

Cllr. Shan Alexander,  
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Cc. Megan Black (Head of Environmental Services)



Please reply to: Mark Whittaker (Treasurer), 72 Woodville Drive, Marple, Stockport, SK6 7QX

9 June 2011

Dear Cllr Alexander,

**Re: Petitions against closure of Public Toilets in Marple Memorial Park**

Please find enclosed a petition against the closure of the public toilets in Marple Memorial Park signed by 1,280 members of the local community to add to the other documentation I have already forwarded to you demonstrating the level of opposition that there is to the council's proposals to close them.

Also enclosed is a copy of the on-line petition that we have instigated, which currently contains 209 signatures. I'm sure that you will find all the comments written by members of the community very interesting. I would like to quote one of these that was posted just a couple of days ago and is typical of the sentiments expressed:

**Name:** Samantha Dhaliwal on Jun 7, 2011

**Comments:** I would like to support this petition particularly on behalf of all those parents with young children who use the park and facilities close by. It's OK the powers that be saying that you can use alternative toilets, for example in pubs or restaurants, but you try saying that to a toddler or child who is desperate for the loo and you then have to drag them away from the park with their legs crossed, trying to find the nearest convenience that will be open and accessible before they have an accident. No chance! What planet are these people on that make these absurd decisions? I don't think they live in the real world or experience reality as we do.

I urge you on behalf of all these local people to find a solution that will allow the toilets to remain open and to demonstrate that you really are representing the views of the people who have elected you.

Mark Whittaker,  
Treasurer & Key Contact, Friends of Marple Memorial Park  
Pride in Marple Volunteer of the Year 2010