



INITIAL WRITTEN STATEMENT

Rhose Point Open Spaces - Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012

There have been incidents of anti-social behaviour at Rhose Point which prevents local residents and other responsible users of the area from enjoying the open space. This anti-social behaviour is often related to visitors bathing, camping and fishing.

As required by Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012 this initial written statement is to give notice of the Vale of Glamorgan Council's intention to make and implement byelaws under sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 to cover, regulate and control the following activities:

- bathing;
- camping; and
- fishing.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council believes that introducing byelaws is key to tackling the problems experienced at Rhose Point because the contravention of a byelaw is an offence liable on summary conviction to a fine. The Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012 also enables the Council to issue fixed penalty notices for offences against byelaws.

The Council is committed to involving our residents in the decisions that affect them and wish to ensure that the majority of those living in the local area agree.

We also want to find out whether you have experienced any anti-social behaviour in the area. If you have, we want to know what happened so that we can ensure that the byelaws would prevent this in the future.

Therefore, and as required by Local Government Byelaws (Wales) Act 2012, we are undertaking a public consultation exercise with interested persons and organisations prior to making the decision to implement the byelaws. This is to ensure that the introduction of byelaws is the most appropriate way of dealing with the problems being encountered at Rhose Point.

If you have an interest in the potential introduction of byelaws for Rhoose Point then there are a number of ways in which you can respond to the consultation.

If you live at Rhoose Point then you will receive a letter which sets out the relevant information on the issue and provides you with a consultation response form to return.

All residents of the Vale are welcome to respond to this consultation. You can do so by emailing your views to consultation@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or by writing to the following address.

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Please respond by 7th August 2015.