

Residents, 2nd Home and Business Comments

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Keep Open & Pay Extra</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Status Key</u> Business = B 2nd Home =H Resident = R
M1	Car Park only	Car Park Toilets vital for village and its future	R
M2	Car Park Only	PCC's decision to close most public toilets is shocking, especially given their supposed commitment to Health & Wellbeing. The CC is to be commended for being proactive and consulting/exploring with other affected groups.	R
M3	Both	I think it's a disgrace to even think of closing the toilets. We pay enough community council tax as well as parking fees. Where has our money gone?	R
M8	Neither	Ask National Parks to donate from car park fees. Holiday Caravan Park to donate. Poppit Café Donate. Local business donate. Possibly put pay meter at each one 20P per visit to toilet.	R
M9	Neither	A lot of people use Poppit to exercise (and toilet) their dogs, would it perhaps be feasible to ask for voluntary donations from dog walkers for each visit – maybe share proceeds with RSPCA or other Dog suitable charity? As it costs to clear rubbish (and maintain cleanliness of access areas) and a good proportion of the rubbish is from those responsible dog walkers, possibly some money could be raised from these good people. Money should be raised by charging at point of use or paid for by previous means.	R
M10	Both	[Pay extra as] Last resort money should come from Pembs CC as use is mainly from tourists/visitors. Would the café owners make an additional contribution to the running of Poppit toilets, above their business rate, as they derive considerable benefit and also the caravan park?	R
M11	Neither	Why are they suggesting that business rate payers are not going to be asked to pay anything toward this and its down to residents to pay for what is mainly used by tourists, Business in St dogs should pay for 90% of this, they are the ones that profit from tourism, for example the caravan site, café, public houses and shops in the village all benefit.	R
M13	Both	Very important to keep facilities open for the health, welfare and Community need of everyone	R, H
M15	Both	The toilets in the village are very useful but the toilets at Poppit are <u>ESSENTIAL</u> . The number of visitors to the beach and particularly to the café would be greatly affected.	R
M16	Neither	It is basic human rights to offer toilet facilities. Absolutely disgusting that they are contemplating closing the facilities.	B
M17	Both	Firstly I think it is unfair that the county council/National Park are trying to move their	R

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		responsibility onto the Community Council. Use some of the car park revenue at Poppit plus a small entrance charge to fund it.	
M20	Neither	Burden shouldn't fall on local taxpayers. Toilets are most important for visitors & so need a mechanism to spread the cost the cost to them too (e.g. from car park income?). I would still visit, but for young children or anyone needs access to a loo, but it would either mean no visit or people using the dunes (argh).	R
M21	Both	Visitor amenities must be maintained, some car park takings should be available.	R
M22	Both	As there is facility for persons with IBS problems, stress incontinence, Chrones if the toilets are no longer available they will no longer visit St Dogmaels.	R
M23	Both	For disabled users those are a necessity.	R
M24	Both	Pay as you go toilets	R
M25	Both	As an elderly gentleman toilet facilities are essential for comfort.	R
M26	Both	Post office customers appreciate toilets when visiting St Dogmaels.	R,B
M27	Neither	Toilets are essential to retain blue flag status and to continue to attract visitors to the area. National Park Authority should accept more responsibility for funding essential facilities particularly given the significant revenue they make from the adjacent car park.	R,B
M31	Both	To confront us St Dogmaels residents with the choice of either no toilets or toilets, the upkeep of which is paid for by us at the rates given. I find outrageous and unfair.	R
M32	St Dogmaels	Use the toilets every night after the pub.	R
M33	Neither	Car park monies in Poppit money for toilets. Dunes will come public convenience for all ages otherwise.	R
M36	Both	Increase in rates should include local businesses as they benefit from tourism in the area. Closure of toilets in both areas is likely to increase public fouling which will impact both areas & cause health risks. It's a ridiculous idea to close both toilet blocks & take us back to the dark ages. The area is dependent on tourism & tourists & locals expect toilet facilities. Does the N T { assuming means National Park? – MK } contribute towards costs?	R
M37	Both	Whilst willing to pay extra Precept just to keep both open it is disgraceful that the Coastal Park and County Council have refused support.	R,H,B
M38	Both	If toilets closed St Dogmaels & Poppit, this would have a serious effect on tourism.	R
M39	Both	I feel we should be hospitable to both residents and visitors alike.	R

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M40	Neither	Losing the toilets would impact badly on both the local producers market & visitors to Poppit. Discuss possibility of National Parks assistance.	R
M41	Both	The closure of public toilets should not be on the agenda. They are one of the most necessary and basic public amenities.	R
M42	Neither	Instead of adding money to home owners council tax, how about charging to use the loos. Having been on holiday in North Wales all loos are charged at 20P at time. This hopefully would help towards funding.	R
M43	St Dogmaels	Poppit toilets should be paid for out of the car park receipts, otherwise dunes will be used. Are we becoming a third world country?	R
M44	Both	Ysgol Llandudoch uses the toilets at Poppit during Beach School days, closure would mean we would be unable to go.	R
M46	Neither	If Poppit toilets are closed, dogs wouldn't be the only users of the sand dunes.	R
M48	Both	Visitors to the area, especially walkers, depend on the toilets. Having public conveniences are essential, i cannot imagine where else one would go to the toilet. We, as a family with. Young children, use the toilets often. The two blocks are essential to us as a family, we use the toilets in the village often when the children play in the field and the toilets at Poppit every time when we visit the beach - which is often! I would like to suggest that the toilets are upgraded to include showers - the could be pay per use. This would provide an important facility and would encourage exercise, which in turn would raise revenue to keep the toilets open.	R,B
M49	Neither	Put pressure on PCC and Pembs NCP especially the latter.	R
M50	Both	It is vital these toilets are available for constant use as I am disabled.	R
M51	Both	Poppit toilets need upgrading urgently. Terrible idea to close local facilities, people need them. Obviously Market, Village, beach could lose blue flag status, health hazard.	R
M53OL	Neither	I would still visit Poppit but my wife, because of a medical condition would find it very difficult. I am not willing to pay more council tax to keep either of the toilets open. I know that government funding cuts have meant that Pemb council have had serious decisions to make regarding costs etc. In my opinion Pemb national parks in partnership with Pemb.c.c should fund the cost of Poppit toilets - it is an attraction similar to a castle etc. and toilet facilities are expected - imagine in the summer , there are lifeguards on patrol but no toilets - no. Both organisations are reliant on	R

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		<p>tourism. Perhaps Pemb.cc. could cut their tourist information budget because they don't seem to be interested in promoting tourism if toilet closures are on the agenda. Toilet facilities are the minimum & essential requirement if people are to visit - the loss of blue flag status would be devastating and so unnecessary. It seems that visitors would be willing to pay to use the toilets - i would be supportive of this but the installation of payment machines would surely be prohibitive. Maybe a surcharge could be added to the car parking fee - as long as it advertised as such. An "honesty box" at both locations is feasible but then becomes a security/theft problem. Hoping a solution will be found.</p>	
M56	Both	<p>If there are no publicly available public toilets the public will defecate in the dunes anywhere! Result- No more visitors!!!</p>	R
M57	N/A	<p>Visitors need toilets at beach – alternative would be poop in the dunes! Can pay machines be installed to fund the toilets.</p>	B
M58	Both	<p>These are places for a grand day out. Not so grand if you end up soiling yourself. I am gluten intolerant. This causes faecal urgency. Public toilets are a must.</p>	B,H
M59OL	Both	<p>Consider charging for use? Particularly in Car Park – Poppit may be more questionable for charging.</p>	R
M60	No Indication	<p>Dear all, Thank you for conducting this questionnaire...it is however very basic...Do you use the toilets? 'if you'd like them to stay open are you willing to cover the costs in the rise of your council tax? Slightly unfair in my opinion...a few of us that live here paying extra in our council tax for us and thousands of others to do what is a call of nature. I feel that St Dogmaels toilets should stay open as useful service in the community, however I personally wouldn't miss them being there as I'm not one that is a frequent user of the playing field, and apart from using the shop and Post Office, I generally don't hang out in the village! However, Poppit Sands toilets...these need to definitely stay open.. in short, if they were to close, it's an absolute definite that people (of which there are thousands that visit Poppit Sands) would use the sand dunes as an area of release adding to all the dog mess that is already there. Urinating and defecating in a public space is a criminal offence.. should the police ever need to get involved to deal with this issue imagine the expense of that!? The Parks authorities have recently bought {sic} in parking charges to visitors and residents alike, surely there's revenue generated there to cover the cost of keeping these public toilets open, encouraging more visitors to our lovely beach, in</p>	R

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		turn bringing in more money in parking charges. These toilets really most stay open, but to ask local residents to cover the costs I think a little unfair, given the tens of thousands of tourists who visit partly because we are a Blue flag beach. This status would be lost (with no toilets) would it not? Keep them open otherwise our beautiful dunes will not only be full of dogshit*... *(and there's another important topic, for another day!) Many thanks Tamsin	
M61	Neither	Although £24 is a small amount to pay we wouldn't want to set a precedent of showing we are prepared to pay for council services. The toilets in both locations are crucial for tourism but we don't benefit from tourism and shouldn't be responsible for paying.	R
M62	Both	Many visitors to Poppit, Abbey + Farmers Market make closure of toilets unviable.	R
M63	No Indication	I feel that it is not appropriate for the St Dogmaels community to take on financial responsibility for either toilets, as I assume the facilities are mostly used by visitors and holiday makers. I would be willing to pay a lesser contribution towards both, but I suggest that the responsibility should be 3-way: shared by PCC, PCNPA and possibly St Dogmaels Community Council. I imagine the National Parks would be concerned if the dunes were used as an alternative toilet. What about some cooperation here?	R
M64	Neither	87% of users & 82% of users of St Dogmaels toilets are tourists, let a tourist, disable people and family support. PCNPAS only statutory duty is to support local business community. They received £57000 from parking at Poppit, presumably net. Part of this finance should be used for toilets at Poppit.	R,B
M65	No Indication	I'd like to pay through general taxation, so I can also visit other toilets in the UK too. But I had to pay to make my facilities disabled that I own and open to the public – otherwise where would they go?	R
M66	Neither	Use the considerable profit from the Poppit car park to fund Poppit toilet block.	R
M67	Neither	I don't think an upgrade is needed to toilets at Poppit. They are adequate outdoor toilets.	R
M68	Neither	If the toilets at Poppit became payable at use could the County Council, National Parks and RNLI combine to make a little shared profit. If the agencies take on the care of the facility?	R
M69	Neither	Perhaps Pembroke National Parks could help using some car park money and I wouldn't need paying to use the toilets.	R
M70	Neither	I do not believe it is the CC's responsibility to manage the toilets. It is vital the toilets remain	R

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		open. Public toilets are a necessity for tourism and visitors. St Dogs CC have enough to do already.	
M72	Neither	We've already had a massive hike in Council tax in the last year. We cannot afford another, especially as we are not seeing any gains.	R
M73	Neither	The National Parks should contribute at Poppit, I don't mind paying – without these toilets Poppit will become Pooipit	R
M74	VOID	National Parks contribute to upkeep, charge for toilet use. Every beach nowadays have toilet facilities otherwise the dunes would become a public toilet and unpleasant.	R,H
M75	Both	This is vital infrastructure underpinning the tourist economy, quality of life for residents and environmental standards of the area. Closure is not an option.	R
M76	Both	The dunes at Poppit would inevitably be used as a toilet facility if there were no other provision.	H
M77	Both	Access to toilet facilities are ESSENTIAL to those with children and anyone with a medical condition. It is a crucial community responsibility.	H
M79	Neither	The cost of the toilets should be met from the charges made for using the car park, as the people who need to use them are visitors. Solar panels on the toilet roof would pay the running cost of electric + surplus electric money can be used towards other running costs	R
M80	Neither	It is the responsibility of Pembs Council NOT Community Council. Close Poppit and where do visitors go? – that will be an environmental issue to sort at our expense. A charge should be introduced to use the toilets as in Ceredigion & [unreadable]. I'd be very happy to help should the need arise – this is for the Council to sort, not Community. Some of us pay 1.5 times tax!	H
M81	Neither	Translation Required	H
M83	Poppit	I would still visit the beach but imagine like many others would resort to using the sand dunes to pee in!	R
M84	Neither	We pay double for owning a holiday home. It is another step to making GB into a 3 rd world Country.	H
M85	Neither	If Poppit sands toilet closed, what about the café? And some people would go in the sea/sand dunes.	H
M87	Both	Translation Required	
J01	Neither	At lease Poppit should stay open and funded by PCC and PCNP from 2 nd homes tax or car park money	R
J03	Both	Vital for tourism to keep both open	H
J05	Both	People can't take children to the beach for the day without toilets	R
J06	Both	Football pitch with no available toilets!! How can you have a blue flag beach without toilets, (working party to decorate?)	R

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J07	Poppit	Closing the toilets at Poppit would be detrimental to tourism. It would increase use of sand dunes as a toilet facility. Could consider small charge to use toilets.	R
J08	Neither	Will not support council tax increase to help local businesses. Why isn't RNLI, Surf Lifesaving Club, Poppit Cafe and the owner of the field he rents out to visitors who provides no facilities for his customers. The money for the car park where does that go?	R
J09	Both	Visitors would find it very difficult if there were neither of these facilities. The market and the gallery would suffer and sports on the field would decline.	R
J10	Both	Poppit is a major tourist attraction in North Pems. Tourism is vital to the economy of the county and paying for the running costs and maintenance of the toilet block at Poppit should be a priority for PCC. The local community should not be expected to bear the cost of an amenity which benefits the whole county.	H,B
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J12	Neither	Closure of both toilets will effect tourism to St Dogmaels and Poppit, no tourists = no business	B
J17	Both	What on earth are people going to do for toilet facilities? Why can't the revenue from the car parks be used to keep toilets?	R
J19	Neither	As we live in St Dogmaels the car park toilets don't affect us but would definitely affect visitors to the market and productions at the Abbey. We also feel the PCNP together with PCC should be paying for these facilities to be replaced.	R
J20	Neither	As we already have to pay for both car parks we should not have to pay for toilets as well	R
J21	Both	Vital for tourism and therefore local businesses to keep toilets open.	R
J22	Both	Toilets are essential in both places. Visitors spend all day at the beach and all day walking around the village and market.	R
J23	Neither	Cut expenditure on other areas e.g. weed killing & grass cutting and keep toilets open. Public health is supported by public toilets and should be first on the list for PCC expenditure.	R
J26	Neither	If Poppit toilets close, the life Guards would go and the Blue Flag lost.	R
J27	Both	We feel both of these toilets should be kept open for the sake of the village and for tourism.	R
J28	Neither	Going to the toilet is a basic human right and therefore made available to all.	R
J29	Poppit	Toilets in Poppit Sands are vital for visitors and the Surf Life Saving Club	R
J31	Both	Public toilets are a small measure of civilisation and quality of life	H,B

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J32	Neither	The toilets are not provided purely for the residents, their primary purpose surely is to attract tourists and maintain Blue Flag status. The alternative is that the dunes will become the toilet	R
J33	Both	I cannot believe PCC could even CONSIDER closing these conveniences!	R
J34	Poppit	Would reconsider attitude to car park toilets if there was any evidence of use. Coach House has toilets which could offer an alternative and White Hart if purchase succeeds	R
J36	Neither	The way you have outlined the costs on this form is unclear, it looks as though the increase on both would be over £100	H
J37	Poppit	Obviously keep open. The field above Poppit used by caravans, ie the campsite should provide his own toilets and wash facilities	R,B
J37B	Poppit	If no toilets at Poppit the no tourists, no income. Beach will be used as a toilet especially by children – no CLEAN Beach award so STUPID!	R,B
J38	Neither	Increase to residents is too high, could business rates not be increased. Pay for toilets 4CG approach, I would pay to go.	R
J39	Car Park	People such as myself with a bowel problem benefit greatly from public toilets.	R
J41	Neither	As it is a public health issue the need for toilets to be available is crucial.	R
J42	Both	Public toilets are a basic necessity for the village and beach. Without them both will suffer. I fear for the consequences of no public toilets at Poppit.	H
J43	Both	For children and elderly to visit Poppit there HAS to be toilets. No toilets would mean having to use the beach and dunes instead.	R
J44	Neither	Residents can use their own facilities unless they are elderly , children or infirm or disabled and will need facilities. Closing them will discriminate against these groups. The toilets should be paid for from revenue from the car parks (and contributions from the cafe and chip shop.	R
J45	Neither	Poppit Sands toilets are the only ones for the beach, where are people supposed to go? Also now that both car parks have a charge couldn't this cost come from that income.	R
J48W	Both	PCNP and PCC should pay for the toilets at Poppit as they get the revenue from the car park.	R
J49	Both	The CC have been put in the invidious situation of potentially having to foot the bill to keep both open. Of course these should remain open, they are crucial for both local people and visitors' The decision by PCC goes against WAG Well-being of Future Generations Act. The cost to keep toilets open should be shared by PCC and PCNP and perhaps a small cost to use. Or costs shared by by PCC PCNP and CC with a smaller rise in the precept. Overall they must be KEPT open. Danfo do a good job cleaning both sets.	R
J50	Both	Poppit Sands toilets are vital as non-available in the cafe	H

