

SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS/SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON GALWAY CITY COUNCIL PARKS, OPEN SPACES AND BEACHES BYE-LAWS 2016

Section of Bye-Law	In Favour /Against	Submission Nos	Main Reasons for Proposing/Against Byelaw
All Sections (General)	Against	1, 2, 6, 15, 23, 27, 39, 40, 43, 44, 45, 58, 59, 63, 69, 73, 77, 133, 140, 156, 168, 173, 174, 178, 181, 189, 192, 194, 236, 250, 267, 271, 272, 287, 295, 299, 302, 322, 341, 348, 370 Total = 41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks and other open spaces are designated as recreational amenities and draft bye-laws unenforceable • Affects activities of children since they are the main users of these amenities • Would a parent be liable for €75 fine if child accidentally kicked ball into flowerbed and without thinking the child ran in to retrieve the ball? • Conditions about graffiti and vandalism not be dealt with as it happens • Too many Rules & Regs which are not needed • Persons on low incomes who use these facilities will suffer as it will limit their use • Prevent kids from being kids • Many of the conditions discourage physical activities that should be encouraged in young people. • Need more bike racks/parking areas in city as some were lost with introduction of Coke Zero Bike Scheme stations • Impossible for anyone with a dog to play with it or exercise it in any public area. • Would make it more difficult to get children to go outside and play instead of on laptops, etc. • Unenforceable due to staffing • Several legislation already in place to deal with dogs, litter pollution. • No licences required for fishing with a rod by the sea but there are Regs for fishing of salmon and sea trout in certain areas which are covered by various Fishing Acts: – http://www.fishinginireland.info/regulations.htm • Child and Animal unfriendly as well as ageist • Provide skateboard parks and outdoor gyms to encourage activities instead of “policing” fun • All areas should be discussed with public

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4H	Against	40 Total = 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An “authorised person” is a citizen and should have no powers to use any force whatsoever. Should be reworded that they have the power to summon a member of the Gardai who can legally perform a search, where there is evidence of a crime being committed.
6(a)	Against	13, 19, 20, 22, 26, 31, 46, 62, 74, 87, 116, 282, 290 Total = 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alienate the general public Unenforceable Children, especially under 12 should be allowed to ride bikes in parks and beaches
6(a)	In favour	37 Total = 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wording should include “non-motorised scooters and unicycles”
6(e)	Against	22, 26, 31 Total = 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unenforceable Should read “children under the age of 12yrs not 10yrs”
6(e)	In favour	37 Total = 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should read “children under the age of 12yrs not 10yrs”
6(h)	In favour	37 Total = 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include up to 1 hour period before this condition applies
7(a)	Against	32, 42, 282, 288 Total = 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Horse owners should be able to exercise their horse on a beach/in the sea in relation to the he “beach” element of these draft Bye-laws Faillte Ireland promoting the Wild Atlantic Way and beach horse riding is promoted on Irish tourism websites and advertising campaigns in an attempt to lure people to the West Coast

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7(c)	Against	3, 10, 12, 17, 19, 20, 22, 28, 32, 37, 46, 48, 52, 53, 64, 66, 67, 68, 71, 72, 74, 78, 79, 82, 83, 84, 90, 94, 97, 105, 107, 109, 112, 113, 116, 119, 127, 130, 131, 143, 150, 151, 153, 159, 162, 164, 167, 169, 172, 175, 176, 180, 182, 183, 193, 198, 200, 212, 214, 216, 222, 223, 230, 237, 261, 262, 265, 282, 290, 298, 300, 313, 323, 329, 333, 334, 336, 338, 343, 344, 352, 354, 372, 13, 14, 15, 26, 29, 36, 51, 55, 56, 87, 270 Total = 94	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs need to be able to run free to get their proper level of exercise • Dogs don't cope nearly as well when confronted with other dogs while on a leash as their flight option is gone and are left with no other option than fight • If dogs need to be on a leash, limit the periods of time e.g. up to 6pm • Enforcing and encouraging responsible dog ownership is the solution • Deal with stray dogs roaming around the city and if Warden • Legislation already deals with control of dogs so no need to inclusion in bye-laws • Council invest in a few additional bins per park for the disposal of bagged faeces at least at the entrance and somewhere in the centre of parks to dispose of those bags e.g. Barna Woods and Ballyloughane Amenity Area • Promoting animal cruelty
7(c)	In favour	157 Total = 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog designated parks should be built in city
7(d)	Against	13, 14, 15, 26, 29, 36, 51, 55, 56, 87, 270 Total = 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could deter visitors that Bord Failte and Irish kennel Club hope to attract if successful in their bid for 2022 World Dog Show.
7 (e)	Against	13, 14, 15, 26, 29, 36, 51, 55, 56, 87, 270 Total = 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dogs unable to get the necessary exercise • Promoting cruelty to animals • Decrease the level of life for all people and dogs living in Galway • Objects to this measure • Dogs should be kept under control but well trained animals should be allowed off lead • Unsupported by academic research, actual evidence and inherently flawed
7(f)	Against	13, 14, 15, 26, 29, 36, 51, 55, 56, 87, 270 Total = 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the pooper scooper bins on the prom stocked as 99% of time they are empty

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7(g)	Against	<p>3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 17, 19, 22, 28, 30, 32, 46, 49, 50, 52, 53, 57, 61, 64, 65, 67, 68, 70, 72, 74, 75, 76, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 95, 96, 97, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 169, 170, 171, 172, 175, 176, 177, 179, 180, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 190, 191, 193, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 268, 269, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 281, 282, 284, 285, 286, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 296, 298, 300, 301, 303, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 239, 331, 332, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 344, 345, 346, 347, 349, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A breed does not define a behaviour • No dogs labelled as dangerous dogs • Breed restrictions incorrectly focuses attention on specific breeds instead of dogs who have actual behaviour issues • Restricted Breed Laws currently in place are outdated • Behaviour of owners of dogs that leads to an aggressive dog not the breed • The term “dangerous dog” is not used in Irish legislation • Control of Dogs Act already stipulates that restricted breeds must be on a short leash at all times and must be muzzled in public place. • Its all in the training and not in the breed that leads to aggressive dogs • Veterinary Ireland have recently publicly declared their opposition to targeting dog breeds • Dogs are not breed specific based on their behaviour • Should be a beach and park where people are allowed to bring their dogs • No such thing as a dangerous dog list • Should be designated “dog friendly” areas • Council should educate dog owners how best to train and socialise their dogs • Discriminates against blind people and autistic children who have restricted breeds • Irish Guide Dogs train german shepherds • Emphasis placed on the importance of proper dog training and education for owners and children on awareness of signs that a dog was agitated, territorial or fearful • Dogs should be required to wear a muzzle at all times, even small dogs • If implemented, will a designated area be identified to exercise these dogs • Tourist accommodation that welcome pets, accept these breeds • Just stipulate that certain breeds should be muzzled

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8(a)	For	37 Total = 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend the wording “ park or open space <i>in such a way as to materially damage the area</i>”
8(b)	Against	25, 31, 116, 200, 219, 266, 282 Total = 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children need to explore the natural world and should be encouraged to climb and engage with nature. • Wildflower verges, bee corridors and biodiversity areas should be developed instead • Stop people from deadheading flowers to encourage growth
8(c)	Against	19, 20, 25, 26, 31, 35, 42, 46, 54, 62, 74, 116, 167, 200, 219, 245, 266, 273, 282, 290, 292, 300, 330, 333, 343, Total = 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of youth development
8(c) – 8(q)	Against	13, 22 Total = 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alienate general public • Areas already covered by bye-laws on anti-social behaviour, littering and possession of illegal substances • Unenforceable

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8(i)	Against	18, 21, 24, 33, 47, 204, 205, 282, 304, 350 Total = 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of this condition will discourage tourist shore anglers to City who have this freedom in other areas of Ireland • Galway always associated with angling • Inland Fisheries Ireland trying to promote angling as a health outdoor pursuit and is concerned that this proposal could negatively impact on participation in angling by both recreational and visiting anglers. • Members of Irish Federation of Sea anglers and Angling Council of Ireland have codes to which members have to adhere. • Signs should just be erected in areas stating “no person shall fish in an area while people are swimming”
8(o)	Against	37, 124, 167 Total = 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detrimental to the enjoyment of decent citizens of the city to outlaw this simple hobby – drones
8(p)	Against	42 Total = 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does one injure a playing pitch?
9(a)	Against	13, 19, 25, 26, 31, 32, 37, 75, 282 Total = 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impossible to enforce • Understands money made available under the public programme from HSE to facilitate and install fitness machines at Claude Toft Playground which would be more suitable for persons over 12yrs
9(a)	For	42 Total = 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove wording “open space” as it would effectively make cycling or skateboarding illegal everywhere per definition of “open space” in bye-laws under 4E
9(b)	Against	13, 19, 26, 31, 32, 76 Total = 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alienate general public

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10(a)		37, 46, 54, 60, 62, 74, 87, 98, 116, 167, 219, 245, 266, 273, 275, 277, 282, 292, 330, 333, 342, 343, 354 Total = 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would not allow children play games with their families • Families don't have adequate space in their gardens to play these games
10 (a) & (b)	Against	13, 19, 22, 26, 31, 32, 35, 42 Total = 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With increase in obesity, bye-laws would limit opportunities for people to exercise • Unfair to children growing up in areas where these open spaces are the only appropriate place to play games.
	General Suggestion (these submissions are registered under relevant sections above)	31, 39, 48, 270, 290, 294, 367 Total = 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redrafted in line with requirements of the Government Policies listed in this submission and use positive language • Read the comments in the following petition: https://www.change.org/p/galway-city-council-stop-galway-city-council-from-introducing-new-ridiculous-by-laws • Veterinary Ireland have recently publicly declared their opposition to targeting dog breeds http://www.veterinaryireland.ie/images/Veterinary_Ireland_Policy_on_Control_of-Dogs-2016.pdf (document is attached to submission 49) • Look at open-sourced editing of GCC's bad legislation at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1b6jf2qaOWWKd0EaxdEiwQljZRG_T8hFrw-XNAWExfzg/edit • Should look at https://www.researchgate.net/publication/275333996_Human_hospitalisations_due_to_dog_bites_in_Ireland_1198-2013_Implications_for_current_breed_specific_legislation • Association of Pet Dog Trainers stand behind the recommendations by Veterinary Ireland Association – http://apdt.ie/index.php/position-statements/
	Provided redrafts of Bye-Laws	16, , 34 & 369 (same document), 38, 206, 280, 283, 297 Total = 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miscellaneous

