

COUNCIL MOTION

15 SEPTEMBER 2022

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Irving

SECONDED BY: Councillor Richards

BANNING THE SALE OF DISPOSABLE BARBECUES IN ENGLAND

That this Council supports this motion in writing to the Government in the hope that they take the initiative in bringing legislation forward for a national ban on the sale of disposable barbecues throughout England.

Background

Disposable barbecues have been cited as the main cause of many fires by Senior Fire Officers in England this year, in which over 500 areas of outstanding natural beauty have been severely damaged by fire. Urgent action is needed now to see a national ban on the sale of disposable barbecues which can be bought for as little as £5.00 and cause untold damage, especially when the grass is as dry as it has been over the last few months. Sefton Council in their wisdom banned the use of Barbecues in our area in 2021 and continued their ban on them this year. Large brightly painted banners have been displayed at the entrances to Formby's Special Area of Conservation which is the jewel in the crown for Sefton's Environment attraction. The signs which state No Barbecues or Fires have been ignored repeatedly by visitors and the area has suffered a serious grass fire. You only have to walk around the Dunes to see the remnants of the used barbecues left behind. Should this situation be ignored I fear that we could suffer a serious environmental disaster to our area.