

PETITIONS

The petitions are listed in the format in which they were submitted e.g. block capitals are used where they appear in the petition

E-petitions are those that have been published on the Council's website, in line with Council procedure

a) Ainsdale library

“Keep Ainsdale Library Open

We the undersigned petition the council to Keep Ainsdale library open.
Local communities need local libraries”

Lead petitioner: Melanie Horridge (e-petition)
(approximately 79 signatures)

b) Ainsdale library

“Save Ainsdale Library PETITION

We the undersigned understand that Sefton Council are considering the possibility of closing Ainsdale Library. We value the vital contribution which Ainsdale Library makes to our community, young and old, and urge councillors to reject this closure proposal”

Lead petitioner: Mrs P Collier
(approximately 3,968 signatures)

c) Ainsdale, Birkdale, Churchtown libraries

“Southport Says e-petition:

We are concerned at the proposal being considered by Sefton Council to close all of Southport's branch libraries (Ainsdale Library, Birkdale Library and Churchtown Library), leaving only the Southport Town Centre Library. We value the vital contribution which these libraries make to our community, young and old, and urge councillors to reject this closure proposal.”

Lead petitioner: Councillor T Dawson
(approximately 395 signatures)

d) Aintree library

“SAVE AINTREE VILLAGE LIBRARY

We the undersigned petition the council to SAVE AINTREE VILLAGE LIBRARY FROM CLOSURE

We have only the library in our area which also includes Melling. We pay the same council tax on average and we have a large section of retired people who can't walk to the now nearest library. We have to put up with Switch Island Plus we don't have secondary school in our area we do not have a regular bus service. On the plus side we do look after our park and bowling green. This is some of reasons why we want to keep our LIBRARY OPEN.”

Lead petitioner: William Honeyman (e-petition)
(approximately 67 signatures)

e) Aintree library

“WE THE UNDERSIGNED DEMAND THAT SEFTON COUNCIL REVERSE THEIR DECISION TO CLOSE AINTREE LIBRARY. AINTREE VILLAGE WILL NOT BE PROVIDED WITH ANY SERVICES OTHER THAN ESSENTIAL SERVICES. THE LIBRARY IS WELL USED AND WOULD BE PARTICULARLY MISSED BY THE ELDERLY POPULATION,NOT JUST IN AINTREE VILLAGE BUT ALSO MELLING. THERE ARE NO DIRECT BUS SERVICES TO ANY OF THE LIBRARIES EARMARKED TO STAY OPEN. HOW WOULD THE RESIDENTS ACCESS THE LIBRARIES? WITH THE GREATEST OF DIFFICULTY.WE CALL ON YOU ALL TO SEARCH YOUR CONCIENCE AND REVERSE YOUR DECISION.”

Lead petitioner: Parish Councillor P. Gill
(approximately 3,277 signatures)

f) Birkdale library

Approximately 426 Christmas cards made by children of Birkdale

Lead petitioner: Mrs M McQueen

g) Birkdale library

“PETITION AGAINST THE CLOSURE OF BIRKDALE LIBRARY

We, the undersigned, ask that Sefton MBC re-consider their plans to close the above library. It is a very busy library used not just for borrowing books but provides other educational and social needs in a thriving community e.g. Children's story time; Ladies Club (which has been held here for about 20 years); computer access for people who do not have their own computer; social interaction.”

Lead petitioner: Mrs M Whitley
(approximately 31 signatures)

h) Birkdale library

“Save Birkdale Library PETITION

We the undersigned understand that Sefton Council are proposing to close Birkdale Library. We value the vital contribution which Birkdale Library makes to our community, young and old, and urge councillors to reject this closure proposal.”

Lead petitioner: Mr T Durrance
(approximately 3,515 signatures)

i) Churchtown library

“Churchtown Library.
We do not agree to the closure of this valuable, and well used service by the young and older people”

Lead petitioner: Mr E.J Harris
(approximately 15 signatures)

j) Churchtown library

“Save Churchtown Library PETITION

We the undersigned understand that Sefton Council are considering a proposal to close down Churchtown Library. We value the vital contribution which Churchtown Library makes to our community, young and old, and urge councillors to reject this closure proposal”

Lead petitioner: Councillor N Ashton
(approximately 4,034 signatures)

k) College Road library

“Petition to prevent College Road library from closing”

Lead petitioner: Mrs J Matta
(approximately 747 signatures)

l) College Road library

“COLLEGE ROAD LIBRARY, CROSBY

We the undersigned petition the council to reconsider the closure of College Road Library.

For many people of all ages libraries are a civilizing part of life. They provide information, entertainment and instruction, elements understood by that great philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. For decades children have been introduced to the local library by their parents, grand-parents or school and have experienced the wonder provided by the written word. Closing libraries would be a short-sighted move, which would have an adverse and irreversible effect on society. We should not seek to revert to Victorian conditions. Do not forget that books are expensive and many people cannot afford to buy them. Let everyone have the opportunity to read and learn.”

Lead petitioner: Simon Sharman (e-petition)
(approximately 49 signatures)

m) College Road library

“What can YOU do to help save COLLEGE ROAD LIBRARY?

We the undersigned, demand that Sefton Council reverse their decision to close 'College Road (Carnegie) Library'. The Library is well used and would be particularly missed by the elderly, children and families in Crosby, Waterloo and Blundellsands.

Bus services to any of the libraries earmarked to stay open will be difficult from some parts of Crosby. How would residents access the libraries? With great difficulty, we suspect, causing extra time and cost.”

Lead petitioner: Councillor A Tonkiss
(approximately 424 signatures)

n) Crosby library

“Keep Crosby Library (on Crosby Road North) open

We the undersigned petition the council to keep Crosby Library, on Crosby Road North, open.

This library is a vital part of the local community, with a wide range of activities and events for both adults and children alike.”

Lead petitioner: Lisa Brennan (e-petition)
(approximately 103 signatures)

o) Litherland library

“Save Litherland Library

We the undersigned petition the council to Keep Litherland Library open I strongly believe in local libraries and have been a user of Litherland Library for 60 years. Once closed, the library facilities will be lost forever and a wonderful building will be left to rot. Litherland is already the 'forgotten' district and closure would be another nail in the coffin”

Lead petitioner: Elaine Cotter (e-petition)
(approximately 15 signatures)

p) Orrell library

“KEEP ORRELL LIBRARY OPEN

We the undersigned petition the council to Maintain this vital service to the local community of Orrell and Bootle. Bootle is a deprived, low income area and this facility provides an essential service to use Computers, borrow books, music and dvds amongst other things that are not otherwise accessible to a lot of local people . This library is close to a number of local schools and provides an excellent service for the local community. Not all Bootle residents have access to a car or can afford to travel to Netherton or Southport to use these services. Losing this facility will have a lasting negative impact on the local area and the savings for the council on its closure are negligible in the scheme of things. HANDS OFF OUR LIBRARY.

Bootle is a low income, low employment and deprived area making it difficult to afford to:

1. Buy computers or books, dvds, music etc
2. Afford public transport costs or have use of a car to get to alternative libraries in Southport or Netherton.

It gives the community:

3. The opportunity for networking with other families in local area, sharing advice and encourages local children to improve reading abilities which help in their studies and education”

Lead petitioner: Paula Clarke (e-petition)
(approximately 14 signatures)

q) All libraries

“Library Closures

We the undersigned petition the council to keep all Sefton borough libraries open

Sefton has a large library usage”

Lead petitioner: Irene McDermott (e-petition)

(approximately 28 signatures)

Note: Petitions with 25 or more signatures can be submitted to the Cabinet for consideration They are formally considered by Cabinet if the lead petitioner wishes to attend and address the Cabinet. Petitions with 2,750 or more signatures are submitted to the Council for consideration