2-12 old    12-17 years old    17-45 years old    45-64 years old    65+  
M/F                      M/F                      M/F                      M/F                      M/F

Do you have anyone who requires access to disabled toilet facilities in your party YES/NO

If visiting as an organised group please state the nature of group e.g. youth organisation, senior citizens etc

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If you **had** to pay to use the public toilets how much do you think is reasonable? (please state).....

If the toilet facilities were no longer available would you still visit Poppit Sands                      YES / NO

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#### St Dogmaels High Street Car Park

How long do you expect/have you stayed at St Dogmaels today? .....

How often, on average, do you visit St Dogmaels each year? .....

How many people in your party? ..... What are the age groups of your party? (please tick below all relevant)

0-2 years old    2-12 old    12-17 years old    17-45 years old    45-64 years old    65+  
M/F                      M/F                      M/F                      M/F                      M/F

Do you have anyone who requires access to disabled toilet facilities in your party YES/NO

If visiting as an organised group please state the nature of group e.g. youth organisation, senior citizens etc

.....

If you **had** to pay to use the public toilets how much do you think is reasonable? (please state).....

If the toilet facilities were no longer available would you still visit St Dogmaels                      YES/ NO

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Any further comments/suggestions you would like to make:.....

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Name, address .....

.....Post Code:.....

#### Thank you for completing the questionnaire

St Dogmaels Community Council will use the information provided only to analyse opinion on the provision/use of the toilet blocks at the High St car park St Dogmaels and at Poppit Sands.

Any information supplied to a third party in support of this will be anonymised. Your name/address/contact details will not be shared with any third party.

The Council's data protection privacy policy can be found at: <http://stdogmaels.org/data-protection/>

## Appendix B – Sample comments from Questionnaire

My daughter suffers from Crone's disease and she wouldn't be able to visit Poppit or St Dogmaels if there were no toilets (Market Day 27/8/2019)

Public facilities are essential for small communities to continue to attract visitors and therefore enhance local economy.

My elderly mother likes to visit Cardigan and beach – would be unable to if no toilet at Poppit.

Would not be able to bring my mother, who has wheelchair, to beach

You need toilets because if none available then children and maybe adults will be dunes or behind buildings.

Due to medical problems it would be impossible to visit Poppit Sands or St Dogmaels

I couldn't speak to you colleague at the car park as I was desperate for the loo. I have to go a lot and public toilets are vital as I am pregnant. ( Market day 27/8/2019).

Public toilets make beaches and tourist attractions much more accessible with children.

It is essential to provide the toilets if tourism is to be encouraged.

It would be a complete disaster if they were closed. Would really negatively affect the region.

If a reasonable fee was asked for anyone would use them. My Husband is disabled & always needs a toilet and now that I am getting on I too need this facility.

As you charge for the car parks why don't you fund them from that money.

Please leave the toilets open. No toilets spoils the day out. Woman are particularly disadvantaged.

If you remove toilets at Poppit you will have everyone using the Dunes which will destroy the area and this is an SSSI accredited area.

These toilets must be kept, especially at Poppit where there are no other facilities available for visitors.

If people need toilet facilities on Poppit, they will use the sand dunes. A health hazard and will ruin the SSSI & ecosystem as well as ruin the reputation of an excellent beach.

Rely on toilet for wheelchair bound husband.

Without disabled toilets I could not visit with my sister who is disabled.

This cuts off all access many disabled people have at poppit sands and puts a lot of pressure on the café

We have a baby/toddler we need a toilet

They are a much needed facility for those with young children & those with medical problems that need toilet regularly

Without public toilet facilities local business would be affected as toilet facilities are essential . In addition young children and disabled people are being discriminated

Toilet/baby change are essential for us to visit a location

We have elderly/Cancer services etc and we use Poppit because it's accessible. We need toilets to come.

Why can't you use holiday home council tax?

I have to use the toilet frequently (due to issues in childbirth) and really appreciate them being there.

My daughter is a wheelchair user – we come here for beach wheelchair and need accessible toilets.

As a sufferer of ulcerative colitis a toilet is vital for me.

The toilets make the beach attractive to lots of visitors who spend money which benefits Pembrokeshire. It is stupidly short sighted to close them as it does not make business sense.

No tourists(or the majority of locals) will come to Poppit if there aren't any toilets, which will affect the economy. I feel it will also create a health & safety concern. Please do not close the toilets.

This is one of the most ludicrous ideas I have ever seen. It is a public health hazard in the making.

No toilet = No Visit

We do not drive so toilets at our destination are vital, especially as we have a small child [Haverfordwest}

I visit Poppit regularly to walk my dog. As a widow living on my own it gives me much needed exercise, community spirit, fresh air and gets me out of the house. I have a very weak bladder and need access to toilet facilities when I am out and about. If these toilets were to close I would not be able to visit anymore.

If the toilets were closed a great many people would urinate or defecate in the sand dunes as the nearest toilet would be about 3 miles away. It is madness to consider closing these facilities to turn the area into a stinking sewer. When considering the amount of revenue visitors contribute to the area it is sheer folly to consider removing the existing facilities. The Council are complete out of touch with the community and need to rethink their policies.

It's very important to have toilets for young families and women

The coastal path is covered in toilet paper so will the beach be if no loos

Given that Poppit Sands is so far from any other toilets facilities and that the sands are a protected area there is no way a family will be able to visit Poppit. Elderly and disabled people, and the very young will be discriminated against. Few people will visit so any revenue will be seriously diminished!

We pay enough council tax etc so toilets should be free, losing them will kill off tourism in the area

If you wish to encourage tourism then you need to provide adequate facilities if you do not then people will go elsewhere

I am 61 years old and I always need a toilet

I am 69 years young with prostate problems and need to go to the toilet quite often

Toilets should always be available for everyone especially when having health issues.

## Appendix C – Letters of Support for Retaining Poppit

8/6/2019 Mail - St Dogmaels Community Council - Outlook

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**From:** Davies, Paul (Aelod Cynulliad | Assembly Member) <Paul.Davies@assembly.wales>  
**Sent:** 14 June 2019 15:35  
**To:** St Dogmaels Community Council  
**Subject:** RE: Poppit Sands

Dear Ms Davies,

Thank you for your e-mail. I share the concerns outlined in your letter on the impact of Pembrokeshire County Council seeking St Dogmaels Community Council to fund or take on two public toilets in your area. It was disappointing that Pembrokeshire County Council has not invested in the public toilet in Poppit and presumably it would need investment. The annual revenue costs of £16,000 you quote in your letter being the highest for public toilets operated by Pembrokeshire County Council are very high. No doubt investment before now could have potentially reduced annual running costs.

I accept that Pembrokeshire County Council have difficult financial decisions to make. However, when the current Council administration find funds for certain expensive projects, such as the purchase of the Ocky White building in Haverfordwest, it is extremely disappointing they are looking to transfer the responsibility of much valued, far lower cost assets such as the public toilets in St Dogmaels and Poppit.

In the circumstances, I would be happy to write to Cllr Bob Kilmister, Cabinet Member with responsibility for the budget to raise this issue and voice my concern regarding the potential loss of these facilities. If this would be helpful then please let me know.

I note from your letter that the Community Council is exploring ways to retain these facilities. I have access to a GrantFinder search facility that I would be happy to utilise to try to find potential funding options for the Community Council. I note that approximately £21,000 is available annually in the St Dogmaels Community Council area under the Enhancing Pembrokeshire grant scheme - <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/grants>. I am however very conscious that there may be several other projects that may wish to access this funding.

I trust this response is useful and should you wish me to take any of the suggested actions or should you wish to discuss this matter further then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Paul

**Leader of the Welsh Conservative Assembly Group** / **Arweinydd y Grwp Ceidwadol yn y Cynulliad**

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**FW: Poppit Sands**

CRABB, Stephen &lt;stephen.crabb.mp@parliament.uk&gt;

Thu 20/06/2019 15:00

To: stdogmaelscc@outlook.com &lt;stdogmaelscc@outlook.com&gt;

1 attachment (74 KB)

Stephen Crabb AM.pdf

Dear Sue,

Thank you for your email. I share the concerns raised by St Dogmaels Community Council regarding the closure of the toilet block at Poppit Sands and its wider impact.

I have written to Pembrokeshire County Council outlining the concerns you quite rightly raise, and hope that a favourable solution can be found.

Thank you once again for your email and if there is anything further I can be of assistance with, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,  
Stephen

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**Poppit Sands Toilet - Ben Lake MP****HUGHES, Aled** <aled.hughes@parliament.uk>

Fri 12/07/2019 10:49

**To:** stdogmaelscc@outlook.com <stdogmaelscc@outlook.com>

Good morning,

I hope all is well. Thank you for your recent e-mail and letter to Ben Lake MP regarding St Dogmaels Community Council's concerns surrounding the possible closure of toilet block at Poppit Sands. Ben has requested I answer on your behalf – please accept our delay in doing so.

Both Ben and myself were very sorry to hear of the Community Council's concern regarding the closure of such valued community amenities.

As I am sure you will appreciate, despite the close relationship and proximity to Ceredigion, the toilets are located in Pembrokeshire, and due to strict Parliamentary protocol, the local MP – Stephen Crabb MP – would be the best individual to further pursue this matter with the Council.

Both Ben and myself have spoken with Mr Crabb's office, and I understand that he has since relayed your concerns to the Council, and that a response from the relevant officer has since been formulated and passed to yourselves.

I am unsure as to the nature of the response Mr Crabb has received from the council, however I would welcome any further comments from yourselves regarding this matter.

Apologies once again for the delay in responding.

Kind regards,

Aled

**Aled Morgan Hughes**Uwch Swyddog Gwaith Achos & Polisi **Ben Lake AS**Senior Casework & Policy Officer for **Ben Lake MP**[aled.hughes@parliament.uk](mailto:aled.hughes@parliament.uk)

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

9 July 2019

**Re: The Public Toilets at Poppit Sands, near St Dogmaels, Pems.**

On behalf of the Mayor of Cardigan, Cllr Shan Williams, I am pleased to confirm the full support of members of Cardigan Town Council of the efforts of St Dogmaels Community Council to retain the toilet blocks at Poppit Sands which are under threat of closure or downgrading due to the failure of Pembrokeshire County Council to comprehend the impact such a move might have. Poppit Sands is recognised as one of the most popular and most populated beaches in Dyfed and the threat of losing its Blue Flag status would be a severe blow to the retention of its lifeguard service.

Public toilets are an important community asset and their provision, maintenance and operation contribute to public health well-being and the prosperity of the community. Poppit Sands is a popular summer attraction for many young families, and is visited throughout the year by the more senior population. Visitors are encouraged to visit by the tourist industry. In this modern day and age, it is expected that this provision be provided and protected for the welfare of all.

Cardigan Town Council implores Pembrokeshire County Council to reconsider its proposal and reverse the general trend seen across the country where so many public toilets have disappeared during the past decade. The future provision of toilet facilities for the disabled should also be taken into consideration. Having access to clean, hygienic toilets when needed is simply about basic human rights and well-being; the provision of this service should be within the remit of local authorities.

Yours sincerely,

Wynford Jones (Clerk to the Council)

**Poppit Sands Toilets**

Julian Beynon-Lewis &lt;jbl@menter-aberteifi.com&gt;

Fri 19/07/2019 14:53

To: stdogmaelscc@outlook.com &lt;stdogmaelscc@outlook.com&gt;

To:

Sue Davies

Clerk to St Dogmaels Community Council

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Dear Sue,

I write on behalf of Menter Aberteifi Cyf. with regards to the possible closure of the public Toilets at Poppit Sands. As you know Menter Aberteifi 's interests are in re-generation and we would view the closure of these toilets as a retrograde step and would surely threaten the hard won Blue Flag status of Poppit Sands – one of our nearest beaches. Any reduction in the visitor numbers to Poppit Sands will undoubtedly have a detrimental effect on the visitors to Cardigan and our facilities at Cardigan Guildhall and Cardigan Market.

We also have a tourism remit and run the successful [www.visitcardigan.com](http://www.visitcardigan.com) website. Once again any downgrading of the beach is bound to have a negative effect on the local economy.

Menter Aberteifi would like to offer our full support in any efforts or representations that you make to Pembrokeshire County Council to maintain this vital service.

Kind regards,

Julian.

**Julian Beynon-Lewis**  
**Chief Executive**  
**Menter Aberteifi Cyf.**

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**Re: Possible closure of toilet blocks in High Street Car Park and Poppit**

Adventure Beyond &lt;fun@adventurebeyond.co.uk&gt;

Thu 25/07/2019 11:48

To: St Dogmaels Community Council &lt;stdogmaelscc@outlook.com&gt;

Good Morning

This would be a real shame if it was to be lost.

The Huge reason I see we need to keep them is that the amount of tourists we have in the area now which bring in a huge income to us as an area would suffer and this is a massive income to the Welsh economy.

Any support we can offer please let me know.

Thank you

Jet

On Mon, 22 Jul 2019 at 15:19, St Dogmaels Community Council <stdogmaelscc@outlook.com> wrote:

Please find attached a letter from St Dogmaels Community Council which is being sent to all local traders.

The Community Council is extremely concerned about Pembrokeshire County Council's proposal to withdraw funding from the blocks and it would welcome the views of local traders with regard to possible impact on their businesses.

**Kind regards/Cofion cynnes**

Sue Davies  
 Clerk to St Dogmaels Community Council  
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TRADERS**

Mrs Sue Davies  
Clerk  
St Dogmaels Community Council  
Dworek, Sarnau, Llandysul, SA44 6PX

19<sup>th</sup> July, 2019

Dear Sue,

**Re: Toilets at Poppit Sands**

Thank you for updating the Traders with the situation regarding the Toilets at Poppit Sands. As one of our most important local beaches we would see any downgrading of the facilities there as a threat to the local economy, especially if it loses its coveted Blue Flag Status as a result. Being only a few miles from Cardigan this will surely have a negative effect on trade in the town.

For this reason you have the full support of Cardigan Traders in your effort to keep the facilities open.

Yours sincerely,

**Martin Radley**  
Chairman

The Queens Bakery  
Pendre  
Cardigan

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**Re: Possible closure of toilet blocks in High Street Car Park and Poppit**peter bodenham <~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX@XXXXXX~~>

Fri 26/07/2019 14:52

To: St Dogmaels Community Council &lt;stdogmaelscc@outlook.com&gt;

Thanks for your email

I am very concerned about the possible closure of Poppit Sands toilets on the beach environment and my pottery business. I will be writing to the council today.  
many thanks

On Monday, 22 July 2019, 15:19:51 BST, St Dogmaels Community Council <stdogmaelscc@outlook.com> wrote:

Please find attached a letter from St Dogmaels Community Council which is being sent to all local traders.

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**Kind regards/Cofion cynnes**

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**Re: Possible closure of toilet blocks in High Street Car Park and Poppit**KAYLA CHRISTIE <[kaylachristie@stdogmaelscc.com](mailto:kaylachristie@stdogmaelscc.com)>

Mon 29/07/2019 14:49

To: St Dogmaels Community Council <[stdogmaelscc@outlook.com](mailto:stdogmaelscc@outlook.com)>

Hi Sue

I am appalled at the prospect of not having toilets at Poppit.

I'm not sure what the impact on business would be, initially I don't imagine that there would be a huge impact, but over time as reviews are left that there are no toilet facilities at Poppit, I firmly believe that tourist trade would be significantly impacted, if not totally wiped out.

As a parent, I would not want to take my children somewhere that they can't use a toilet. I am perhaps in the minority as I have watched one parent line up 3 boys (aged 3 or 4 I think - and not all hers) against the bushes in the car park at the front of the Teifi and get them to wee into the bushes, and I have watched another mother hold her squatting daughter in the air while she had a wee on my property. All this while the public toilet in the car park is still there - so I don't think they will miss that one because they don't use it.

It would be really useful to get an idea of how many people visit Poppit, especially those staying longer than an hour - do the parking ticket machines produce reports of how many of each ticket duration are sold? Even if 80 people a day (20 families of 4 people each) visited Poppit for a day, for one month - that's 2,400 people either using the sea as a toilet, or the dunes - the health implications are extraordinary!

Do they still have a wheel chair for use on the beach? What would a wheelchair user do? They can't really pop into the sea for a wee or the dunes!

No toilets at Poppit would have far reaching ramifications - the smell, increased rodent infestations, the associated health risks of children playing in human waste on the beach - it's too disgusting to think about! Who would ever want to go to a beach that poses those risks? I certainly wouldn't, and if it got to that I probably wouldn't even walk my dog there anymore either.

I am happy to help in whatever way I can - just let me know!

Best wishes  
Kayla

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