Results of the January 2011 opinion survey on the draft proposal for the Tropicana
Introduction

This report presents the results of a survey of residents. The survey asked about the draft proposal for the Tropicana site, submitted by Nightingale group in January 2011.

The survey ran on the council website from 0900 25 January to midnight on 30 January 2011. Respondents could also participate by pen-and-paper at a one day exhibition of the proposals on 28 January in the Sovereign Centre shopping centre in Weston-super-Mare. A link to the online survey was sent to the North Somerset Citizens’ Panel and to those registered for consultation alerts on the council’s e-consult system (http://consult.n-somerset.gov.uk/consult.ti).

The survey was anonymous. The questionnaire is provided at Appendix A. For more information about this survey or report, contact

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1. The sample

There were 957 responses to this survey. 73 of these were incomplete and so (as per the instructions accompanying the questionnaire) are not included in this analysis. This leaves an effective sample size of 884 survey responses. 689 responses (78% of the total) were by pen-and-paper, done at the Sovereign Centre. 195 responses were done online.

The sample is far from representative of the adult population of North Somerset, as may be expected from the survey design.

61% of the sample are 60 or older (compared to around 34% of the adult population\(^1\)). One in three survey respondents were in their 60s.

The percentage of disabled respondents at 8% is far lower than the 21% of the adult population who are disabled. This is despite the older-than-average age profile of the sample, among whom one would expect higher levels of disability.

Fig 1.

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\(^1\) All population data Crown Copyright, courtesy of the Office of National Statistics, based on most recent Mid-year Estimates (MYE) available (see chart titles for details). Adult population here means the population aged 16 or over.
The sample is disproportionately drawn from Weston-super-Mare. 61% of respondents are from ‘Weston-super-Mare or Worle postcodes’ versus about 38% of the adult population. Note that this is a rough comparison of area-populations².

About half of the 37% of the sample from ‘other areas’, meaning other than the four main towns, come from villages surrounding Weston-super-Mare (e.g. Locking, Kewstoke). The balance comes from other areas of North Somerset. Less than 20 responses were from people living outside North Somerset.

Fig 2.

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² Population data is based on population of wards (any ward with Weston-super-Mare in its name). Sample data is based on population of postcode sectors roughly grouped into comparable areas. So the Weston-super-Mare/Worle category includes postcode sectors BS23 1, 2, 3 and 4 and BS22 6, 7 and 8.
2. Main results

2.1. Balance of facilities in the proposed swimming pool

93% think that the swimming pool, as portrayed in the draft proposal, has the right balance of facilities (lane swimming versus other activities e.g. fun swimming)

Fig 3.

Does the design have the right balance of facilities (lane swimming versus other activities e.g. fun swimming)?
(% of valid responses n=884)

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The 14 respondents from Portishead or Clevedon showed lower levels of ‘yes’ answers (though a majority still answered yes).

75 respondents of the total of 884 consider themselves to be a disabled person. They are no more or less likely to agree that the pool has the right balance of facilities.

30 to 60 year olds were slightly less likely to agree, though the level of agreement among this group is still 90%.

2.2. ‘Other elements’ of the proposal

The core features of the development, specified to bidders by the council were that the development should:

- include a leisure/swimming pool to be open for use by the general public on a casual basis and have a minimum water area of 450 square metres
- be developed within the existing site boundary
- be economically sustainable, without additional contributions from the local taxpayer.
However, in addition, the developer was free to propose 'other elements' (e.g. a mix of residential, retail) in their draft proposal. These other elements include the revenue-generating facilities which would be needed to ensure the development's financial sustainability (e.g. cinema).

89% of respondents think that the 'other elements' in the draft proposal are a positive addition to the local area.

3. Summary of comments and suggestions

Respondents were asked:

Looking at the draft proposal is there anything that....

- needs adding or taking away from it?
- the proposed developer or council should consider?

Please focus on the draft proposal rather than the proposed developer, the council or the development process. This is so the information we collect here can be realistically covered in discussions with the proposed developer.

The response was free text. There was a word limit to responses of 650 characters (about 100 words). 569 respondents said something here. These verbatim responses have been sorted into some categories depending on the main topic of the response, and Fig 5 shows the
distribution of responses according to these categories. This sorting is necessarily subjective. Many respondents raised more than one point, giving a total of 686 ‘points made’. This 686 is the base for Fig 5.

So, by far the most common point, accounting for 42% of the points made, was generally supportive of the proposal, often including exhortation to the council to facilitate this proposal and hurry up.

Fig 5.

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<th>General suggestions about the draft proposal</th>
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<td>Benefits for teens, families</td>
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The next most commonly–mentioned point was concern about the commercial, revenue-raising aspects of the proposal, accounting for 13% of responses. A related category is the 7% of comments about the impact of the proposal on other local businesses, mainly expressing concern.

4. Verbatim comments and suggestions

This section presents the full free text responses to the open question summarised in Section 3. Here the comments are presented sorted into the categories seen in Fig 5. Any given response can include more than one point. To avoid duplication of the same response, each response is allocated to one category. So if a response raises issues A and B it is only presented once below (more-or-less arbitrarily under issue A or B).

Responses have been edited to correct obvious spelling/grammatical errors. Removal of personal details and other editorial inserts are shown by square brackets.
4.1. Generally supportive, and hurry up (265 respondents)

Excellent proposal. Permission should be granted ASAP. Holiday businesses and families living in Weston are all looking forward to this project being developed. It will be a great asset to the town. Thank goodness Richard Nightingale is still happy to pro [cuts off]

Some form of dance/exercise studios would be great - salsa/zumba dancing whilst looking over the sea. Please ensure Richard Nightingale gets the go-ahead as soon as possible! Spa area/steam rooms etc would also be brilliant.

We wish this to go ahead.

Go ahead with it.

I accept that a large build like this can't be done based on £3.50 admission fees. This, I think is the best all round proposal. We have waited 10 years. We need something new. Hopefully you can just get approval and funding - then build it.

Ensure new build is solely on the existing footprint, i.e. existing promenade and beach lawns remain intact. Cars can be parked as now on the sands (income for the council) or consider a park and ride scheme from the airport area. Otherwise 100% behind prop [cuts off]

Everything seems to reflect the needs to bring more tourism to Weston. The new Pier has already given Weston a huge boost. The sooner this development is given the go ahead the better. Great Idea.

Come on Weston ‘forever forward’.

It is about time this eyesore was developed. This is a great proposal. Let’s hope the Council gives it their full support rather than reject it, leaving this sight to become an eyesore for years to come.

Speed is of the essence. This has gone on too long and failed too many times to allow it to stall again.

All good.

Please just get on with it!! We really need this, NOW.

Stop wasting time and get this built, everything looks O.K to me.

Very happy with draft proposal, - just want it built as soon as possible! GET ON WITH IT NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL. Listen to your electorate and ACT.

Avoid over privatisation of hotel accommodation. - Hoteliers in W-s-M don't need that competition for business. Swimming must be the priority. - Year round, affordable. Surely the sooner the better.

No, seems well balanced.

Let the developer get on and build it and try to assist him!

Quite happy with the whole proposal, just get on with it and make this town even better.

No the mix is just right

Very much likes the plan, hope it happens soon

For the sake of Weston's tourist industry this proposal should be built as rapidly as possible. Although I am retired I have 3 grandchildren who stay in the holidays and they need this facility badly.

I am very taken with the plans as shown and feel they would be a great asset to Weston.
The plan shown are very comprehensive and attractive in both the facilities they offer and the structure of the building and would be a great incentive for local people and visitors alike to visit the town sea front.

I think the proposal is fantastic. Please make sure that local deprived children have access re prices thinking of foster children. Local people being employed.

It is better than what we had before

The proposal has everything that Weston needs. Maybe a tourist info kiosk could be incorporated.

Where is car parking facilities? It looks great. Lets hope it gets the big go ahead.

Happy with everything as it is. The sooner it is done the better.

No I believe that Richard Nightingale has got the right balance

Proposal seems excellent.

The proposal set out seems excellent.

No just get something done!

Just get on with it PLEASE!!

The proposals are excellent and just what Weston needs. Please give Mr Nightingale permission to proceed forthwith.

The Council should move this along rather than sitting and waiting for Weston to Rot! This plan is amazing and the sooner it gets the go ahead the better. I am a Weston resident and born in Weston! Please listen to us!!

Mighty big improvement

Having lived here all my life, it's time someone got on with it and why not Nightingales?

I think it is time Mr Nightingale had the job

I think Mr Nightingale has Weston-super-Mare's interests at heart! Please think about locals and not make it to expensive

Stop pussyfooting and get on with it. Start a tram service

No excellent draft proposal just get on with it. [Councillor] has delayed this for far too long

The proposal is fantastic! We might live in a Victorian Town but we must move forward and away from Victorian thinking

Nothing needs adding

Use local businessman to get the job done. We have the Pier, now we want the swimming pool

This is an excellent proposal. Get on with it we have awaited long enough

All looks brilliant will be a great asset to W-s-M. The Tropicana has been missed

About time Nightingale got the go ahead. Everyone in Weston is fed up with the state of the Tropicana. We need to see it redeveloped and for Weston to move into the 21st century. Come on council, get your act together.

Well done to Mr Nightingale for goodness sake, stop messing, he's doing what the people of all ages in Weston want.

I feel the balance of the draft proposals to be included in the site are right. However I feel the major problem is the time the COUNCIL IS TAKING" to make a final decision? Surely there must be a way to "fast track" these decisions? "The young children o [cuts off]
Get on with it

Good "all-round" facilities - appears to have something for everyone.

OK

I would like to see the old frontage kept but everything else looks very nice. Let Nightingale get on with it before it is too late

I would think that this proposal meets all Weston's requirements

Meets all our requirements

Just do something. Leaving it as is, is not a realistic option. Give him 2 years to do it and see how he does

Get it started ASAP

Please just get on with it! We need another pool in Weston. Anything else is a bonus. Lane swimming must be available. Tourists also need an all weather place to go.

The proposal is ok.

All leisure facilities. It is about time Mr Nightingale had the job.

Why can't Nightingale's proposal go ahead, we need his pool.

Please do not waste anymore time. Weston does need this facility.

Just hope this Council allows such a good design. Has disabled access and great for children.

We have waited long enough pull your finger out and get on with it.

We have waited long enough. Just get on with it. Award it to Mr Nightingale.

None, I believe that the proposal blends well into the environment around it. A welcome addition, if successful.

I don't think that any further residential building is needed overall a fantastic proposal, looks good and will actually give locals and tourists and Weston what they want.

I think it will be a brilliant idea to have something like that in W-s-M. I have three children, I think it would be good for kids as we need more things like this to keep children off the streets.

I think it looks perfect at the end of the day we need somewhere for the young to enjoy when visiting Weston.

Looks perfect to me. Plenty of swimming and water play areas.

Please let this be the one!! Perfect for Weston and tourism.

Excellent just get on with it.

It is what this town needs. Perfect.

It's a perfect vision of what can be done. The whole town should support this. The town needs it.

More than satisfied with draft proposed. The sooner this gets going the better.

No comments but please give Mr Nightingale the go ahead to transform a building that is fast becoming an eye sore. This will be the boost Weston needs.

I think the proposal is very good. And is needed in Weston.

It will compliment the pier and give the seafront a real boost.

Keep to proposed plan
The design is really nice. It is about time Weston had this instead of the Council rejecting
Looks good and very appropriate for the sea front - just what we need
I think the design is good. Just hope this council realises at last that this is what the public wants
Yes, just let the Nightingale's get on with the work, as soon as possible
Balance seems very good
Develop the site as proposed. Sooner rather than later. The town has waited long enough for
this site to be developed.
All positive
Just get on with it!
They should consider what the large majority of people in Weston want!!! A pool.
So long as it's got a pool, it is what we need
This would enhance the seafront and spread interest along the seafront.
Nothing added it is excellent as it is for future generations
Just build it now, with the recession Weston needs the Tropicana.
I think it looks super great for Weston and the Country
Visually excellent on the seafront
The Council should consider that this is something that W-s-M needs and the draft proposal is
first class
Brilliant project
It's about time, as Weston needs something like this.
Looks good as it is proposed, please build it now.
Please bring back super to Weston-s-Mare
Looks like it will be great for the community, good luck.
First off, well done for giving this a go, we need this. 2 - More lane swimming - more connected.
3- Outdoor swimming pool would be nice if it was more than just a kiddy paddling pool. 4- Best of luck.
As long as there are swimming facilities I think it is fine.
I would support the proposals in full
The draft is fine
Please take account of local opinions - this project has been too long in resolvement.
Nightingale proposals meet all needs and compliment the re-build of the pier etc. Residential
NOT required or desirable
Get it built, I wish you luck
Exactly what Weston needs
Can't wait for it to be redeveloped. Good looking building, get on with it no more talking
Long overdue proposal that innovative
Think it is very good. Weston needs a fun pool/lazy rides and flume for its residents. Ice rink
good idea too something different for the weekend and bored teenagers
Looks to have it all. Cannot come soon enough!
For god sake get it built this time.
Please get it through planning ASAP
It looks great. Well done and good luck.
I think it a positive venture and Weston will benefit from it.
Not sure about cinema. Council please accept this scheme!
Fantastic - a much needed facility, thank you!!
A good mix of leisure for all ages to enjoy
It's very good.
I think this is a fantastic addition to this town and is exactly what we need!
No. Just pass it and let it happen!
Great idea, do it!!
Yes proposal good for the people.
Proposal much needed. Proceed at all speed.
I do hope this goes ahead.
All elements good. They are what Weston hasn't got yet e.g. Ice Skating, don't need Cinema
Think the proposal will give the town what it needs and a boost to tourism, let them get on with it NOW!
Being totally positive, this is a wonderful opportunity for Weston-s-Mare and should be started upon ASAP
I believe that this is just what we need. Having spent so much on the seafront the old Tropicana is a total eye sore.
Draft proposal looks ok.
As long as something is done than it is better than the derelict building that is there now
This appears to be a structure suited for the future of our town. Everything here is what we the rates payers of Weston have asked for!!!
Having seen past proposals this appears to be all that the people from W-s-M require. A proposal by a local business man.
Speed of completion. Population behind local man. Election coming up
We need an open air pool, cannot swim in sea
A very well balanced development, badly needed for W-s-M
Draft proposal appears to be well balanced to suit seasonal needs of holiday makers. Also year round use by local people.
We need all this for Weston about time
All excellent
I think it is really good, Weston needs it. The Council should realise the benefit it will have on the area and the income and jobs it will create.
Looking at it today it's good hurry up and get it done on behalf of all the young people of Weston. Very good!
I like the proposal the sooner we get a decent pool the better
No I agree with the design and the other facilities

Fine as it is, an excellent plan.

This is exactly the sort of proposal that is being asked for by the residents of the town and that is so desperately needed in Weston, no more procrastination!

The proposal is superb and must be implemented without delay. People of Weston are fed up with Council's dithering.

Just do it no more messing about.

Hope it goes ahead. It is what we want.

It is nice to see the development within the confines of the existing development. Let’s get on with something and complete the seafront enhancements.

There appears to be the right amount of balance with all the facilities. The Council should consider taking off their blinkers and allow a local man to get on and do the job, as did the other local man with the pier.

Open a swimming pool now not another 12 year wait.

This project is well planned and perfect to Weston-s-Mare seafront. I hope this proposal is accepted ending a long troubled saga.

Just let them get on with it - the eye sore on the seafront has been there too long.

The council should just let Mr Nightingale get on with the very pleasing and acceptable plans. We think it meets the requirements of all ages. Please, please, please no more delays

It seems fine - very good

This looks like an amazing building. And would be a huge improvement to Weston. I now NEVER use Weston for any leisure activities. Travelling to Taunton Bristol or the South East coast

Why won't the Council listen to the 'local people' this is what we want

Looks good

We waited 10+ years, get on with job. You have a local man prepared to do it, why any delay?

Please please just get something built. All designs brilliant

Just get on with it and get it back looking good, Weston needs it developed quickly. Weston Council wake up

It all looks excellent

Lets hope it won't follow the ‘Council's motto' of - "It will never happen". Fantastic project, lets go for it.

As an ex Westonian and a visitor now to Weston I think this plan is super. Myself and my relatives want to see this go ahead.

New cinema needed

All ok

It is perfect for my whole family and visitors. I have lived in Weston all my life and used the Tropicana, I love this scheme both the looks of the building and the facilities. Keeping a swimming facilities usable by locals is a must

Excellent style. Artdeco

No. Great as it is.
I think it is an excellent balance and I hope my children will be able to use it whilst they are children.

Yes we must have proposal that listed. Weston have waited long time.

I think it looks good and will be a vast improvement to the eye sore that the Tropicana has been allowed to come.

No it's what the resort has been crying out for years please just get on with it!

I think this proposal covers so many areas, and will appeal to all age groups, residents and visitors. I implore the Council to give it the go ahead, before it's too late.

It's going to encourage employment which is vital in these times.

The sooner the better.

Get on with it!

It seems a very good balance of pool and commercial units and a new cinema will be a big plus.

It's perfect.

Very pleased.

It strikes a good balance from what I can see.

Fine as it is.

I think the proposed replacement for the Tropicana is excellent. It will attract more people than just a lido replacement, and hopefully be a permanent attraction, which will be more in keeping with this era. It will be another place of investment for peo [cuts off]

Nice to see it after all these years.

This is excellent, it needs to be signed and sealed before the elections.

I think what you proposed is good mix for everybody, well done Mr Nightingale.

Please, please, please, just let Richard N and co get on with it!!

Ideal for Weston.

He's been trying for so many years. Glad to see something being done at last.

It sounds/looks pretty perfect to me! Just EXACTLY what W-s-M needs.

As is.

Get moving and build it NOW.

No. I think it is quite satisfactory and hope it goes ahead v soon.

The draft proposal looks amazing. Hopefully it gets the go ahead as we need this.

Council MUST ensure that the work can start now not in 3 months, 6 months or 6 years. This will ensure that all the mistakes of previous councillors are not repeated.

Everything seems to covered including car parking.

Consider car parking.

Get a move on and do something NOW!

We support him and always have.

We need another cinema to compete with the monopoly that is the Odeon. Could do with a proper hotel instead of all the B&Bs we currently have. We need to attract big names into the retail units and restaurants. (Like Nandos)
Just do something. Ten years wait is a disgrace. Other projects get proposed and before you know it they are up and running. What it is about this site the Council are not telling us

The council should hang their heads in shame if they do not listen to the majority of Weston’s residents and pass this proposal. This Shambles has gone on long enough. Listen to the people or prepare to lose your seats at the next election

It seems to be a very positive proposal and contains all the needs of residents and visitors and just needs to be put in action quickly as too much time has been wasted

I think the proposal on the whole is what the local people want, I'm not too sure that we need another cinema or hotel. Good luck. I met my husband in the old pool in 1960 we've been married 49 years happy memories 50 years next January

Everything is fine, don't delay just build it. Get a move on Weston Council

Wonderful proposal

I think the draft proposal is perfect. It provides attractions all year round for local people also it will encourage tourists to visit the town. This is a long awaited addition to Weston which will be welcomed I’m sure by both local residents and visitor [cuts off]

It seems fine as it is to me. Glad to see that it does not impact onto the beach lawns (and glad to see no extra parking has been added - a Park and Ride is a better and greener option) great design, would love to see this happen

North Somerset Council need to pull their fingers out and get this approved ASAP. The difference between the council’s rapid approval of the Grand Pier compared to the Tropicana fiasco is noticeable perhaps the 'Michael's' money talks as they got what the [cuts off]

Just get on with it!

Please just build it please

All ok

The council should consider getting on with this project ASAP. We have waited far too long for this important site to be redeveloped. THIS is the BEST SCHEME for locals and visitors.

Please commence ASAP

Very good

As soon as possible please

Proposal looks ideal - Mix of fun pool and other activities

I like it as it is shown

Swimming pool is what we want and required

Fine as it is

An Ice Rink would be an amazing addition to Weston. It would generate a lot of traffic instead of users travelling up to Bristol. If the proposed Ice Rink isn't given the go ahead, a Roller Rink for Roller Skating and Roller Discos would be a great use of [cuts off]

I think the elements are just what this town needs. No changes

Taking into account the eyesore that has been on the beach for the last 10 years or so this proposal is welcomed & will go a long way to restoring Weston as a 'must come to' seaside town.
Looks excellent to me and what the town needs. If this development does not proceed the whole site should be flattened excellent. The waterpark will be a huge benefit to the town, and an excellent all weather attraction.

At last a practical solution to the Tropicana site. This should be backed and aided to fruition as quickly as is possible. It will add to all the other improvements now almost complete on the Weston front. We will then have a seaside resort to be proud of [cuts off]

I think it is a very good proposal

I personally feel that something HAS TO BE DONE & looking at what has been proposed it will give all ages an opportunity to use the Tropicana. We have waited to long for something to be done all we need in WESTON is an indoor swimming pool if it means we h [cuts off]

The draft proposal is the best that has been proposed. I would strongly suggest it is accepted as the right solution for Weston super Mare.

It all looks fine to me. Weston cannot continue with such an eyesore. The Grand Pier the new Promenade, Knighstone and other improvements are bringing the town back to life and the proposed developed of Tropicana will add another improvement.

I am impressed with the plan and endorse it.

I think this Proposal has the right balance throughout bearing in mind what the Residents of Weston and the Surrounding Area have always asked for. This site has Vacant for Far Too Long, here we have an Excellent Proposal from a Local Weston Businessman

I love the design, looking like a seashell. Very simple, very modern, very complimentary to the seafront.

To get things moving the council has to give and take a little so it should be approved in total as proposed.

I think this proposal will be an asset to Weston and in conjunction with the Pier will bring an increase in Tourism as a family we would look forward to using all the facilities mentioned

Its fine

I think the proposal is very good and covers most of what Weston requires for both local people and tourists. It looks exciting and well thought-out which is what is needed to regenerate the seafront area.

Other elements could be better explained, but over all, at last good sense seems to be prevailing.

I really like it!!!

I think this looks exciting and it’s a shame there isn't more things like this in Weston. A mixture of entertainment and activities.

Anything would be better than the eyesore that has been on our beach for many years however the proposal which sounds as if it will be self financing looks great and will be a great asset to the town.

I think the facilities offered would be a huge boost for Weston, something I would travel to, to use, especially alongside the new pier. Also it can be used all year, not just during the summer months. Only negative, looks very big and not sure if it woul [cuts off]

Although I like the concept I do not think the overall design compliments the sea front, i.e.: it does not blend with sea world or the pier
It is not perfect, but almost anything is better than what we have now.

I think that the proposals are excellent and will fulfil the needs of both residents and visitors. It will enhance the town and should be given planning permission without any further delay.

No - I like the proposal in its entirety.

I think the proposed development is perfect for the site and just what Weston needs for both local people and visitors. The sooner the better.

I think it is completely perfect and will greatly benefit the town. It's a very exciting proposal.

I think that it looks really good and will be a big asset to Weston and the area as a whole.

I feel that this is an attractive build that will encourage visitors to w-s-m & greatly enhance the sea front view.

I think the mix of activities will add to the quality and variety of the visitor experience in Weston-super-Mare; this development proposal is far better than any of the previous proposals and the development looks amazing.

This would significantly improve the appeal of Weston-s-Mare as a UK holiday destination. Given times will be tough in the next decade any long term investment in Weston-s-Mare should be seriously considered and encouraged. I do not think it is necessary.

I think it is what the town needs and the sooner it is accepted and work can begin the better.

I think this proposal has all that is needed and the council should agree to it as it is what Weston NEEDS!!

I think it looks fine as it is.

I think there is a good blend of seaside attractions already in the proposal. Proposal is a splendid one. Please Council, just get on with it.....

A total development like this should have been completed years ago. All success to the project.

I would say that the mixture of facilities is very well balanced and would seriously enhance the attraction of and put the Super back in Weston-Super-Mare and would give a good balance with the new pier.

I am speaking on behalf of a large numbers of Westonians: we want a swimming pool with a skating rink. We do not want hotel or flats. Nightingales offer what we would like to have; and works to start ASAP, not next year.

Greatly encouraged by this attractive scheme which provides just what Weston needs. The Proposer must be allowed to operate the whole complex as an evening/night time as well as daytime facility, with perhaps the indoor pools available for adult use at ni [cuts off]

I like the look of the contents of the proposal. People love to come on holiday and have water slides, wave machines, lazy river rides etc. It will help to put the entertainment heart back in to Weston's sea front. Also lots of new jobs to be created!! Gr [cuts off]

I don’t think anything needs taking away from the proposal, the whole thing will be really good for Weston.

I look forward to this being built as I have long awaited a decent fun/activity pool local for me to take my children too. I live in Bristol and I really dislike travelling to Swindon Oasis for a good activity pool. The proposals look good providing the [cuts off]

The proposals would have my backing in its entirety.
4.2. Specific suggestions re facilities (34 respondents)

Conference facilities for W-s-M would be a useful addition. This would help diversify away from over reliance on day trippers.

Please make sure there is a swimming area set aside from all the other activities
The outside sun area looks a bit small and cramped.
Maybe add some places for teenager's can hang out
A nice addition to the outdoor area would be some shade trees
It should attract visitors and residents of Weston-super-Mare. Some landscaping maybe!

Ice skating rink, Roller skating area, ski slope
Roller Skating, Ice Skating, Ski Slope
Add an ice rink
Needs to be roofed in!

More cafes
Late license for additional night clubs
Have always thought W-s-M could do with a roller skating rink - I grew up using the prom for this activity
Indoor Putt Putt (miniature Golf)
 Definitely needs an ice/roller skate amenity. We shouldn't have to go to Bristol for ice skating.
The interior design of the leisure facilities needs a lot more thought!
Tenpin bowling
An all year round facility with both indoor and outdoor levels is just what we want, good eating facilities whilst watching the children.
Starbucks. SPA
Perhaps an ice skating rink. No to accommodation - enough already
A miniature crazy golf course would be a plus for children and adults and would be an all year round usage. The two we have are pathetic to say the least
Needs Starbucks. Apple shop
Needs Starbucks and Apple shop and a snowboarding track
Starbucks, more for kids
A discount or loyalty scheme for local residents and concessions for low income families.
I'd prefer a swimming environment more like that offered at the Thermae Bath Spa, or the Lido in Clifton. I don't feel in a position to comment on the ancillary leisure offer, as there is not enough information in the proposal document. E.g. - 'holiday ac [cuts off]

We need a good simple old-fashioned pool for swimming in at any time. There is too much flim-flam and no guarantee it will available to normal people for normal swimming. Too many pools nowadays have complex timetables for one-legged Lithuanian Lesbian sw [cuts off]
I feel that the Pool would be of more benefit if it had a retractable roof.
Considering the state of the weather during your average year in Weston I was disappointed not to see any provision for "covering over" the outside pool during inclement conditions, be that a retractable roof or whatever. In your average pub you will hav [cuts off]

A "Child free" quiet area or sun deck might be nice. Children are allowed everywhere these days and sometimes, much as it is lovely to see them happy, it is also nice to be able to enjoy some of the facilities without them always in close proximity. (Y[cuts off]

Very important to also offer a fitness pool which can be used all year round by local residents. I would not allow alcohol in the complex to avoid accidents and misbehaviour in a family type complex.

A live music venue for local bands (not quite 02 sized), to act as a medium sized gig venue a little more sophisticated than local pub venues.

Designing an interior that has different sound environments, thus appealing to all please, some quiet and peaceful areas as well as the inevitable noisy, exciting atmosphere of the fun pools etc. Many new developments have a sleek, minimalist interi

Facilities for pool tables, short tennis, table tennis, badminton, rooms for exercise machines and aerobics.

4.3. Benefits for teens, families (6 respondents)

I feel there isn't enough in Weston for my two young children. I would be thrilled to take my children to the new Tropicana where they can play and swim etc in a child friendly and fun environment without the looks and rules of Hutton Moore.

Not sure we need holiday accommodation but if it helps to finance it - ok. Cinema? Anything for kids/teenagers kids happy = parents happy!!

We need the attraction of all weather facilities on the sea front for families.

I can remember coming to Weston as a child and bringing my children here, I am waiting to bring my two grandchildren to the swimming pool - which I think will be a credit to Weston - bring in income and giving jobs! What's the problem and get on with it! St [cuts off]

The more facilities the better! We have three children who would all love this - for many reasons. It's a great idea to have 'dry' activities as well as swimming based.

I think the facility should encompass facilities for everyone. There seems to be a lot for young people too which is good and may encourage exercise and discourage anti social behaviour on the streets.

4.4. Impact on local business (40 respondents)

I think this is excellent proposal as long as people you are serious about swimming have the fitness pool to swim in seven days a week as Hutton Moore pool is closed most weekends to the public for galas and private hire, which I find distressing in light [cuts off]

Impact of cinema on existing cinema, otherwise excellent decision.

Maybe consider facilities such as the cinema and accommodation which may end up taking business from other local establishments, to be re-considered.

I think ice rink, play area and facilities are very good - reflect the Tropicana of 1980’s which was very good. All leisure proposals good and would support businesses in the town - NOT more flats or hotels as these just will be in competition with existi [cuts off]

No need for another Cinema. Plenty of other holiday accommodation in Weston.
Question need for another Cinema, particularly in light of Dolphin Square plans.

Limit on accommodation, cafes etc - so as not to put too many local amenities out of business in the current economic climate.

I think we have enough cinemas in Weston and holiday accommodations otherwise I believe it will make Weston as it was, and put us back on the map/ We have waited too long.

I am not convinced of the need for holiday accommodation in addition to what is already available in the town. In other respects the proposal is worthwhile.

Don't want it to affect other local businesses. Ice rink would be perfect.

Cinema - one already on pier and main Odeon should be protected.

With Dolphin Square re-design no need for extra shops. Don't want the bay spoilt.

Cinema not required.

Cinema unnecessary. Attraction too far from centre of the town. Odeon cinema does not attract sufficient customers as it is.

Try to ensure full letting of any units within project are sustainable and long term. By long term established businesses that compliment our town.

Does the town need another cinema?

Residential facilities not required. There are many hotels and flats in the area.

I don't see the need for an additional cinema. This would adversely effect the Odeon which is another of Weston's iconic buildings.

Need a pool to take your family to in the summer as you can't go to Hutton Moor because of all the swimming galas!!!

Possibly no holiday accommodation to start with, as there are many types of accommodation that need business in the town that are suffering through lack of trade.

All we need is a decent swimming pool for all year round with no competitions or galas.

We don't need a cinema or holiday accommodation.

I am wondering whether a cinema is needed and if it will mean the end of the historic Odeon.

The town desperately needs to have another large tourist attraction to draw visitors. It needs to be a water park and fun pool NOT a lane swimming facility as those facilities already exist at Hutton Moor and Esporta. So the Nightingale Group proposal will...

Do we need another hotel or cinema? But I am all for Richard Nightingale.

No cinema, full size ice rink on top of pool.

Cinema not needed.

Is the cinema required considering after Dolphin Square there will be two others in the town.

Do away with the cinema, the Odeon caters for the demand in the town. With other forms of seeing films DVD Bluray etc.

Is the cinema still viable with the others in and proposed in town? I.e Grand Pier, Odeon and proposed Dolphin Square. Could this be changed for something such rock climbing facilities (beginner walls to Expert) (Scaled down version of Bristol’s at the chu[cuts off]

One thing we do not need there is a Hotel, there are enough in WSM that are never full.
I would not want to see residential elements being allowed in the proposal. We have seen many hotels etc close in recent years and I feel that there is no room for more residential units on the sea front.

No holiday accommodation to be included, there is an already an abundance in the town, also many users will probably be day-trippers (the midlands is only one and a half hours away. Use the area for extra leisure facilities instead.

This would be great for Weston Super Mare, all of the proposed development would benefit the area and bring jobs and income into the area. We need new shops and leisure. We only have one public swimming pool and Weston is a growing area with a need for [cuts off]

Who would provide the films for the cinema? Would the opening times be the same as the Odeon? With the residential unit, would the residents be aware that there could be considerable noise and rubbish? It would be a shame to have to restrict proper usage

Must complement other developments e.g. Dolphin Square (e.g. duplication of Cinema facilities)
Flexibility to provide facilities for entire community - not sure about an ice rink, unless it can be adapted for other activities e.g. concerts, exhibitions etc.

Yes I feel that the proposal must also be viewed in relation to the redevelopment of Dolphin Square and existing leisure facilities. I feel that one large cinema in WSM is sufficient, not in the Tropicana complex. Also if a Premier Inn is to be part of Dolph [cuts off]

I'm not sure we need another cinema, what would happen to the Odeon? What about adding a venue for concerts, something the young people could look forward to.

Cinema may not be viable if Vue cinema is located in Dolphin Square
The height of the building - this should be as low as possible. The other facilities should not be allowed to kill off the town centre. Attention should be paid to traffic management and parking.

4.5. Accept the commercial 'other elements' (12 respondents)

Holiday Lets - Fine. No residential element.
Holiday lets - fine. Residential - NO.
Most important it be economically sustainable
Maybe some replacement of retail units with holiday accommodation due to other proposed developments.
Swimming facilities should be central to the design supported by sporting related facilities (e.g. gym, sauna etc) and other outlets that will provide further income to make the whole project financially viable - restaurants, cafe, boutiques etc

No I think the proposal's are exciting and its credit to the developers want to invest in this economic climate to make W-s-M the jewel of the South West. I am resident of the town but I also realise we are tourist towns, its money we cannot ignore.

I don't think a cinema is a helpful addition if the Dolphin Square goes forward as proposed with Vie as an operator. However, I think the holiday accommodation is a sensible extra. Ideally, I would like to see a straightforward, straight swimming pool in [cuts off]

This looks like a well balanced scheme that would be a great asset to the community. If the balance between commercial shops /accommodation and the fundamental leisure facilities is as described in proposal with no hidden agenda then I believe will be a g [cuts off]

The proposal mentions retail and residential this is a must as I doubt that a pool alone would be viable. The council must take this into consideration.
I think their proposal is very balanced, sustainable and will provide modern facilities for Somerset as a whole. It will provide a great boost for tourism in the area and should be supported fully.

The proposal should not be a burden on public finances.

I don’t like the cinema and hotel but if they are necessary to fund the complex then so be it.

4.6. Need more detail (19 respondents)

What opening hours? Admission fee? Discount for Weston residents?

With no measurements to go by one would hope that this structure is not too high blocking all views etc.

We need more detail. Parking has not been addressed (could look at Weston's parking which is a failed system at present!) Holiday Accom? Too many questions without any real answers.

1) The size in relation to other buildings needs to be taken into account. The model seems ok.

2) Whether what is initially proposed is actually the final design e.g. holiday accommodation if included is 30 flats or more.

The draft proposals are so 'draft' I feel unable to comment at this stage.

I would like to see more details of the intention re: residential, holiday accommodation, to get a better grasp of the scale of that part of the exercise. On the whole looks good as long as the ratio of business to leisure is balanced well.

The principle of the development is exactly within the spirit of the requirements and I look forward to seeing more detailed plans i.e. cinema and accommodation proposals seem a little unclear.

Q2.) It is not possible to say whether the proposal has the right balance of facilities as the proposal is nearly all pictures with little detail, the important information being covered in just 8 bullet points. Q3.) I am not sure another cinema will add t [cuts off]

There isn't enough detail in the proposals to know how it will be economically viable. The pictures look impressive but the detail is scant.

Will there be flats for sale here? Is there a hotel planned? Where would residents and hotel guests park their cars? Has the NSC advertised this site extensively in the UK, forget the EU. Do enough UK developers know about the Tropicana?

Where exactly is the location of the proposed holiday accommodation and will this impact on the sea front and its views?

I need more detail to assess fully!

The question asking 'the swimming pool has the right balance of facilities'. There are no details of the swimming proposed. There will be 'holiday accommodation' which sounds like a hotel, but again no details. These proposals HAVE NO DETAIL.

Difficult to comment due to lack of detail in the proposals.

The details of the draft proposal presented above are very sketchy. This consultation cannot be considered as a genuine enquiry of the public when it provides insufficient information to answer the first question of the questionnaire. The Council is clear

Difficult to tell from the drawings, but things that benefit the people of WSM, not just the tourists that visit in the summer months.
Should specify for the fitness pool, no of lanes and what length—450sq metres means little to the layman who wishes to compare with existing pools.

I would like to see more information on the size and facilities under cover compared to those in the open air.

How will commercial development fund/support the pool and ice rink acknowledged as very high cost/maintenance?

4.7. Parking, traffic, transport (46 respondents)

As proposal has no extra car parking should a park and ride from the old airfield to the sea front be a requirement of the proposal being approved.

Park and Ride?

Welcome the proposal, but would like to see improved coach and bus facilities near the pool and leisure complex. The design is very good and the inward investment and jobs are required in Weston-super-Mare. Would like good public transport access to the c [cuts off]

Don't need a cinema, parking could be a problem.

What are car parking facilities?

Parking on beach - reduced charge for those using Tropicana. Information Bureau to be sited alongside.

Car parking? This mix of facilities will hopefully attract people from all over the West. The present beachside parking will surely not be enough, Park and Ride from the old airfield?

What about car parking for the visitors to the development?

Car Park please!

Not suitable for use as a Cinema the rest OK. Who would want to go out at night in bad weather for Cinema. No Parking.

There was a swimming pool there before so no need for designated parking spaces "JUST DO IT"

Weston desperately needs this especially the youngsters. Council, please stop blocking this. Why, why, why don't you go for it. The people of Weston are ALL behind this proposal, why aren't the Council? We don't need more car parking the pier doesn't have [cuts off]

If holiday accommodation is to be included you also need to include car parking

Parking Facilities. Free for residents

Any creche facility? Primarily for the fitness side of things as other items are family based. On beach parking should be available in high season if possible.

Do not focus on extra parking as the beach can be used

Car parking should NOT be an issue. Proposal should be allowed to expand slightly out from existing outline.

Parking?

1) Park and Ride recommended. 2) Suggest displayed in college to show to young people rather than all 'old folk' in Sovereign Centre. 3) Put it on votes to support Mr Nightingale. 4) Your proposal should last into the 22nd century

Enough car parking facilities without using more of the beach.

No need for car park.
PARKING - Old airfield Park and Ride!!!!

Somewhere to park for the facilities

Parking - Old airfield for park and ride. Routes to be used?

Please provide dedicated parking facilities as well as existing seafront parking

The proposal looks fun and well drafted. This would benefit generations of my age and our children's children. I don't feel car parking is a problem here neither, maybe Park and Ride could be considered for all of Weston's attractions!?

Parking at high tides?

Make sure of enough car parking space and safety crossings

No need for car park. Let him get on with it please

Parking

Plenty of parking (free), season tickets and group discounts etc, reasonable priced

Make sure there is plenty of FREE parking like everywhere else and family social places like Cribbs Causeway very important and plenty of disabled parking

I think parking may be an issue as existing parking probably couldn't cope with an influx of visitors and guests. Is underground parking a possibility?

I wonder about parking facilities - Weston has a parking problem already. I also wouldn't like to see the loss of the beach lawns as they are a great asset to Weston.

No mention of the additional parking that will be required, especially in the summer season.

Reduced car parking charges for people using the Tropicana or it should have its own parking.

Has parking been considered?

What provision is being made for extra car parking? It will be needed if the scheme is to prosper.

Just worried about adequate parking

Car parking spaces will they be increased in Weston or as part of this development?

Concerned about 'holiday accommodation' if a hotel that may impact on viability of other proposed developments. Unable to see clearly where it will fit into architects outline drawings. Good that Beach Lawns not to become a car park and council will conti [cuts off]

Not sure what the considerations are for parking. The outside pool should also have a roof of some type to make it all weather all year, also reducing heating costs.

The provision and cost of car parking near the site needs to be addressed. Residents illegally park rather than visit the extortionately priced, often deserted car parks in town, so for the development to be a success visitors and residents will require c [cuts off]

There isn't anything about parking and how people will access the building from out of WSM.

Car parking for the additional visitors should be addressed. It will be a nuisance at roads such as Severn Road, Clifton Road. Resident permit parking will be needed. Either this or the local authority should encourage visitors to actually use the car par [cuts off]

4.8. Specific suggestions about the proposed pool (16 respondents)

More outside pool space, otherwise great.
A beach area around some or all of pool. This would be good for children and families on a wet day.

I think the pool area could be larger. Do not feel any residential area is required hopefully parking would be taken into consideration.

Lane pool must be 50 metres. Shopping area should be separate from leisure facilities. No clear number of parking sites for visitors.

I am concerned about the size of the Pool facility. I hope it is big enough.

Needs 'Lanes' swimming for the serious swimmer. Gym needs to cater for disable people as well.

Will an area be also available for the senior swimmers or perhaps water polo and other competitive sports? Hutton Moor seems to struggle to cater for ALL needs. Due to climate change I hope the design will allow for easy maintenance. Otherwise it is GREAT

Should be spectator space by the pool.

1) Replace diving boards 2) Children's pool 3) Skating Rink

Weston needs a pool for disabled people - not just a hoist but appropriate changing facilities - flooring and correctly heated water. Specialist consultation is needed for this. My daughter has missed out on beneficial therapy because of lack of local fac [cuts off]

I want a covered swimming pool for residents and visitors. Not sure about residential as we seem to have a awful lot

The pool should be more a fun pool than a leisure pool as we already have Hutton Moor for that. It should be a pool to attract holiday makers as well as local families, therefore lane swimming should not be a priority. Inclusion of retail and cafes and

I think the proposal definitely focuses on fun which is good. I don't think we need another 'serious' swimming pool as we already have Hutton Moor. It needs to be an all year around attraction which will attract people to Weston just like the Pier has. I

Swimming pool should be more focussed as a fun pool, rather than for lane swimming, as there are plenty of other locations for this.

The resort needs a swimming pool on the seafront with flumes etc. That is the primary requirement. I think the pool area should be larger.

Bearing in mind the size of the beach and how far out the water goes, the Tropicana should be extended with a roof which allows for all year round swimming. This is one of only two major attractions in WSM, the Pier being the other.

4.9. Concerns about commercial aspects (79 respondents)

The range of leisure activities is perfect and what holiday makers and residents need. As long as there are no proposals for commercial use i.e. hotel, conference venue, the proposal as it stands is just right.

I would prefer there not to be further hotel accommodation.

Question need for holiday accommodation

Take away retail. Looks like a sand trap especially in Weston's windy weather.

Looks to be the kind of proposal needed for the sight. A hotel and apartments are definitely NOT needed for this site. This proposal needs to be RAPIDLY progressed. The site has been an eye sore for far too long and detracts from the tourist attraction I [cuts off]
We do not need any more shops, cafes, restaurants, cinema, holiday accommodation. What an awful design, shape etc

No need for holiday accommodation adds to the size.

We do not need more accommodation, cafes, restaurants or shops. Just needs to be efficient to serve the needs of people in the pool.

I do not feel that they should have any late night clubs permission given we have enough in the town centre.

No need for more residential/hotel facilities in this area. Very concerned about extra traffic coming into the town and parking - can there be a park and ride? We need facilities for locals as well as visitors.

I feel the holiday accommodation could be missed off as we have a lot in Weston already. My son who is 9 years thinks it is all amazing and so do I.

No residential flats.

No to any residential accommodation. Limited holiday accommodation

Non residential. No Cinema.

Leave out holiday accommodation!

Please no hotel or flats

Facilities need to be for all members of the community as far as possible

If this cannot be viable without holiday accommodation it should be located on the Dolphin Square site and this one returned to beach.

Do not need residential. Do not need a cinema. Only require a pool with leisure facilities with roof

No shops

Minimal residential, no stolen beach lawns

-Don't need residential housing. - A roof for the pool. - Retail - don't need clothes shops food outlets only - plenty of family fun

We agree with 'other elements' except accommodation - holiday or otherwise

? Need for accommodation? Need for 'health suite'. As much as possible outdoor swimming area is needed

Holiday accommodation - is it really needed? What about the local residents!

Holiday accommodation? Does this mean these visitors staying here will have the preferential treatment with the facilities?

I do not wish to see a hotel built.

There needs to be plenty of entertainment and no hotels ASAP

The absence of a hotel or residential accommodation is a very good choice

We don't need more hotels - accommodation. We need a swimming pool that all can use. Hutton Moor is a disgrace, just give us back what we had. A good old swimming pool.

Good. Needs to attract all year interest from visitors to attract them to the town. Like the pier seems to be doing. Need more info on what these will be. Coffee shop? Good restaurant? Value for money family cafes? etc. Like the architectural style. Asset [cuts off]

All we need is a decent, fun pool with a roof so it can be used all weather
Do we really need to have a holiday accommodation?

As a life long Westonian I don't think we need more holiday hotels.

I would love to say good things but I cannot see clearly from the exhibit what is proposed but am very for pool, water park and activities, very against cinema, holiday accom. Proportion of activities must be right.

I don't think hotel or apartments need to be included, concentration should be more on swimming and other facilities and cafes.

Trust there will not be too much accommodation and not too high. Knighstone Tower is horrible

All we need is a nice pool near the town centre

Don't want any residential element

Do not feel hotel or accommodation need, not sure about cinema? Otherwise it looks fine

I think it looks great. We really need a covered swimming pool, also an ice rink and water slides etc. I don't think we need hotel accommodation. It is so sad that the Tropicana has been closed for such a long time. I can't wait for something to be done, the [cuts off]

Make site usable for locals 24-7 360 days a year and also affordable NOT holiday or beach prices

The facilities proposed are very welcome and it is hoped that the development can be escalated without any more delays. I feel the proposals should not dwell too much on holiday accommodation more on the leisure facilities

No apartments PLEASE

Not sure if accommodation is required

The site must be kept for leisure purposes only for the benefit of visitors and locals

I can't see the need for holiday accommodation development which I assume will have to be extra to what seems to be a most impressive main building. Would the retail be purely in keeping with the seafront

Absolutely no need to have parking facilities. There wasn't any in the original pool! Glad to see no residential accommodation is included. As big a swimming area as possible please. Although anything might be better than what is there at present - this de [cuts off]

I don't think we need a cinema or holiday accommodation

Keep beach lawns. No residential or hotels

No to holiday accommodation - plenty already. No to residential. We do need Nightingales in the town. What happens to Odeon if new cinema?

Lets have a pool that can be used by all not just the schools and swimming clubs

Don’t need the cinema. Or retail in this development

I am not totally convinced on having holiday accommodation on the site however, the swimming facilities and ice rink are a fabulous proposal, but why the need for a cinema when we already have the Odeon and the 4D on pier - I think this could be a white el [cuts off]

I do not want any hotel or flats and the proposal is perfect with swimming pool and skating ring and other activities

Take away accommodation
The proposals for leisure facilities only are a must - no more flats or holiday apartments - this is a tourist town, let's encourage people here. I have two children and this is what is needed. I have lived here for 24 years from a youngster and Weston see [cuts off]

I think the proposal from what I can see/understand is too excessive. We need an outdoor pool for summer and indoor pool when weather not good. Ice skating would be good but not essential. There is another proposal for a cinema in Dolphin Square plus lots [cuts off]

Not sure that it is necessary to have more residential accommodation as part of the elements. However this is the most sensible proposal so far put forward and I wish them every success with it.

I do not agree that residential elements be included in the proposal. Is the swimming pool area going to be large enough?

Holiday accommodation not really necessary.

Cinema not necessary

There should be information on the charges the public will have to pay to use the various facilities.

I don't feel new shops are needed here, a coffee shop would be nice and maybe a sandwich bar but most others won't be necessary

I think the emphasis here must be on the pool facilities as this is the MUST facility for the residents of Weston. I am a little concerned on the possible cost to use these facilities as of course they will need to make a profit and, that they will ALWAYS [cuts off]

I would like just a swimming pool- not a cinema/ice rink etc.

Price is kept competitive so local people can use it as well as holiday makers. Facilities should be for all ages not just the young. Winter opening is a must. Indoor facilities essential for inclement climate.

Go ahead and get building we do not need hotel space add shops if required but only to help with running costs don't make it too dear for older folk good.

I consider that the residential areas should be kept to a minimum

The open air pool was the most successful element of the original Tropicana - for Residents and for visitors - this element needs to be the major consideration in a new proposal - the 'other elements' included in the Nightingale proposal appear to be in t [cuts off]

Take away the residential element not the place for people to live and for crying out loud get on with it and do something for the benefit of the whole population its far to long that the place has been derelict!!!

Too much residential building

It is a fantastic scheme, and I really look forward to using it with my children, however whilst I appreciate the high costs for maintenance etc, it needs t be affordable to the average family. It would be fantastic if there was a discount card that could [cuts off]

Holiday accommodation should not be part of complex. Too ambitious a plan, pool with a roof please. Location not much benefit to residents north of Weston.

Not sure why the developers want to include residential properties - I can understand retail outlets to help finance the project but I would be wary of sanctioning a swimming pool/leisure centre that is in fact a thinly disguised residential property devel [cuts off]

Not sure about holiday accommodation
Happy with pool/water element. Design attractive, glad does not encroach on promenade, road & beach lawns. Do not think holiday accommodation, cinema, ice skating, too many retail units necessary. Cinema would be OK if OK with Odeon. Bowling alley be good. Climb

Priority should be given to the "leisure" aspects rather than "commercial" advantages - albeit the scheme must be "self financing" without recourse to Council Funding in any way.

They should take away the hotel, cinema, gym and add an ice rink a tea room, and an exhibition gallery.

**4.10. Concern about look/height of building (18 respondents)**

Too modern futuristic looking for a Victorian front. Horrible to look at

I think the look of the shape of the building isn't in keeping with nearby structures and looks obstruc[?]

It looks very enclosed. I would have preferred to see a frontage similar to the old one.

I think it looks far too space age, does not fit in with Weston at all, and will be an ugly blot on the landscape. Weston has a character which this is totally unsympathetic to. Another ugly building like the college.

It's a bit tall - would like more of a "lido" - and outdoor area but thanks for keeping up the struggle to build a pool.

No need for residential - design not in keeping with the rest of the sea front - needs an ice rink

Building looks too imposing and out of character. Too many facilities will look crowded. Building needs to be toned down, keep it simple (less is more)

Weston has a pretty grim beach so it doesn't spoil it by building a UFO on it!

The design of the building could be a little more sympathetic with the existing sea front buildings and surroundings.

It looks a very ugly building for where it is to be situated.

The space age building shown is totally out of character for Weston sea front.

I think its impact visually on the sea front should be considered - soft landscaping, etc. as it currently looks a little brutal.

As a disabled person, I find it difficult to see how I would be included in these plans, I love swimming! I think the building looks hideous out of place, it doesn't blend with the existing facade at all. I am not sure that anything would - is it better [cuts off]

The height of the structure. The proposal gives the impression it's going to be abnormally high compared to its surrounds. However, none of the pictures show it from a distance, just an aerial view.

Not sure about the architectural design of the outer shell

The design is not sympathetic to the surrounding area, and assuming that the scale in the pictures is correct, it's gigantic. It would be the tallest structure on the sea front, and will stick out like a sore thumb. I'm not against the Tropicana being d [cuts off]

Am not sure the space-ship/shell design is in keeping with the rest of Weston-Super-Mare, I would personally like to see a more traditionally outward design for the Tropicana. However, the design is innovative and impressive, but looks far too big and imp [cuts off]

The design looks awful. Most people who were there on Friday [exhibition of Proposals in Sovereign Centre] were older people eager to shake hands with the developer, they appear
desperate to go with anything that has a pool. Should show design to pupils at schools etc. Whatever is built will be used b [cuts off]

**4.11. Disability/access issues (3 respondents)**

Please could you inform me of how the consultation process is being organised for the disability community? I have a son and lots of other people would be affected if wrong decisions are made. I would be interested in getting involved. [name and contact]

I hope that it will be accessible to all ages and disabilities

Consider a 'Changing Places' toilet to enhance and encourage use by disabled people. Consider disabled access needs at the planning stage. E.G. Possible hoist access to at least one pool.

**4.12. Miscellaneous (31 respondents)**

Financial viability - not like 'the splash' at Bridgwater - and not like Birnbeck Pier!! Long term commitment - sensitive to local residents not Councillors opinions.

Nothing to add

Council - This design looks as though the Nightingale Group (who will become the owners of the site/development) will be able to easily convert this building into a luxury hotel in the future. If this development is proved now financially viable in the fu

Has the developer built successfully elsewhere? Was it a similar building? Do they keep to time and budget? Are the materials self cleaning? I would like to see it become scruffy. The scheme seems to provide interesting things for both young and old and w [cuts off]

None

No No

No

I don't consider myself disabled but I am overweight like 40% of adults in the UK. I don’t exercise in public swimming pools and private clubs for the simple reason, I, like most of my compatriots, do not like getting undressed fully in front of strangers [cuts off]

No

Cinema Holiday accommodation

Holiday accommodation

Holiday accommodation

Make provision for all age groups

It should be all weather attraction which is accessible and universal for all

All year round would be nice

Just that E.S.P

Only to rename the development? "Mr Nightingale Centre"

A large / covered (all weather) swimming pool facility would attract visitors ALL year round. Clubs/Discos/etc COULD attract the wrong kind of visitors

No I don't think so

No

Many facilities for the whole family i.e. from 2+ (even babies) to OAP's
What we need in Westonsuper-Mare is a swimming pool. We do not require some monstrosity that is only intended to be another 'fantastic' design building that will look truly awful. There was absolutely nothing wrong with old open air pool. This is a Victor [cuts off]

The council must be as flexible as possible to allow this proceed and be viable - much better than a derelict site and a valuable asset for town.

Is it necessary to keep the development within the existing boundary, there is plenty of space to make a land mark development, so why not be adventurous and give us something to be proud of for a change?

It will be fundamental for the town that this huge facility be a success. Are there conditions to the planning consent that allow N S to monitor the quality of the offer made available by the developers?

I would want the development to ensure it was as environmentally and eco friendly.

The potential for success is there but will depend entirely on the quality and value for money of the facilities provided and hence the enterprise of the leasees.

The indoor pool/waterpark sounds similar to the recently closed Sedgemoor splash, this was because it had become a big loss maker, are they sure that other revenue streams proposed will offset this and still make a return

If this is to be passed to the Council. Read the following. The Council are elected by the public, the council can be deselected by the public. The public who don't seem to matter to the councillors, some of which don't even reside in Weston, should liste [cuts off]

A continuation of the public realm works along the seafront walk to improve legibility and ensure that the key developments along Weston Seafront tie together

Opportunity here to demonstrate (and experiment) with small scale renewables. If they aren’t already, developer should seriously consider broadening the creative process especially but not exclusively in the challenging renewable energy area to involve
Appendix A: The questionnaire

For purely technical reasons, the online and paper versions of the questionnaire differed very slightly. This is the paper version.

Having viewed the draft proposal, please give your views using this questionnaire.

All of the questions except Q3 are 'must answer'. In other words, we will not process any questionnaires if any of the 'must answer' questions are left blank. This is so we get a rounded set of answers from each respondent.

The survey is anonymous. There is a limit of one questionnaire per person. After you have done it please drop it in the box at the exhibition.

Results of this survey will be on the council’s website from 18 February (www.n-somerset.gov.uk/tropicana)

Q1
From what you saw and read in the draft proposal, do you think that, the swimming pool has the right balance of facilities (lane swimming versus other activities e.g. fun swimming)?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know

There are some minimum conditions set for the Tropicana development. It must:

- include a leisure/swimming pool to be open for use by the general public on a casual basis and have a minimum water area of 450 square metres

- be developed within the existing site boundary

- be economically sustainable, without additional contributions from the local taxpayer.

However, in addition, the developer has been free to propose 'other elements' (e.g. a mix of residential, retail) in their draft proposal.

Q2
Do you think that the 'other elements' in the draft proposal are a positive addition to the local area?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know
Q3
Looking at the draft proposal is there anything that....
- needs adding or taking away from it?
- the proposed developer or council should consider?

Please focus on the draft proposal rather than the proposed developer, the council or the development process. This is so the information we collect here can be realistically covered in discussions with the proposed developer.

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Now for a few questions about you. This survey is anonymous but these questions are important as they enable the results to be analysed according to where people live, disabled versus non-disabled respondents etc.

Q4
What is your postcode?
YOU CAN LEAVE OFF THE LAST LETTER OF YOUR POSTCODE. E.G. BS23 1U

Q5
How old are you?

Q6
Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire. Please drop your completed questionnaire in the box at the exhibition in the Sovereign Centre on Friday 28 January before 5.30.