

Y Pwyllgor Deisebau  
Petitions Committee



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Our ref: P-04-547

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Dear

*Alun Ffred*

The Petitions Committee has been considering the following petition from Friends of Barry Beaches, which has collected 295 Signatures.

**Petition Title - P 04-547 Ban Polystyrene (EPS) Fast Food and Drinks Packaging**

*The time has come to halt the sight of millions of polystyrene food and drinks cartons littering the beaches and countryside of Wales. Polystyrene (EPS) is a major component of urban litter and marine debris. It is detrimental to wildlife that ingests it and costs millions for Welsh Councils to remove from our streets. Polystyrene takes hundreds of years to degrade. Over 100 US (including New York), Canadian, and also European cities have banned polystyrene food packaging as a result of the negative impacts of the Environment. We hope that Wales will have the vision to join that list. Therefore, with so many alternatives to polystyrene(EPS) packaging now available which has significantly less impact on the environment and human health and also to save Welsh taxpayers millions of pounds in street cleansing costs we, the undersigned, request that the Welsh Government introduces a ban on all polystyrene fast food and drink packaging.*

At the Committee's meeting on 9 December Members agreed to carry out a short focused inquiry on this petition and in doing so felt that your Committee should be aware of the petition and the work planned for the future.

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If you have any information that you think may be of relevance to us regarding this petition please forward your response to the Clerking Team at:  
[Petition@wales.gov.uk](mailto:Petition@wales.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William".

**William Powell AC / AM**  
Cadeirydd / Chair