

Appendix B(i): I do not support the Beachfields proposals because:

Please note comments are transcribed directly from the survey

Support in principal but offering suggestion to build on outline

car park could help with the up keep. Something similar to what was done at Herne Bay. The council could also get a lottery grant towards it.

Good concept, we need to invest for things for our children to do. Pull the sports centre down it's not fit for purpose and the same goes for the ageing swimming pool. A brand new sports centre and swimming pool please. (With a slide and wave machine) something the kids will actually enjoy and the parents can take them to as opposed to driving off the island every weekend. We also need a soft play centre. Get the parents of the kids to stay on the island and spend our money here

Hasn't included enough bandstand lighting on seafront outside toilets and tidal pool further along in line with bay by seager road

I agree it should be regenerated but not a copy of what is in Sittingbourne with the bowling alley etc. Make it a destination and focus on its link to the sea. I like the idea of a tide pool and improving access to and the view of the beach - especially in the light of the beach's achievements on its route to getting a blue flag.

I agree with the regeneration of the HLC and sports facilities The idea of bring back a traditional feel with Crazy Golf and bowling is good. The existing pool should be renovated and have a cafe and soft play so that parents can be there for swimming lessons and have a cup of tea. I like the idea of a tidal pool.

I believe the fund is all about regeneration. When successful, regeneration is about achieving additional economic, social, and environmental outcomes that would not otherwise have occurred whilst also representing good Value for Money for the public.

I feel moving the current pool will not bring new business to the island, people that can afford to travel and can afford to use the pool will travel to another pool to suit their needs. There are local pools in Sittingbourne and also a new pool being built currently in the Medway towns but the area around the pool area does need rejuvenating that is granted. The Gym is a great community hub, and I have used the Gym for many years, yes this needs updating and better long term maintenance plans, everything costs money and needs maintain and that hasn't happened with the Pool/Gym area historically and so if this happens a much better long term plan needs to be thought through or 30 years down the line you will be back to the current situation. What does need rejuvenating is the seafront area, Sheppey has a beach and the SEA many areas do not. This is a missed opportunity that many other seaside towns are making the best of, Sheppey isn't. If a tidal pool was created, I believe it would bring in more interest, then the current swimming pool idea.

I support it but with some suggestions

I support it in part

I think you need to do more to bring people onto the island to for days out encourage financial growth for our town.

It's a good area to be redeveloped. I'm not quite sure why the area it covers is restricted or the only one chosen. For example I wonder if the Broadway".

Not really an NO!

Please no crazy golf, ten pin bowling, or any other tacky amusements that aren't amusing to anyone over the age of seven. Our seafront is our crowning glory. Please...build something to help us show the world how beautiful Sheerness is. Tidal pool, outdoor saltwater pool, space for pop up street food kiosks, walking footie grounds for over 50s. The kids have enough and they don't stay to shop on our High Street or eat in our Restaurants.

Slightly concerned it is more of the same - but overall looks good. I think the inclusion of an outside pool (like Faversham) would be good.

Swimming pool requires refurbishment

Thank you for giving me this opportunity,

The whole of the site including land behind the current swimming pool. Attractions including skate park, bowling, viewing points for the sea, island information point, a new jetty for boat/ski hire. All tide pool. All the funding need to concentrate on attractions to promote the fact we are a seaside town. Pitch and putt, crazy golf and pop up restaurants at low business rates. And free bloody parking

There would even be space to hold events. This would enable it to be a 'centre hub' of the island. I really hope this is considered as after listening to many people on the island this seems the most common and interesting idea with huge potential for success.

We are concerned that the facilities will be inaccessible for many local residents who are living in poverty. We feel that the proposals should be for infrastructure that is accessible to even the poorest members of our community such as a quality skate park, water fountains for children to play in, a tidal pool, five aside football pitches and tennis courts (accessible for all to use)

We need to raise ground levels to make the most of the sea view and make the promenade more accessible.

Do not believe the pool needs refurbishment / relocation

Although the Swimming Pool is old, it is not in need of a rebuild. £20mn is a large amount for this and we won't gain a net benefit from this. Crazy golf can already be input in the location for a minimal amount. The fairground already has a bowling alley and both Oasis sites have 3G pitches for 5 aside football. The area around the leisure centre could be made more useful. Instead of knocking down the pool, why not look at using the money for the tidal pool on the other side of the seawall. This will help pull in people to use the area all day long in the summer months and even in winter as wild swimming is growing in popularity.

Beachfields to me is self explanatory there should be a range of things park equipment for all ages exercise equipment etc the pool should be a indoor/outdoor like Faversham a few waterslides etc crazy golf good expand the outdoor paddling pool toilets would be a good idea picnic area up grade as a sea side place we need to attract people here the cinema and bowling should go down to Neats Court train station make over

BEING AN ISLANDER ALL MY LIFE AND THE SWIMMING POOL BEING IN THE SAME PLACE FOR ALL THESE YEARS IS WHERE IT SHOULD STAY WHY DONT THEY JUST REMODERN , INSTEAD SORT OUT TENNIS COURTS AND SPORTS CENTRE MAKE CARPARK BIGGER BECAUSE THE GREEN NEARBY ALWAYS ATTRACTS DRUNKS AND HOMELESS , THE SEA WALL IS FOR OUR PROTECTION SO HOW YOU WILL OPEN THIS UP IS BEYOND ME AND OTHERS

Don't understand the need to build a new pool, you can modernise what's there

I would like to see more thought around the proposal to move the swimming pool, is this really needed.

Is this just maintenance

Things are fine as they are the swimming pool needs updating but not moving we do not need a crazy golf as the tennis courts are never looked out now

We do not need a new swimming pool, what we need are seasonal huts selling local artists paintings and makes. more toilets and maybe a tea hut or two! The band stand revamped to have family concerts. Make the most of the town's history.

You need to explain what is wrong with the current pool to recommend demolition.

Objection but no alternative offered

Far better things to spend £20 million on but with swale council in control it will all be wasted on their pet projects

Insufficient research

It is very difficult getting to access the existing pool. For an individual to get to use the pool is very difficult as most times and to use the pool for leisure is practically impossible. The proposed new pool will do nothing to benefit the average resident.

If the upgrade is affordable for people to use.

It won't bring new people to island and wellbeing inaccessible for many

Support regeneration but not what the council is proposing. Could come up with something better.

The initial development of the Tidal pool will take time and money, but the long-term benefits should be thought through. The Sheerness tidal pool is very new to the agenda and at the meeting where local passionate people joined to discuss I felt the council are currently looking at what they perceive will work and they have their view set. Some of the councillors who should listen to the people at these meetings for views and stay impartial until an agreement is set are not so young. Are they moving with the times.

This money could be better spent

Unless this is the best swimming pool and the best swimming pool it will not attract much if any extra visitors. Whilst the facilities are long overdue refurbishment the new modern 24-hour local gym facilities mean the opportunity represented falls short.

Beachfields has potential for many improvements but is in no way going to attract visitors. The attraction is clearly the beach and other than improved access to this free resource there is little that can be done to attract more visitors. Talk of tidal pools is idealistic and impractical whilst crazy golf and bandstands are simply unimaginative.

Would prefer a tidal pool

A sea pool would provide year-round benefits to a wide cross-section of the community.

A tidal pool will not only be beneficial in the summer as currently as we ease out of the Covid pandemic, the idea of being immersed in the cold waters and wild swimming is a big thing and has increased its appeal, after swims that are also a social event the need for hot food and drinks is there. The Sheerness Seafront needs more areas to access foods along the front. If you visit Hythe for example there is a long stretch of sea front but you can get hot and cold drinks and various foods along the walk from mobile and non-mobile establishments. When I walk from Sheerness to Minster over 3 miles I can access nothing. No toilets Sheerness end unless I go into Tesco and so this does need to be addressed. We have a beautiful beach that should be used all year round with tea and coffee facilities would be a great benefit to the area around the tidal pool.

I feel that this proposal should address the need for the upgrading of the beach front and the creation of a Tidal Pool. Sheerness is a seaside town and we need to attract people to the seaside which will in turn bring them to the amenities that the town has.

A Tidal Pool will not be reliant on tide times or the season. A Tidal Pool will offer all the benefits of cold water swimming all year round and as a result attract visitors to the island all year round. A great way to socialise, the natural high from cold water swimming reduces stress. It boosts your immunity, improves circulation, good exercise without stress on your joints, keeps you fit, great for your general well-being. Imagine advertising access to a Tidal Pool on the Isle of Sheppey; The healing properties of seawater constantly refreshed every high tide. Free at the point of use. People don't visit the island for the high street they come for the beach. We need

Moving the swimming pool will not bring extra tourists to the island. Every town has a swimming pool. A tidal pool would be exciting and something different to other Kent seaside towns. It would benefit the local community immensely. A great outdoor, healthy activity for all ages.

The recent obsession with swimming outdoors, and nostalgia for a time when summers were spent enjoying our country where families can't afford to travel abroad. There are so many health benefits to swimming in cold water and it's great to bring people together after the 2 years we've had with Covid. After the initial set up there will need to be a group set up to maintain the pool I would assume so that it will be kept for centuries to come. I believe a committee would be easily achieved supporting the long-term agenda for ongoing maintenance this would already be better than a new build pool that will deteriorate with time if not thought through.

Tidal pool and different opportunities linked to the unique opportunity this area has to offer rather than a tarty version of eBay currently exists.

Tidal pools that had been created at the start of the century are now making a huge impact on the surrounding area, bringing in fresh revenue. I have travelled to swim in these. With that I take my money, use the shops, eat in cafes and restaurants and seek accommodation, so I believe others will also travel here for the same reason. Why a Tidal Pool – for those daunted by the prospect of swimming in the open sea, with its associated hazards (undercurrents, rip tides and so on), will embrace the prospect of being able to bathe in a coastal tidal pool. This will fit all ages, families, young and old will be able to swim and with them they will bring in revenue to shops helping the economy and the ecology on the beach.

Does not think will meet the objectives in terms of benefits

I don't think this will increase the benefits of Sheppey in line with the monies proposed

I feel that the proposal for Beachfields needs to be reconsidered and that the current proposal is not exciting enough.

I feel would be adding things that may not be used enough for the amount of investment needed. May be maintain tennis courts etc.

I think just moving the swimming pool is not a good use of money

These facilities will not bring many people to the island but rather only locals will use them

Would prefer the bid to focus on a different geography

I'd like to see some focus on the east of the island

The area between Barton's point and the Leas is also prime for development. Proper car park. A bridge from when the surf club over the road to the beach with structures to have season businesses etc)

While Sheerness needs funding desperately so do other areas on the island. Money for proposed projects such as crazy golf could be spent better elsewhere.

Support principal but would prefer a different location

Although I do support the regeneration of the leisure centres, I feel they would be much better suited placed at Bartons point when rebuilding this this area could be a leisure centre similar to that of Mote Park, with water sports like pedalo boats, enough space for a go ape style area which would be amazing not only for family days out, but school trips, business team building activities, enough room for a soft play area as someone mentioned in the meeting previously. I feel that regenerating it on a new site rather than squashed between the high street and the beach would give more space for growth further down the line, and would also give local teenagers something to do to keep them busy and out of trouble with a variety of activities.

Because you are concentrating all the money on Sheerness ! We need leisure facilities at Warden / Leysfown , where the tourists are !!!

I think the leisure pool should be situated at Barton Point. The pool could include indoor out, splash fun pools. There's is ample space for parking. You could look at building go ape type thing and if built on left side would leave the lake with swans and wild life alone

Would like a shuttle service

Draw people in in the summer and have something like a shuttle service to take people from the Leas to the Town and back. Something tram like! Hard to describe but you hopefully know what I mean.

Would like a launch / recovery slip

For years we have been asking to have decent slip for launching and recovering of small boats. Somewhere sheltered by a man made rock defence and a proper slip way with parking for cars and trailers using it, ideal location would be the bay between the Ship on shore pub and the yacht club, with access through the wall which could be gated. A small charge in the

Would like roads to be adopted

I do not support this project when I am paying council tax and living in Sheppey Beach Villas, with little or no roads. The council should adopt these roads and make them safer for all of the residents in the over 200 flats here before spending money on anything else.

Would prefer focus on town centre

I wonder if something like pedestrianising the Broadway Sheerness, putting it under cover (clock tower to nearly the pet shop) and putting the market there may provide a real buzz and focus in the town (a stage, eating areas, benches etc).

Concern this is making way for housing

It feels like that once the pool is knocked down, all that extra space it no longer occupies along with the existing area either side of it, will be used for housing. The local plan had ideas for 200 homes in the high street area, this is the only place it could happen.

Object to the loss of paddling pool

The removal of the outdoor paddling pool will be a particular loss to young families and 'plan to replace the paddling pool with a splashpad' (has this already been decided given how this is worded in the info pack?) won't support young children with the early stages of gaining confidence in water and learning to swim. Helping children to gain confidence and skills in water should be a higher priority for a community surrounded by water above fun. It's also safer for children to develop these skills within the context of a paddling pool than the open sea. If the new swimming pool is to provide the principle alternative here, then it should be equipped with a baby pool at least as big as the current outdoor paddling pool otherwise the main alternative really is the sea and I don't see how it can be argued that this would be safer than the current paddling pool.

Concern around maintenance costs

The upkeep costs have not been considered