

HILSEA LIDO SURVEY OF USERS: JULY – SEPTEMBER 2007

Some comments from those who responded.

The PCC Lido Sub-committee in 1999 or 2000 chose a developer who was unable to bring forward the new scheme. The other developer – Dymond – went on to build the new University buildings in King Richard car park. They might be worth approaching again. If hundreds of thousands can be spent on the Kings Theatre then why not on the Lido? The RAF base in Cyprus has a sliding dome that fits over the pool. Why not one for the Lido to give greater use throughout the year? Thanks for your help.

“Hilsea Lido should be saved for our children and grandchildren. It is a lovely relaxing place and money should be used for the best to keep it.”

“Open all year round with a winter roof. Schools to use for teaching and competition.”

“It would be shame to see all the amenities go as the whole Lido complex is a joy to see amongst the motorways and there used to be a lovely walk around the Lido estate.”

“I am an OAP living out at Waterlooville and haven't visited the Lido since living in Hilsea many years ago mainly because it has deteriorated so much. Restore it to its former glory and I would look forward to using it again.”

“We need our pool.”

“Portsmouth does not want to lose its Lido. I live in Waterlooville and gladly travel to use the Lido. If the Lido was more presentable and supervised better it would attract more custom.”

“The Lido is and always has been a part of Portsmouth – to lose it would be terrible. It is in a perfect spot for people the north end of the city and as the Pyramids is due to close in March we need it and I expect the Mountbatten pool will be too expensive when it opens.”

“At the moment the Lido is a meeting place for ‘louts’. Control is needed over behaviour and language. More people would use the Lido if this could be controlled.”

“I am in favour of this important resource being subsidized by the Council if necessary.”

“This pool is in a climate that most of the year is cold, too cold for a large open pool. It needs covering against the elements or a retractable roof and the water heated to a comfortable temperature. Best of luck.”

“Oh dear I am a Hilsea Girl (Wood Estate 1940, 50 and 63) and would love to see the whole area upgraded including the pool area which we all used a lot but, and a great big but, if it is feasible in today's world. Sorry but we did at least reply.”

“I developed asthma in my 40s and I think this may have been caused by regularly swimming in chlorinated indoor pools. I no longer swim in indoor pools and my asthma is much improved. I am concerned about the health effects of indoor chlorinated pools. Thank you. I used Gosport Lido as a child. We stayed in there for the whole day – ‘can't do that with indoor pools.’”

“I feel more could be done to the pool itself such as introducing slides and a possible flume. If this were to happen along with refurbishing the pool and having fast food convenience stands people would not mind paying £5 to stay all day. My opinion is that the large pool would benefit greatly from these changes and the all of question 5 could be introduced at a later stage when the pool is more established.”

"The Lido is vital to all the people of Portsmouth, Havant, Waterlooville. My family have used the Lido since 1939."

"I decline to reply as my reply would be libellous towards Portsmouth City Council."

"I hope we are successful in being able to keep Hilsea Lido open. I remember spending most of my school holidays down there in the 60's."

"Since coming to Portsmouth in 1958 the Lido has been used by the people who live in the north of Portsmouth and it saves travelling out to Southsea. The little pool is always full so we must keep the Lido open and still in use."

"This area has lost and continues to lose so many land marks/facilities and open spaces. I think it is vitally important to hold on to and retain the little that is left."

"My mother used to take me when I was little. My kids also went, now they take their kids there. There is nothing for the kids at Paulsgrove as there are a lot of low income families so please don't take the Lido from us."

"1) Lidos are part of our heritage and should be kept.

2) With Global warming they can be kept open for a much longer season.

3) Lidos are a nice halfway stage between indoor pools and the sea."

"Has any City Councillor looked at the view – from a bus? The water, the tree lined banks, the BRIDGE - MONET. I drew a friend's attention to it recently and she said "Monet!" also. I do not use the pool but would come as an outing to a pleasure spot if there were a nice café and shelter from sun and wind."

"Hilsea Lido should be a magnet once developed, for the people of Portsmouth. Thanks to the local Council it is not! Many thanks to Jane Smith for this questionnaire and her time!"

"These changes would attract many people who cannot get to the sea."

"The Lido was a good place to go in my youth some 70-75 years ago. There were boats on the moat and a small children's railway ran from the Lido entrance west and around the corner some way. Tennis and putting took place and the general environs were well kept. It was a happy place for the people of north Portsmouth."

"Please do not allow another part of our history to be taken away from us and demolished, lost forever. It is public property."

"I used the Lido a lot as a child, my grandchildren use it now and I would not like it to close."

"Keep it open."

"My children have grown up but the people of Paulsgrove and surrounding areas need somewhere for the children to go in the holidays. Bus fares cost enough for kids so the least the Lido can charge the better. The money would be spent on refreshments instead of entrance fees so the Lido would still reap in money."

"50p would be reasonable."

"Myself and my children have always used the Lido every year as it is a family outing day."

"This is currently a wanted resource which should be saved. However, to do so it needs to be commercially viable so maybe if flumes were added or another attraction alongside."

"You can't shut this pool, its part of Portsmouth."

"Have the diving board back."

"Please keep it going. Needs to be given some T.L.C. and maintained more. Haven't used it much but value it and is the best value swim pool for toddlers in the city."

"If Portsmouth City Council decide to close the Lido they would be out of order because a lot of people like me who live in the north of the city rely on it. Also people who are on a low income rely on it for a place of recreation."

"I think £4 for an adult is fair but £5 is over priced."

"It is a shame because if the Lido closes there will be nowhere for the children of Portsmouth to go and have a swim because they're going to close the Pyramids in Southsea to build a new swimming pool in the Mountbatten Centre but what good is that going to do? Nothing at all."

"Please keep it open."

"A better upgrade of all the amenities are needed. It needs to be made cleaner. Maybe chop surrounding trees down as this makes a lot of debris on floors and in pool. The toilets are disgusting so needs to be a priority. Better management needs to be put into place. No smoking or drinking of alcohol either."

"Is there any way to enclose i.e. roof to be installed (sliding) to ensure swimming to be available during the colder months?"

"I don't think it should be shut down. It needs work doing on it, then more people would use it."

"Lifeguards. Community police."

"The Lido needs a closed in pool so that it can be used all year round to make money. It's not going to make money only in the summer."

"A family amenity for years, should be kept for future generations."

"It is the only place in Cosham to take children to. To take them to Southsea is too expensive (bus fares) also it is too far for children to walk to Mountbatten Centre and the buses are a very poor service. I would also like it to remain as it's where I learned to swim in 1938 so it's been a part of my life."

"The northern part of the city has nothing except Hilsea Lido. We must keep it as people from this area cannot afford the bus fares into Portsmouth."

"Bring back the boats, putting green, tennis courts, skating park."

"I would just like people who have their brains in their bottom drawer to stop trying to ruin everything they see. Some people for years have enjoyed the Hilsea Lido. They are fed up with idiots trying to make changes for the sake of something to do, so they can say they are earning their money."

"Please keep the Lido. We need facilities in the north of the city."

"I think the main pool should be made available all year round with a roof etc. There are very few sports facilities available to residents in Cosham, Paulsgrove, Portchester area."

"I use the Blue Lagoon. A great building and 'happy'! This Lido has been allowed to fall apart. The Council is so short sighted. Look at Bexhill On Sea! Sorry I don't use the pool, I'm a bit old now, us all did when we were younger. The Lido and area is a beautiful place (bring back the train!)."

"Needs to be saved and used by more people."

"Hilsea Lido should never be allowed to close. It saves people from surrounding areas travelling to Southsea beach. All children like the Lido."

"More people would use the Lido if opened more often and better facilities available."

"Save the Lido. Kids don't have much to do in Pompey."

"I don't like it. I have never been there before. I am 13. Hello."

"The pool to be open for use for parties at Blue Lagoon if it was wished with a time limit due to any drinking."

"Don't get rid of something that brings so much enjoyment to an area that really needs it. Above all the children need it."

"It should be a good pool if it was what everybody wants."

"Keep it open."

"If PCC had actually spent a little money maintaining the pool it would be making a profit."

"Keep the Lido open!"

"It would be a shame to close it as it is used by many families and a nice day out in the sun. Used by many families at affordable rates. Not many places left around that don't cost the earth."

"In recent years I have enjoyed the splash pool with my young children. The last two years the toilets have been so disgusting that I have not visited the pool at all. This is a real shame as the children and myself used to have great times there. I would willingly pay a charge to use this free pool if it meant the upkeep of the toilets made them useable and again a place to visit. It is not much use having a free splash pool when it is not useable. I would rather pay and go elsewhere."

"Make it happen for this great city."

"It would be a great pity if another Lido in the UK were to be lost. Apart from its obvious attractions aren't we attempting to increase the health of kids?"

"It would be a great shame to lose this. I loved it when I was a child. I think the pool should be improved to attract more customers."

"To increase entrance and parking would push families away one or the other. The Lido has great value to the community. It would be a shame to see another local feature disappear, like everything else."

"Keep it open. Fatty."

"Get the boats back, make use of the green opposite."

"Keep the Lido open please. I and my children spent many happy days there."

"Keep it open."

"Keep it open. Don't close it."

"Please save this pool."

"Its about time they did a special roof making outdoor as well as indoor pool. There's nothing outer city in walking distance. Could be a gold mine with entertainment. Lovely Lido, feature of Portsmouth."

"Don't get rid of it a lot of kids have used it in the past & still do."

"I am a grandmother. I took my children there and grandchildren. Wonderful time. I hope they update it. It is needed."

"I went to the Lido with my family as a child and have lots of happy memories from there so lets hope more familys can do the same in the future."

"Do not close it."

"Keep it open."

"Keep HIlsea Lido!"

"Thank you for taking the time to do this questionnaire @ Asda."

"I have taken my 3 older children 24, 21 and 18 and now I take my 3 & 2 year old. It would be so sad to lose this facility."

"We should do as much as possible for the lido as it is great for the kids and a lovely day out which doesn't cost the earth."

"It would be a shame to let yet another Portsmouth landmark disappear. We have to keep it ours!"

"We love the Lido! Portsmouth's 1st tourist attraction?"

"Seating."

"Keep it open!"

"Keep it open."

"It is a unique and highly needed facility – so much better than an indoor pool – in a neglected part of the City where swimming facilities otherwise do not exist. It is a lovely place, especially for families. Families need catering for in safe, pleasant, healthy, outdoor facilities which do not cost an arm and a leg. Some free sessions would generate good will and help people."

"It shouldn't close down!"

"I enjoyed many summers with my family @ the Lido & would love to share it with my children. It would be a shame to close. I think if it was 'tarted' up then people wouldn't mind paying to spend their days there! As it looks @ the mo, I wouldn't pay 'a lot' to go there!"

"Could do with being covered & heated for winter & bad weather use which in this country is sensible & would be used more."

"Keep it open. It's the only outdoor pool for miles."

"This Lido is part of Portsmouth. We have lost far too many places already. Lets not lose this one!!"

"Its Portsmouth heritage. Don't lose it."

"As stated a good baby change would be appreciated. A legend of a pool. I took my first swim there 29 years ago. (Long live the Lido)"

"The Lido has become legendary and most local people would be more than happy to be accomodating to any changes made!"

"Forming a group of Lido enthusiasts, calling them something like 'Friends of the Lido' would enable them, in a controlled way, to bring to bear their own supportive and cost-free labour, skills, materials and so on, possibly then making the Lido self-supporting. Encourage also the return of as many of the original other amenities like boating, tennis courts etc."

"About time someone started thinking about the people of Portsmouth and outlying areas as I don't think the Council of Portsmouth do."

"Do not agree with lanes distance swimming because they will be to do that in Mountbatten Centre because they will come from all over to train for competitive swimming."

"Reinstate the train & boating lake."

"Bring back the train & make water area a feature egg boats etc."

"I used Hilsea all the time as a child. I had my photo taken by The News 1952 at Hilsea Lido. Inform PCC that the Lido belongs to the people and not PCC."

"Please do all you can to save the Lido. Kids depend on it. There's not much else around for them to do."

"None of these ideas will work without restoring the salt water supply from Hilsea Creek and the resulting warm swim."

"In the "old days" it was such a fun day to enjoy, both with families and on my own. Roll on the restoration."

"The whole area needs cleaning & tidying up!! Boating Lake back up and running."

"I was born in Portsmouth and spent most of my teenage years at the Lido. I would hate to see this lost to the youngsters of today."

"Keep the Lido open."

"I bathed in both pools as a child & loved it. I now take my own children to the little pool and will take them to the big pool when they are older. There needs to be shade in the little pool area please."

"More shaded areas but this is an ideal location to take children for a healthy day out."

*"Free car parking at off peak time egg 7pm-9.30pm & 7.30am-9.30am at least.
A lifeguard/supervisor to prevent unruly behaviour.
Women only sessions for swimming.
Pool covered by CCTV cameras for safety."*

*A bicycle shed to lock bikes up in safely.
Someone to keep lido tidy of litter.
More litter bins to keep Lido tidy.
A pool attendant to help anyone in need.”*

“To many amenities are lost and not replaced.”

*“Hydrotherapy section for treatment programmes.
Facilities for disabled communities.
Sport clubs to use pool for training.
Many more potentials!
Restore skating rink for winter and Christmas Fayres!”*

“The Hilsea Lido was wonderful for me as a child in the 60s\70s. I would like it to be wonderful for my daughter now. When I last went there it had bouncers everywhere with barbed wire at the turnstile. All the lockers had been vandalised and fortunately I could give my keys to the lifeguards for safe keeping. I was really impressed with the number of lifeguards there. The location is wonderful. Get it back to its former self. We deserve it. It is our heritage.”

“It would be a great loss if it closed. Local people would be very unhappy.”

“Need to ensure appropriate level of staffing so that people will feel safe. Will also benefit from more publicity.”

“This building/pool needs a roof for bad weather – able to open in good weather.”

“There are to many landmarks going. Lets see some of the old being restored to its glory.”

“Family tickets.”

“Please keep it open.”

“Increased opening hours. Lifeguards available.”

“Keep it open!”

“Diving boards – no where in Portsmouth for children to learn to dive. Opportunities for young people in north end of Portsmouth area to practice swimming.”

“Cover & use all year.”

“Just like to have it kept open, improved for my grandchildren.”

“The whole complex must be revamped, money spent to bring up to 21st Century.”

“It would be a shame to close it down.”

“Would be ideal to include first aid.”

“Put the diving board back. We feel most strongly about this issue.”

“Put a roof on so to have ice skating in winter and swimming in summer + ice shows in winter.”

“We need this pool for residents living in the north of the city.”

“Don’t let another part of Portsmouth’s heritage be lost.”

"This is a facility which Portsmouth cannot afford to lose."

"My family and I have used the Lido in past years many times both as a child myself & with my grandchildren."

"I feel that the Lido should be kept open as there are no other facilities in Portsmouth for the youngsters."

"Essential to keep a valuable asset – other Lido have done so why not Portsmouth."

"Needs to be promoted and marketed with some new selling points."

"Spend money on this facility which has had its budget cut each year by City Council. Residents also want something in north of city and not at Gunwharf."

"Would like to think that the Lido area becomes a family fun area – especially as the Pyramids is closing."

"Please do not close the Lido – Portsmouth Council spend some money on this and make it an enjoyable place to visit – as it once was!"

"Please get rid of it!"

"Lockers should be a good size."

"I would not in any way to see it closed at all know it since I was a child when everything was kept so nice all the surroundings."

"The pool its self to be cleaned out thoroughly and often and changing facilities to be cleaned thoroughly, checked often and cleaned often!!!!"

"Raise standard."

"This is an ideal facility to keep children occupied & out of trouble. Portsmouth is surrounded by water a surprising number of residents are unable to swim!"

"Cover pool to use 100% all year, children's school sessions at good reduced rate per season. "

"Think the swimming pool should be covered (roof)."

"Need heated water."

"It is a structure of historic + social significance as well as a needed amenity that would add to improving the character of Portsmouth as being generally undertaken with renovation & new developments."

"Hilsea Lido is a crucial civic amenity for the north of the city. Lido's are resurfacing as useful, fun, healthy venues around the country (i.e. Brighton, N. London). Portsmouth can be seen as a modern & forward thinking city if the Lido is saved. I vote to keep it! PLEASE."

"To be successful surely the pool should be open from Easter to October! People would not have to trek through to Southsea."

"Local people using this faciilty would be willing to pay more money for upgrading and to keep it open. There is very little leisure parks etc. in the north of Portsmouth the Lido area should be brought back to life."

*“*Public social events; ie dances on a similar way to those formerly held at the Lido.*

**Link it in with Halsea Lines.*

**Renovate rose gardens & boating area around the Lido.”*

“I would like to see the Lido as I remember when I was 16. 1981. Thank you.”

“Make it an all year round pool i.e. put a roof over for winter.”

“Splash pool is great asset & sand area also.”

“Should be kept open with tennis courts, children’s train, swimming pools – adults & children, café, restaurants, boating lake. Small charge for entering the whole complex. Essential for people living in the north of the city. Could be profitable in private hands.”

“Please keep the splash pool!”

“Very important to people living in the north of Portsmouth.”

“We need to keep this open & restore it to its former glory. Make it lively and a great day out!”

“This is a valuable amenity, esp. to families with young children and little money. As a single parent it was a lifesaver to me in sch. Holidays when I on benefits and had to use public transport, a viable day out with kids.”

“Although retired I have grandchildren visiting it would be lovely to have this facility. Having just moved back a year ago please lets have this city back to something like when I was here as a child why keep closing everything that works.”

“Memories of outdoor swimming in the summer stay with you all your life. Many fun times.”

“It is criminal to close this facility it is shortsighted, the people of Portsmouth are losing every leisure facility and the council dont give a damn. Roll on the elections.”

“I went to the Lido before 1938. Why change a good idea.”

“I think the pool should be renovated and cherished. Something is needed north of the city especially for youngsters.”

“Useful amenity for the area, needs to proper staffing levels.”

“Lido is crap. I would like it to be a theme park.”

“I think we should refurbish the existing layout of the Lido. Put it back to its former glory!”

“It would be great to have it back as it was when I was a teenager. It was great!”

“Put back to how it used to be.”

“As the Lido is central for Purbrook, Paulsgrove, Cosham, Drayton, North End it is an ideal sight Could a big car park be built in part of the Creek and a cover put open/shut for summer winter over pool. We have not got a leisure pool only in Portsmouth.”

“Outdoor pools are quite unique this should be a big selling point.”

“Children need to have somewhere to meet up with friends to learn how to socilaize in the way the community would except.”

"Its crying shame that they havent kept the pool open, its great for the people to go. I used to go in my youth and it was always full. Dont pull it down."

"The Lido as it was, was a Local Community Pool & Leisure Area. If reinstated in the same sort of format but enclosing it could be used all year round. Transport would be easily obtainable. It is close enough for surrounding areas to reach. Developers GET IN."

*"add water slides/water shoots.
inflatable sessions one day a week."*

"I think the Lido should have a roof put on it I take my children there every year it would be a shame to shut it waterslides/shoots Inflatable sessions once a week."

"Make it very obvious how people can get there in bus, train + maybe do deals eg take train or bus get 40% off joint ticket like the hovercraft does with the ice rink. A family wants a reasonable priced day out – not to feel like all extras cost + cost + cost."

"I feel this is a vital part of North Portsmouth. Is a valuable amenity for school holidays & children 12 – 16."

"Keep the price reasonable and people will come – family 2 + 2 say £10 all found? Or is that too cheap."

"Keep the Lido open."

"A train (mini) from Portsmouth along shore line to pool + Mountbatten Centre like Gunwharf to Southsea (chargeable but not to much). Skittle place near by. People like fun Try a mechanical bull ride."

"Other Lidos in the country have been restored and are well used. It has a different atmosphere from Olympic pools, indoor pools & the Mountbatten Centre. Who restored these and how were they financed?"

"Top rate facilities please for swimming, other facilities i.e. sauna, steam & Jacuzzi 5 star hotel on site & other water sports i.e. canoeing, jet skis, water skiing, paragliding etc. into Tipner Lake!"

"Having spent most of my childhood at Hilsea Lido I feel it would be ashame to lose this facility. "Bring back the diving board"!!!

"Please keep it open"

"I think any outdoor facilities go to aid healthy wellbeing + exercise is good & enhances the prestige of city & its residents plus visitors"

*"I want to save the Lido
It's a good swimming place"*

"Roof it"

"Shade for paddling pool."

"Please keep it open for people over the hill to come who cannot afford to go all the way to S/sea"

"We live just two minutes away and use the small lido and would use the large pool if maintained and there was events and fun events. The Lido would benefit a skate park or ice skating also."

“Bring back Entrance to Lido so people can see its there.”

“It must be kept up and running.”

“Could be covered over in winter time & heated for use all year round automatic roof costly at first but pool lido would make in long run.”

“I understand it has to pay its way, but I don’t want to see it become totally commercial. I think the council has deliberately let it run down. It should be seen as an asset and the council should help in its running costs.”

“Should be kept open for people living that side of Cosham etc no developing NO NO NO.”

“I feel car parking charges might be a deterrent. “

“Sliding roof so it could be used all year”

“The whole area of the Lido is in need of refurbishment especially footpaths along top of casemates which are getting dangerous”

“During school times not holidays, it should be used only for nudist to keep beach clear for tourists”

“Keep the pool – copy Brockwell park Lido in London.”

“If the council can waste our money on cycle paths etc. surely for northern parts of the city such facilities are urgently required.”

“Don’t shut it!”

“Boating reinstated.”

“It is a very good facility for the children of Portsmouth. What else have they got in the summer?”

“Cover the area for all year use”

“Just don’t close pools, I grew up going my children & now my grandchildren”

“The council has allowed the main pool to go into disrepair on purpose. As far as I know, this is the first time we’ve (public) have had a say. The Lido was lovely when I was a child. Would be good to see it back to how it was!!”

“Parking available.”

“Room to have sex in?”

“So sad its closing I used to go when I was a child and then took my children and grandchildren. We used to spend all our summer there, weather permitting. Thank you.”

“Adult only skinny dipping sessions after the watershed of 9pm.”

“Please keep this pool open.”

“Why not a cover over and heated for use all year round”

“1) Sports facilities – Tennis Courts, Bowling Green.

- 2) *Rowing boats returned.*
- 3) *Green Spaces – Gardens*
- 4) *Toilets.*
- 5) *Security CCTV etc.*
- 6) *Ride on train”*

*“Row boats_for adults and children (used to have)
Bowling (used to have).
Mend wood bridge.
Train (used to have)
Fairs”*

“Reinstate the slide & high diving platforms”

“More picnic tables etc.”

*“More benches & tables for picnics.
Possible BBQ area for hire.
Evening pool parties with music.
Childrens parties and cattering”*

“Have more lifeguards and security to stop bullying and younger children being safe such as security armbands for toddlers.”

“General improvement this pool is so needed We used as children Our family use it It’s a treasure Please do not ever close it. It should have a preservation order on it tap up the Lottery.”

“Line the outside of pool area with playground type rubber surface. Provide some cover round the pool in case of showers. PAINT IT. Get rid of weeds!”

“Clean up the whole area of the Lido itself”

“I think you should keep the pool open because it would keep teenagers out of trouble and would be very fun! Also everything is getting run down.”

“Use of the pool all year round.”

“You should keep the Lido open 4 these reasons –

- 1. It is history*
- 2. Keeps us kids out of trouble*
- 3. Because it needs to stay!!”*

“All year round pool with opening roof.”

“This is part of Portsmouth’s history – I went there as a small child. We must save it.”

“Its our history save Hilsea Lido”

“Please keep Portsmouth as it was for residents to enjoy.”

“A nice restaurant, if spending the whole day. Spend money on it and advertise.”

*“Why no real food mentioned?veggie/saled etc.
All amenities ie: loungers – seats should be free.
A venue for live bands – licenced bar.
Private hire of complex.”*

“Bring back the boats/canoes.

*Introduce a band stand.
Improve flower beds.
Small scale activities.”*

“Make more use of Blue Lagoon & use the green area & boats on lake”

“I’ve been going to the Lido for 31 years now with small grandchildren I would like to see some shaded areas in the paddling pool part.”

“This would be a fantastic community resource as well as attracting visitors.”

“It must be keep open specially for the people in the North of the City”

“It would be a huge shame to loose this facility. A refurb and new ideas would see a lot more attraction to the Lido. Its great for both children and adults.”

“Let’s keep the Lido going”

“Shade for the children in the splash pool.”

“This facility needs redevelopment to encourage older people to use it. Better security, refreshment facilities, decent seating/loungers. A club type facility to hold functions would be an asset.”

“Bring back the roller skating rink.”

“I would like to see boats on the water & crazy golf & tennis courts, roller skates & a train.”

“Paddle boats in water Tennis courts crazy golf roller skates & a train for the children”

“Train for children”

“Keep Portsmouth for residence to enjoy. How about a bar?”

“The Lido should be kept for all residents to enjoy.”

“The free children’s pool is excellent but shade would be useful here.”

“Do not close down the main pool.”

“The main problem is accessibility. More opening times.”

“More leisure facilities - for young children 10-16.

” ” ” - for O.A.P.s

Security

Blue Lagoon – more interest for all & leisure during winter months.”

“Time to preserve some of our local heritage, my kids and now grandchildren are missing out on their local history.”

“To keep the Lido cheaper so younger people can afford to go there instead of dearer places such as Pyramids and the fair.”

“It’s a really valuable asset and with a little money could be well used. There are too few swimming facilities in the Portsmouth area.”

“Keep Lido! Clean up site. Refreshments. Toilets – good ones! Bandstand, walks, disabled access, dancing to watch.”

“1) I would be willing to pay car parking charges but not for the whole day – e.g. 50p per session/hour.

2) I would prefer to see any refreshment facilities include healthy options, not just fast food.”

“Good luck.r”

“Whilst we are not users of the Pool facilities we do use the Restaurant on a regular basis ie every Tuesday for 50 weeks of the year. We have used this facility over the last 16/18 years and would be sorry to see it closed and/ or drastically altered. In fact we have partitioned the Council on this matter over a number of years as suggestions of various modifications have been proposed. We have also been represented at a number of public meetings that have been held in recent times. Thus you can see that with others who meet there on a regular basis there is a strong desire to maintain it use.

There are few such facilities available this end of the City, in fact the City as a whole lacks meeting places with a reasonably priced Restaurant and car parking available. The four Rotary Clubs within the City suffer from the same problem and we know other organisations experience similar problems. As a result any move away from the status quo would be of deep concern.

We appreciate that car parking is a problem during the Summer months particularly in August. However, both we and the public sort ourselves out in a satisfactory way. The use of the ground behind the Restaurant was denied to both parties this August with out explanation? This was overcome with some difficulty. Any change in the cost structure would be of considerable concern particularly if we were asked to pay an uneconomical cost for lunches / evening meals, plus car parking.

I hope you will find these comments of interest and perhaps you would be kind enough to keep me informed of any developments as the result of your useful survey.”

“Facilities could be provided for possibly a gym/trampoline for younger people.”

“As a non-swimmer & with bad experiences whilst learning to swim I would not actually use the Lido. Another memory is that the water was always, always cold.”

“Put a roof on it!”

“Just keep it open. The kids don’t have enough places to go now.”

“Its has taken a long time to sort this area out and really its about time something was done. This is really a lovely place for the people and children of Portsmouth.”

“Its about time something was done for the people of Portsmouth, also for visitors. The Lido would be beautiful to be revamped as its in a lovely setting.”

“As per many other Lidos that survive today the whole place could quite likely be far better run by enthusiastic and well-organised volunteer supporters rather than by operating companies or council officers for whom it is only ever going to be no more than just a job.”

“Yes to nearly every question. The Lido as such should be kept open to all.”