

PROPOSAL P1018 COMPANION DOGS IN OUTDOOR DINING AREAS

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I would like to be able to sit in the outdoor area of our local cafes with my dog.

Health benefits for both owner and dog have been well documented but it only takes one objection and the rules are changed.

At present in my municipality two cafes accept dogs and owners literally outside against the wall of their cafes – tables and chair provided plus water.

At another café in a Council park the café/kiosk owners say 70% of their revenue comes from dog walkers. The nearest table to the kiosk counter is 13 metres away but – one complaint and now dog owners are expected to walk a good 150 metres to the furthest tables carrying hot coffee, with the dogs presumably tied up to this table. It is against the law to leave dogs in cars or without their owners nearby.

In these rather parlous times businesses would benefit greatly if dogs and their owner companions were welcome in the outdoor areas of cafes.

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