From:
Sent: 30 January 2014 09:14
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay

I think it would be daft to end water testing. It would make Southern Waters day if it stopped. People do use the bay including the Scouts units in the area which use it for boat and water safety training. I wonder how polluted the area would become if no testing was done. Not a good image is it with notices up on a good beach.

From

From:
Sent: 22 January 2014 17:27
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: WalpoleBay Beach

The beach was used frequently until you ceased operating the lift.
I took this up with the local councillor at the time.

From:
Sent: 22 January 2014 22:14
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole bay review

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to understand and try to put my view forward on the proposal to decommission Walpole Bay bathing pool.

My interest is as a local Scout Leader who uses the bathing pool regularly throughout the summer and have done so for 25 years. I know we are not the only scout group to use the pool, and scouts are not the only organisation to use the pool.

I seek clarification as to whether if the proposal goes ahead will the pool will remain in place and maintained? Or is it to be completely decommissioned or removed of water.

If the proposal is just a reclassification to no longer be a 'bathing' pool, but the pool remains in place. I am content.

However if the pool is to be decommissioned or emptied of water. I would object to the proposal. I believe the pool is used by several groups and organisations for recreation, physical, and educational purposes to teach young people sea safety skills, vital for a coastal town. It's loss would be a great loss to many people.

I would appreciate if you could clarify the proposal, and take my views on board

Kind regards,

From:
Sent: 06 February 2014 12:57
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay Review

I would like the council to go for option 2. (Apply to Defra to remove water sample tests at Walpole Bay) This seems like the best choice as the water would still be monitored and tested and the public could still swim in the sea and tidal pool at Walpole Bay.

During the Summer I swim at the many bays around the Thanet coast. Over the years, I have swam many, many times in the tidal pool at Walpole Bay. It is especially good that, even when the tide is low and the sea too rocky to swim in, then I and others can use the tidal pool to swim in. It would be a real shame if swimming was banned at Walpole Bay. Children also enjoy crabbing, swimming and using inflatables at the pool. I would still swim in it if swimming was banned, unless it became law and was illegal.

Of the many years I have swam in the Thanet sea and the tidal pool, I have never suffered any illness.

So please keep Walpole Bay open. Instead of thinking of closing places, we should be thinking of improving and attracting visitors and the locals.

Regards

From:
Sent: 22 January 2014 16:20
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay

I use this bay daily and go into the water in the summer months.

I strongly disagree with your ideas, in fact what you should be doing is spending more time and money cleaning and maintaining the bay. I have contacted the council on a regular basis to complain about the condition of the foreshore, the promenade and slipways. All it has achieved is the occasional sweep up, no regular daily cleaning. On many occasions my phone calls seem to have gone unrecorded, and the same rubbish is evident day after day, week after week.

Perhaps if this bay were given more attention by the council, more people would use it, it shouldn't just be written off.

I see lots of people use this bay year round, it is not unusual for me to see 20+ people on the bay in the winter months during my visit. Year round visitors also use this bay walking along from the Turner, I am often embarrassed by the mess that I see, and can only shudder at what visitors must think of our beautiful beach.

Care and attention will result in more people enjoying this beach and more people swimming, DO NOT write it off.

Council, please reconsider this proposal and instead give this bay what it needs, care and attention by you.

Kind regards

Sent from my iPad

From:
Sent: 22 January 2014 20:03
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Water testing warpole bay

Bit shocked by the survey results as last summer there were many people in the sea here i walk by did regularly and my findings do not compare to Thiers

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 00:23
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay

Every summer's day that I go to Walpole there are people in the sea and the pool Will dirty water not get in the pool or steer clear of the beach there?
Considering how close it is to the pumping station and the chaos caused when the pumps failed surely checks should remain

From:
Sent: 25 January 2014 16:58
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole bay review

On reading in the Isle of Thanet Gazette that the local council is proposing to close Walpole Bay to bathers, and the findings that only 5 people swam in the period from July 29th to September 3rd, I find this impossible to believe. Unless the person counting heads was only there for 5 mins a day.
My partner and I used the pool in this period on several occasions, usually in mid afternoon, we found several other bathers there on each occasion.

We like this bay because you can drive down onto the prom. walk along the pool wall and down the steps into the sea at the depth you feel safe to swim in.

We always find older people (like ourselves) sitting by their cars, reading, having lunch,or just entertaining grand children. The beach is always buzzing with young mothers with their children, playing with bucket and spades and generally enjoying themselves.

It amazes me that the local council is considering taking the actions of preventing safe bathing away from this bay. Where will young mothers take their children if they live in this vicinity? The next bay is for jet skies, so not safe for bathers.

I know several people who do use Walpole Bay for bathing, and I personally will carry on using the pool, over the years we have taken several of our grandchildren to the bay, to swim, to fish, or just to walk on the rocks and see how many different forms of wildlife we can spot.

I hope TDC do a proper head count and make the decision to keep Walpole Bay a safe and healthy place for local and visiting people to enjoy the pleasure of a beach.

Regards

Sent from my iPad

From:
Sent: 12 February 2014 12:29
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: walpole bay consultation

to Thanet council

As a local resident, your proposal to cease monitoring Walpole Bay is of great concern. You do not give a view as to why other beaches are satisfactory and why the apparent problems at Walpole Bay cannot be addressed.

I took early retirement & moved to the area two years ago. The beach & tidal pool play a dominant part of my life now. This year I was swimming in the tidal pool until 23 Oct & up until a similar period the year before. I accept that a relatively small number of people swim this late, however large number, especially children still use the pool in the summer.

I would except that any possible health concerns would be addressed by Thanet Council. not brushed aside.

Despite an adjacent dog friendly beach, dog walkers still use the beach at Walpole Bay all year & are not always meticulous about cleaning up. Of more concern is that dog walkers also take their dogs into the Tidal Pool, claiming the swimming exercise is of benefit to the dogs. Clearly there is risk of dogs fouling the pool, as well as dog mess on the beach being taken into the pool by the tide & remaining there. Does this contribute to the poor readings? If so, this issue needs to be addressed as well as any others - not ignored.

From:
Sent: 27 January 2014 12:11
To: TDC Consultation
Cc:
Subject: Walpole Bay Bathing Pool
Attachments: Email re Walpole Bay Sept 2012 .doc; Email to

Dear Sir/Madam,

I was horrified to read the article below regarding Walpole Bay:

http://www.thanetgazette.co.uk/Walpole-Bay-longer-bathing-beach/story-20478443-detail/story.html

I sent the attached e-mail regarding Walpole Bay to Thanet Council in September 2012. I never received a reply. I then forwarded it to personal e-mail in October 2012 (see below) :

From:
Sent: 16 October 2012 09:58
To:
Subject: Walpole Bay

She also never replied.

So in July 2013, after reading Thomas Brown's article in the Thanet Gazette "Best of Cliftonville", I decided to forward him all my e-mails to see if the Gazette could help out. He also never replied.

It seems to me that nobody cares about Walpole Bay which is a great shame! Don't you realise that the Bathing Pool is quite unique and probably one of the best in the UK? You should treasure it and encourage bathers to use it by tidying up, re-opening the toilets, re-opening the cliff lift and replacing the life guards.

Why would people want to swim there when it is dirty, no facilities and lacking life guards.

Please please please, restore Walpole Bay to its former glory and the people will flock there. I promise you!

With kind regards,

E-mail:

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 13:51
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Ref Walpole Bay - your views wanted

I disagree with your suggestion that water monitoring should be stopped at Walpole Bay.
I disagree with your observations about current beach usage.
Regards

From:
Sent: 22 January 2014 20:05
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Beach / Tidal pool De-designation

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to ask for further information about how the stats were gathered to demonstrate that Walpole Bay is no longer used as a bathing beach? I was particularly interested in the statistics showing that over a roughly one month period (August) only 5 out of 58 people went swimming? Can I clarify if this was over the whole month? And where the water sampling point is that this information was gathered?

I know that I swim in the tidal pool at least 2-3 times a week over this period and with visitors also enjoyed swimming from the beach. So I just cannot understand the low level of reported swimming activity.

As a local, the tidal pool is the most amazing provision and something I value almost more than any other facility locally. Also when the weather is hot and the Main Sands are crowded we always go to Walpole Bay with visitors and much prefer the beach there as it is less crowded. I would be concerned if the beach was promoted instead as a beach for dog-walkers (amongst other purposes) given that there are already issues with dog waste on the beach.

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal to de-designate the beach as a swimming beach and would welcome your clarification on how the statistics were gathered.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 08:48
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Consultation on Walpole Bay Sea Bathing pool

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please can you give me any further details about the consultation regarding the decommissioning of Walpole Bay's pool for sea bathing?

I am a regular swimmer in the pool, along with our extended family. My children and their cousins also regularly swim in the pool. My son is also a member of the Sea Scouts who also swim in the bathing pool.

Please can you give me further details so I can circulate these to friends and family who also use the pool for bathing?

Best regards,

From:
Sent: 22 January 2014 20:58
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay Consultation

It's very unclear what the declassification of the bathing at Walpole Bay would achieve. I don't understand why the additional positive promotion of the area can't be undertaken alongside the swimming facility. Even if numbers are currently low - 'year-round' promotion will increase activity across all users. It seems perverse to discourage one (existing) user group in favour of a different group when everyone can easily use the area together.

And what would happen to the historic Walpole Pool? It seems there would be a risk of it falling in disrepair without bathing approval, and end up in a similar state as the Lido.

Overall, I think stopping the testing is a bad idea, since there appear to be no positive results at all, and the large negative result of discouraging swimmers wishing to use one of Thanet's biggest assets.

Thanks,

From:
Sent: 22 January 2014 22:33
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: WALPOLE BAY WATER

I don't understand the rationale of stopping testing water at Walpole Bay. Surely water quality is vital to encouraging tourism We have had so many problems with water quality in Thanet that it seems important to continue to monitor as much as possible - and hold Southern Water to account for any lapse in quality.

From:

Sent: 26 January 2014 18:11
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay Review

Dear Sir/Madam,
With regards to the Walpole Bay Review, as a Cliftonville resident and avid sea swimmer, I am completely opposed to the proposal to remove water sampling tests at Walpole Bay in Cliftonville. According to your website, the results of the EA monitoring "revealed that between 29 July and 3 September 2013, at the water sampling point, there were 58 visitors on the beach and of those, five swam in the sea." I would like to know on what basis these findings were achieved? What methodology was used? What sampling method was used? Based on my own evidence of swimming in the Walpole Bay, regularly walking the dog along the prom and cycling along the cliff top where I could sea swimmers last summer, I find the result of only five swimmers over in period mentioned as being clearly wrong and an extreme underestimation of the actual number.
Kind regards,

From:
Sent: 22 January 2014 20:23
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay - your views wanted

To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my own views and experience of the usage of the beach at Walpole Bay. As a resident of the area I regularly use the lido at Walpole bay to swim. I generally swim from May through to October. I swim with my friends and family as well as visitors to the area.
I was alarmed by your comment:-

"The results revealed that between 29 July and 3 September 2013, at the water sampling point, there were 58 visitors on the beach and of those, five swam in the sea" .

http://thanet.gov.uk/the-thanet-magazine/press-releases/2014/january/walpole-bay/

I myself swim twice a week with my regular swimming buddies and walk along the upper esplanade on most days and on any given day there have been other swimmers and people in inflatables and kayaks. In light of my own experience and the results of your observations I would sugggest the impression given by your findings is somewhat misleading.

My concern is that if such findings are not questioned they will be used to make decisions regarding the care, maintenance and water testing of the beach at Walpole Bay. It may be that your observations revealed there were only 5 people who bathed in the sea between the dates you mention and at the times you observed. However I know that when I bathe there are always many more than 5!

The coast along this stretch with the lower promenade with access routes built on a gradient are problematic, in as much that irresponsible dog walkers allow their dogs to defacate as they walk along the promenade and down the access routes. As a result, when it rains the dog mess gets washed onto the sand and into the sea at high tide. It is important that this part of the coast be maintained for swimmers and those who chose to use the beach for leisure.

There are many local residents who care about this section of coast and are in the process of building support to maintain the cleanliness of this section as it is woefully neglected. In my estimation it would be mutually beneficial to support volunteer activities along the lower promenade at Cliftonville/Walpole bay.

You also mention

"The recent review of Walpole Bay demonstrates a clear change in visitor demand, with very little evidence of people swimming in the sea. Removing water sample tests here would mean no change in the level of service provided here and in fact would mean we could do more to positively promote the beach to a new audience."

The beach at Walpole bay is shockingly low on the level of care. If the council were to support the building of relationships with local residents and active volunteers, local residents would begin to feel as though they have a real and palpable interest in keeping the area clean. Working with residents in this way would

also improve the relationship between the council, our representatives and residents. I cannot stress enough how local residents care about the beach at Cliftonville and by TDC supporting residents to support our coastal landscape, we could build a unified and mutually beneficial relationship between the council, residents, coast and visitors to this beautiful part of Kent.

Yours Sincerely

From:
Sent: 30 January 2014 15:11
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: walpole bay

Having read the data on your site I am inclined to vote for option 1. Unless it can be demonstrated that the EA officer who undertook the collection of data was
i) at the bay for the duration of the day in question, and
ii) took note of all bathers in the whole of the bay I find the use of this data as highly irresponsible by TDC.

PS I bathed in the sea pool at least 12 times last year.

From:
Sent: 25 January 2014 01:03
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay Beach Consultation

Hello,

I write in favour of Option 1 in your current consultation regarding the proposal to remove water sampling tests at Walpole Bay in Cliftonville, published here: http://www.thanet.gov.uk/the-thanet-magazine/press-releases/2014/january/walpole-latest/

Here is my thinking:

There are two facts i question - one is the information on the number of bathers - 58 visitors & 5 bathers. But I can name five friends who bathed there last who don't even live in Kent, let alone all the locals and regular swimmers who are up in arms - it would seems this data gives a false impression of how important the beach is to locals and visitors alike and this has misled the council. The second thing I want to question is more serious and this is the logic that is outlined in Option 1 of the consultation: That new rules come into force in 2015 and require four years of good water quality and that because of this signs would have to be put up advising people not to swim. Given that the water failed tests at some point in 2011 (we don't know what date) and the water quality has been improving since then, if the beach passes all tests this year and all tests next year we are presumably talking about a window of a few months when signs would need to be displayed - and the signs could come down when the beach reached a clear run of four years worth of good tests - for example if it last failed a test in May 2011 and passes all tests from now on, the signs could come down in June 2015. So to re-iterate, if legislation comes into force in 2015 and the beach passes all tests between now and then, we are potentially only looking at a few months of temporary signs. If these clearly state that new regulations have come into force and the water quality has not deteriorated, I don't think this would give visitors or locals a bad impression, especially as the beach has actually reached the required standards for the last two years in a row. The need for some temporary signage which explains new legislation does not seem to me to be a reason to stop testing the water and to decommission Walpole Bay as a bathing beach - in my view this would have a far more damaging long term effect.

This is my conclusion:

Displaying clearly worded temporary signs which explain the new legislation and historic nature of the failure of water quality along with information showing the continued improvement in quality would be highly preferable to the decommissioning of the bathing beach and the stopping of water testing - this would send out a more damaging message to bathers and visitors and could lead to a decline in maintenance, monitoring and cleaning of a natural asset which is well used by locals and visitors and represents a hugely important resource in an area of economic and social disadvantage.

Thank you for your time and effort in organising this consultation, I hope it leads to a better understanding of the importance of Walpole Bay bathing beach for locals and visitors.

Sincerely,

From:
Sent: 10 February 2014 15:34
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay

Dear Sirs,

It seems a great pity that having successfully returned the standard of Cliftonville, it is proposed that the water at Walpole Bay is no longer to be tested. I have watched with great interest whilst the Embassy Hotel building was reinstated to two houses and more recently have admired the work and improvements on the old Leslie Hotel site.

In an area which is obviously being improved by the Council, to allow one of Margate's bays become downgraded seems a counterproductive step when everything else seems to be aimed at encouraging vistors to return once again to Thanet.

This particular part the beach provides a safe environment for children to swim in but without the water testing it will be assumed that it is no longer safe. I consider also that this would have a knock-on effect on the rest of the Margate beaches, being in close proximity.

I would urge you therefore to please reconsider this move so that together we can all continue the move to return Cliftonville to its former splendour.

From:
Sent: 24 January 2014 08:14
To: TDC Consultation
Subject:

My alternative is give me a year and I can turn that beach around All I need is your permission and for someone to collect my bags at a designated place My own water quality tests have proven high readings of dog fowling and other promenade debris

I'm convinced that I can do this as I use the beach everyday and my office is right by the lido

I think it's a great message to all to allow me the volunteer beach warden official right to help further

I can do this and it shows a member of the public working with the council rather than renegade sporadic cleaning

People will help me over the year puts out a great positive message for the community and it shows we have to help you to help ourselves

The beaches must come first it's our main attraction

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 19:50
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Let me help you

You have kindly given me the first ever official agreement to harvest seaweed from the tidal pool for which I'm grateful as it's allowed me to build a fantastic business that is growing every day I'm on the beach everyday I swim in the pool most other days I'd like to help the understaffed department by cleaning up whilst I use the beach If I do a bit every day I'm there it will never escalate out of control I'm offering my services for free all I need is the acknowledgement and the bags to do so there is a space where I can leave bags to be picked up by an official TDC can when suitable I can help and want to help I'm not into the hole council bashing you've given me an opportunity and now u want to help by keeping the area where I've based my business clean I've had my own water tests done and I'm confident with my help we can get the tests more stable

Please let me know
Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent: 22 January 2014 23:12
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole bay beach

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android I feel the beach is used a lot and bathers and jet ski useres deserve the best services along with other beaches in Thanet. TDC provides magnificent service to all other beaches and I feel the testing should continue.

From:
Sent: 22 January 2014 18:30
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay Review

I do NOT think the Council should de classify this beach and stop water sampling.

I believe this is really being proposed because it has failed some test, and therefore has a negative implication for the Council.

Visitor and bather numbers have reduced more because of the fact that rubbish, seaweed and general detritus is ignored by the council. Graffiti is left and not removed by the council, the public toilets closed some time ago, plus the general build up of sand shingle and waste on the promenade too is largely ignored by the council.

If these issues are addressed, then visitor and bather numbers may recover. Therefore, in my view, it is not about shifting behaviour, it is about the build up of filth becoming intolerable for most people, therefore they are clearly going elsewhere.

Ceasing the water tests and declassifying Walpole Bay as a bathing beach simply serves to support the approach that if you neglect something for long enough, the visitors and tourists will disappear. Better the council clear the rubbish, remove the seaweed regularly, remove the graffiti, clear the promenades. Investing effort in improving is what is required, not further neglect, which is what will happen by removing water tests.

From:
Sent: 10 February 2014 15:10
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay Water Sampling

Sirs,

I oppose the removal of water sampling at Walpole bay on the following grounds:

1. The area is a key attraction for visitors to Margate and downgrading by removing water sampling will detract from visitor interest by implying the area is unsafe for bathing.

2. The figures for numbers of bathers quoted by Thanet District Council are false and were clearly created to base a reason for withdrawal of testing. For the last year I have regularly walked the area and have frequently seen ten or more bathers in the pool. It is also used for kayak training for youths and this vital resource must be maintained to the highest hygene standards.

3. Mothers and children are seen most afternoons and evenings playing by and in the water.

4. The area provides a safe area for learning to swim in the sea and so give our young people a safer lifestyle whilst near deep water.

Having made the decision to return to live in Cliftonville I object to the downgrading of facilities. Having spend much time and money on cleaning up the residential area of Cliftonville to attract a more stable population it seems a counter measure to remove high health standards for sea bathing.

Soon, Margate will boast the finest vintage leisure park in the country - visitors will want to see all of the traditional bathing facilities and many will seek out the quieter bays to spend their time.

Please take this contribution into consideration.

From:
Sent: 26 January 2014 15:20
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay

What an absolutely ludicrous idea of TDC to even considerthis!!! The tidal pool has underground fresh water springs which help keep it clean and safe for bathing!! Which true locals are well aware of!! It does not take much for this pathetic council to keep the foreshore clean!! Get your act together TDC!!!

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 12:50
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay

I would like to see Walpole Bay continue as a bathing pool, as my sons who belong to ' Sea Scouts use this pool every Wednesday evening to practice water safety, canoeing and learning to sail. Also other scouting activities taken place here such as raft building and other water based events. This pool provides a safe environment for my boys (and other children) to learn. The beach is an excellent position for the boats and canoes to be taken down to the water.
Without this pool there are an awful lot of children who would not be able to take part in water based sports.

Sent from my iPad

From:
Sent: 05 February 2014 18:08
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay

Sent from my iPad
I am disturbed to hear that you are contemplating ceasing to test the water at Walpole Bay.

The sea water swimming pool is such a wonderful facility, an asset that not many seaside towns can boast. There is always a good depth of water at any state of the tide. I have been swimming at Walpole Bay all my life, as I have recently retired I will have more time available and I was expecting to be able to continue to use the pool for many more years.

Your suggestion that only five people swim in the pool is absurd. When my family come to stay they always swim in the pool and we see the same swimmers year after year.

In the past there were excellent facilities at both Walpole bay and Palm Bay. Rather than stopping water testing perhaps you should consider better pool maintenance and provide some facilities that would encourage locals and holiday makers to visit Walpole Bay.

Regards

From:
Sent: 28 January 2014 15:48
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay

After reading your proposal to remove water sampling from Walpole bay it only mentioned bathing in the sea. I saw no reference to the tidal pool, which I believe is the main attraction at Walpole Bay, and would be affected by the water quality.

I would be very upset if I was unable to swim in the pool because of the uncertainty of the water quality. The tidal pool offers the joy of being able to swim outside with the feeling of the safety a pool gives.

I am an older person residing in Cliftonville and like me many older people enjoy using the pool every summer. Every year I meet the same people, so swimming becomes a social occasion for us.

The pool is also a safe place for children to swim and play on inflatables without the danger of the open sea.

Taking into consideration that Walpole bay is the only beach that is local and within walking distance for the residents of Cliftonville, I feel it would a great loss to the area if water sampling was removed.

Yours sincerely

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 18:38
To: TDC Consultation
Cc: cllr-Clive Hart
Subject: Walpole Bay Review - Total Opposition to the Proposal

Dear TDC

Given the absurd comments from Cllr Iris Johnson stated below, I would like my views to be record as I am totally opposed to the proposal.

In fact I would go as far as to suggest that the leader of the council remove this women from her post with immediate effect.

Disgraceful decision from a Labour led council.

Regards

Cabinet Member for Tourism, Cllr Iris Johnston said: "In line with our Destination Management Plan, we're keen to make the most of Thanet's stunning natural assets and to provide a diverse offer for our visitors.

"The area from Walpole Bay up to Botany Bay is a haven for wildlife and offers unspoilt beautiful bays which can be enjoyed all year round.

"The recent review of Walpole Bay demonstrates a clear change in visitor demand, with very little evidence of people swimming in the sea. Removing water sample tests here would mean no change in the level of service provided here and in fact would mean we could do more to positively promote the beach to a new audience."

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 10:59
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay

Dear Sir / Madame,

I am horrified by your proposal to 'decommission' the bathing pool at Walpole Bay. The facility is widely used. Much more than the suggested figures which are wholly untrue. The pool is over a 100 years old. It has great cultural and historical significance. We should be safe guarding this was future generations, we are after all only custodians of this beautiful area. I would like to see you clean up the water. This would involve investigation into the water quality which could lead to more fines for Southern Water/ and or banning dogs from the beach. Personally I would like to see dogs banned from the beach all year round. Rather than considering decommission I would like to see you invest in the area, with open showers, lockers and CCTV. It would be great to get the lift back into use and encourage swimming groups to use the pool and disabled groups who will have easy access. I want you to show some vision and leadership in the regeneration of
Thanet but in particular the under resourced Cliftonville.

Thank you,

Local resident.

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 06:46
To: TDC Consultation

I think it would be a good idea if water sampling was removed from Walpole Bay. There is little point in taking samples from sea water at an area no longer mainly used for swimming.

From:
Sent: 29 January 2014 10:38
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole bay

Dear TDC

It seems obvious not to test this area.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 16:18
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay - updated info

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following the updated information and press release I would like to add the following to my previous response:

The tidal pool is for swimming & bathing and to decommission Walpole Bay as a bathing beach would be wrong.

If signs have to go up for one or two years then do that, the impact on tourism is negligible, as all facilities have been removed from Walpole Bay and the tidal pool is not promoted.

In the meantime bring the beach/water up to required standards and provide seasonal facilities for swimmers - toilets, changing huts, benches, more bins etc.

Then start actually promoting this incredible facility! It could even help to take the pressure off main sands in the summer, especially with the pressure on parking.

I wholeheartedly reject the idea that it is necessary to take water testing away, say it's not a bathing beach, and doom it to even further neglect than it currently experiences. It would be a criminal waste of an amazing facility, which is much loved and used, contrary to the clearly inaccurate figures published by TDC.

Many local people swim in their lunch break, or after work, or when the tide is right. They walk or cycle down, swim lengths for half an hour, then go off again. They do not sit there all day waiting to be counted going into the water!

Tourist use is a consideration & is desirable, but what about people in Cliftonville? Why should they allow one of the areas main assets to be further degraded?

Best Wishes,

From:
Sent: 22 January 2014 19:21
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay Consultation Response
Attachments: 564383_10100304784012559_2089311767_n.jpg; IMG_3786.JPG

Dear Sir/Madam,

I object wholeheartedly to the proposal to 'decommission' Walpole Bay as a bathing beach for the following reasons.

1) Cliftonville suffers from enough neglect without TDC also further neglecting the bathing facilities.

2) Walpole Bay tidal pool is an amazing facility. Everyone who visits ys comments on his great it is! It is a wonderful protected place to swim for faults and children. I swim there regularly over the summer and reject the TDC usage figures. Most days I swam in July and August there were more than 10 people in the pool itself and on hot days 50+ in and around the pool. As a resident who regularly uses the pool I actually noticed a marked increase in the number of people using the pool & cliftonville beaches from 2012 to summer 2013.

3) With the Arlington car park shut the parking for Margate main sands is very difficult for visitors. In 2013 there were more people parking at the lido car park and using the beaches below at Cliftonville instead of main sands. This was noticed by us, the residents of Cliftonville.

4) Why would TDC single out this particular beach? Why not give Walpole Bay the same facilities as the other beaches so more people can use it??? Why are there no toilets? No lockers? No beach huts? The Jetski cafe are very reluctant to let people access their toilets & this deters families.

5) I wrote to TDC in July 2013 about Walpole Bay (by email, which I can forward to you) and received NO response, not even an acknowledgement! There are many visitors & residents who use this beach and want facilities there, but TDC simply ignore them.

I have attached a couple of my pictures from summers 2012 & 2013 which go someway to illustrate that there are more people using the pool than TDC would have us believe.

I will look forward to your timely response and, I hope, a proper commitment to the Cliftonville beaches and Walpole Bay tidal pool, including not removing the water sampling point!

Regards,

Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 11:55
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay

I would like the water testing to continue in Walpole bay... to keep it as a bathing beach... It is my local beach and I used it regularly in the past..
This last summer I was unable to use it because of a knee replacement operation in June. I hope to continue using it from this summer onwards...
I cannot see how the bathing figures were made as I've seen many, many people swimming in the bay at various times when I've walked down there.

Regards,

Cliftonville

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 09:41
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay water sampling

I'm confused by your Satistics. Would the water used in the tidal pool not really be from the same area? I swam in the tidal pool 2 or 3 times a week during that period. There were lots and lots of people swimming there likewise, including large groups of children and teenagers after school. Your counters were obviously not including the tidal pool in their research. Don't you think that it is important that the water is monitored for those swimmers?

From:
Sent: 22 January 2014 20:02
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole bay

Hi
I have just learnt if the plans to decommission Walpole bay as a bathing beach. I am really really upset and disappointed I have lived here for 3 years and each summer there have been more and more people using this beach, myself included. The summer just past was particularly busy, many weekends and sunny days the beach was full with various people and specifically families, lots of people were swimming on the days I visited - certainly more than 5 I'm not fire where that numbered was plucked from but completely untrue!
Many local people are passionate about this beach, about cleaning it and using it. As a local resident I do not want to sit on the main sands, this beach is at the end of my road and I will continue to use it regardless as will many if my neighbours.
One thing that struck me this summer was seeing evidence of someone dumping seaweed at the edge of the Walpole bay tidal pool from another beach!!! Which is disgusting that someone whoever it may be can get away with that. The truth of the matter is that for a long time this beach has been neglected by the council and as a result local peoples wants and desires for the area are also neglected.
I've checked the water quality result from the summer just gone and that simply is not the case, the Walpole bats results were on a parr with main sands and Palm Bay. When new regulations come into effect in 2015 according to TDC findings all beaches around margate and surrounding areas will have to be decommissioned as water quality is not significantly different. I would suggest that TDC take a more positive route and improve all beaches and plan for 2015 so that all of our beaches pass with flying colours.
Kind regards

Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 19:53
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole bay bathing pool

Hi
Having thoroughly read the environment agencies website it would appear that what they don't want to happen is that beaches close down. What they would like to happen is that councils work with those water results and correct the issues whether that be dog fouling, misconnected drains, etc. solving the issues which need to be tackled, and which presumably will effect main sands in 2015 anyway. By decommissioning the Walpole bay you will be effecting the future of Cliftonville, and once again showing a lack of support for local people who are continuously feeling let down by TDC - once decommissioned it will never come back into use and cliftonvilles future once again taken off the priority radar.
The beaches are the best of what we have here and are worth investing in and safeguarding for the future they should be priority.
Kind regards

Edgar rd resident

Sent from my iPhone

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 11:06
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay Bathing

I am about to move to Cliftonville from London and would definately want to use Walpole Bay for bathing. I think that it would be madness to stop water sampling there and from the activity on Twitter it seems that many residents agree. If Cliftonville is going to improve and regenerate then a bathing beach is essential.

The two biggest things that Cliftonville needs to address are dog excrement and litter on pavements and the promenade. I don't understand why more can't be done to address these two issues. I can see that there is support there in the community and groups are doing their own clean ups. It looks like the council needs to step up and do more to sort this out.

From:
Sent: 30 January 2014 10:29
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay consultation

Sir or Madam,

A very short email to express my opinion that Walpole Bay should NOT be de-designated for bathing.

This stretch of our coast demands *more* attention. Better cleaning and an improvement of provisions and facilities, not downgrading.

Regards,

From:
Sent: 24 January 2014 11:15
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Thanet Beaches

Dear Sir,

We have no option but to ensure the quality of our beaches is suitable for bathers. Last year TDC failed to bring Ramsgate Sands up to standard for a Blue Flag. We cannot let our beaches slip. England is enjoying a back to UK holiday destination we have to capitalize on that.

Currently there is a lot of hard work going into making the Thanet Towns better places to enjoy whilst visiting the seaside we cannot lose our bathing beach status anywhere.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 04 February 2014 17:38
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay -consultation

Dear Thanet Council,

Perhaps you don't get out much - but this pool is always used by local people for swimming. I am not sure why there is this culture of getting rid of nice things in Thanet - surely the maintenance costs cannot be that great that Thanet Council can't afford it?

I urge you to re-think this idea that Walpole Bay is under-used.

The money wasted by the Council defies belief but the Council needs to keep its attractions in good repair. Another missed opportunity is to re-develop the Lido. In London there are many Lidos kept in good repair and making money with cafes and bars attached, whereas in Thanet, our lido lies crumbling and unloved. And don't get me started on Dreamland ...

The culture of pessimism and parsimonious seems to reign in Thanet.

Yours,

From:
Sent: 26 January 2014 17:18
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: RE: Walpole Bay

Dear TDC

I am writing as I am totally horrified by the thought that bathing will be taken away from Walpole Bay. I am a Cub Leader and cannot believe that only 5 people have bathed there in 2013.

On occasions in 2013 we have taken our Cubs for boating activities in the boating pool. We have 36 Cubs and 8 leaders with 4 Young Leaders. We also have many parents with siblings using the pool whilst they are waiting for us. Additionally, we also do an annual swim across the boating pool with our Cubs to assess their ability in the water, but using a safe and controlled environment. We also play beach games there when weather conditions do not allow water activities and have paddling sessions instead. It is a great place for early evening activities when day visitors have left.

Our Beaver Section also have a similar activities with 30 Beavers and aprox 10 Leaders/Young Leaders. Our Scout Section, with 40+ Scouts and numerous Leaders use the facility on a weekly basis during the summer season (May onwards). In some weeks our Group are down there both on a Monday and a Wednesday eve.

I have also spoken to Scouting colleagues at Scout Group and Scout Group, who have used the facility for their activities. In all cases we have had numerous adults and children in the water.

Additionally, as a local resident and parent, I visit Walpole Bay with my daughter and friends. It is great for young children to paddle and run in and out of the water safely. We use body boards and inflatable canoes and have easy access to our cars. My daughter is on the Autistic spectrum and this is an ideal location for her needs.

I do not know where the Environment Agency get their figure of 5 people from, but would suggest it could be at a time people would be unlikely to use Walpole Bay ie in poor weather, when covered in rotting seaweed or too early in the day. With the unfortunate sewerage spillage, many people would have been kept away this year, however with assurances of high water quality, many will return.

Thanet District Scouting would be greatly affected, at a time when we need more safe environments for children to experience their adventures, rather than less.

Sent from Windows Mail

From:
Sent: 27 January 2014 15:24
To: TDC Consultation

This beach is a beautiful, and accessible place to swim due to the pool that dose not require the tide to be which is a must on the main Margate Sands In most of the beaches in Thanet swimming is tide dependent a factor that restricts swimming opportunities. The beauty of not being tide dependent makes the pool a very special place to swim at sunset. I have often swam
there for sunset swims , and its is such an amazing place to have these special moments when on a calm days the water is a magical mirror .

It would be a tragic, and sad loss to know one could no longer swim in this majestic place due to the waters being not cleared for bathing. I have seen many swimmers delighting in the freedom of sea swimming independent of the tide. And, sunsets and barbeques are a frequent occurrence throughout the summer.

The pool, and beach here also has the added bonus of being able to park your car near to where you are bathing a factor that is not available on the Nayland Rock pool.

A lot of children throughout the summer frequent this place especially the pool, and unsafe water would be a potential risk factor. A risk factor that would be applicable to all who use these waters

It should be also considered with careful reflection that potential of bathers to still swim in these waters after water checks are no longer in place would be quiet high especially when considered the location of the beach and the near by resident.

I have heard a clifftonville locals call the pool their swimming pool and due to their cultural layback traits would continue to bath in these waters regardless no safe checks are being elicited.
Due to the high probability of this occurring the safety of local people would be at risk. As, it would take more than raised awareness of the danger to ones health to stop people bathing here.

It is the duty of the local authorities to keep its residences and visitors safe. To cease water checks in the beach area would be a serious violation and failing of this standard.

The beach is also part of a coastal cycle and sea walk route where many take a refreshing sea dip pit stop at this particular beach due

It would be a tragic failing to the local people and the honoured visitors of our area to have this bathing gem taking away.

I suggest one thinks wisely indeed in regards to this matter

From:
Sent: 22 January 2014 21:53
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay pool

Dear to whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to give you my views on your recent news that the council may be decommissioning the Walpole Bay Bathing pool for bathing. I totally disagree with your plans to make the beach a non bathing beach.

I live with my husband and 2 young children in , the road that leads down to this beach. I run along the headland 3 times a week. I also swim in the Walpole Bay pool in the summer, and in a wetsuit during the winter and I also take my 21 month and 3.5 yr old swimming in this pool. I total disagree with the decommissioning of this pool, as I know a lot of other locals do.

Please do not take this away from us as a community and not from my young family. It is an asset to the area, it is a truly unique pool to have in our area. Why can't the council embrace this type of facility and the fact that people love to live in an area where there is an outside free pool on their doorstep?

I would appreciate a response and to hear your opinions on my opposition to your proposal.
Many regards,

From:
Sent: 27 January 2014 11:36
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay Review

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to voice my concerns over the proposal to no longer to water quality testing at Walpole Bay.

We are regular users of the beach including swimming in the sea. My daughter belongs to a local Beaver Scout group who regularly use the bathing pool as part of their club activities. By no longer undertaking water quality testing, I believe that the club would no longer wish to use the bathing pool.

I find the Environment Agency's figures difficult to believe. If they were to visit the beach on Monday or Wednesday evenings during the summer they would find a large number of children and adults using the beach including being in the water.

My choice out of the two options is Option 1. I believe that due to the close proximity to Walpole Bay to the sewerage plant, that regular testing is extremely important.

Kind regards

From:
Sent: 22 January 2014 23:57
To: TDC Consultation
Cc: Louise Oldfield
Subject: Walpole Bay

I totally disagree with the proposal to remove water sampling tests at Walpole Bay in Cliftonville .
The move would show Thanet Council as incapable of safeguarding it's natural and historic resources.
The Walpole Bay Tidal Pool should be seen as major asset for outdoor swimming.
Efforts should be made to ensure the water is clean and to add the minimum infrastructure to allow people to swim:
a couple of showers, some lockers so swimmers can keep their belongings (clothes, watch, phone, credit cards, cash, car keys, etc) while they are in the water.
Such a large open air swimming pool could be promoted and bring active coast visitors to the area all year round. It is also a potential great benefit to the people who live in the poor and dense urban area of Clftonville.
It is and asset that could be used to encourage people to move to Cliftonville.

If the water is not clean, TDC should make it a priority to find out why it is not.

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 12:57
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay

I am very concerned at your proposal to 'decommission' Walpole Bay. This is a much loved and used amenity for Cliftonville and Margate as well as from further afield. Your figures prove to be very inaccurate, although not a swimmer I use this beach and this area all year round. In the summer it is quite crowded in the tidal pool and your figure of 5 people in the whole of August is laughable. There are groups of scouts and others who use this year long for training with canoes etc and gaining life saving qualifications, which is essential when living on the coast. These are often in the evenings. I am sure that this idea has come about after the failure of the water treatment centre last year, and it seems to me that it is easier to decommission the beach rather than get Southern Water to get it sorted.
This tidal pool is an attraction and is used all day including winter.
How about sorting it out and making a nice area.
If you wish to do some sorting how about the Lido which is an eyesore?

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 13:44
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay bathing beach

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am writing to you regarding the possible removal of water testing at Walpole Bay. Please may I register my disagreement with this?

I live in on the seafront and regularly walk my dog on the cliff path and seafront, meaning I regularly see people swimming and paddling in the bathing pool and from the beach. I myself, with visiting friends, swam at least six times last summer. My use alone between June and September scuppers the figures you quote. As a local business owner, I know personally at least a dozen people who, along with their families and friends, use the Walpole Bay bathing pool regularly during the summer months. On just one day in August of last year I had to walk for 10 minutes to find a small area of sand to leave my towel and belongings as the beach was so busy. And I often recommended the Walpole Bay beach to visitors to my restaurant as the best, safe spot from which to swim and sunbathe.

Even in the winter and spring I have seen families using bathing pool (in wetsuits), as well as regular visits and usage by the scouts and the sea cadets. Firemen also use the bathing pool for exercises.

Just from my personal use and what I have personally witnessed, you can see that the figures you have received seem questionable. Please can you tell me when these figures were collated and how?

Please can you also let me know the cost saving of no longer testing the water?

At a time when Margate is being watched, nationally, as it begins its path of regeneration, surely now is the time to maintain and secure our natural assets?

I eagerly await your response.

Yours sincerely,

From:
Sent: 22 January 2014 20:31
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay

I was extremely disappointed to read the article in The Gazette about plans to decommission Walpole Bay as a bathing beach. Last summer was just one example of how well-used this beach is by local residents and visitors. My partner, who works from home, swam in the tidal pool on a daily basis and said how busy it was. I have seen photos taken by friends showing a very busy beach and pool. I myself often went to the beach after work and even then there were people swimming, people arriving to swim after work and clear evidence that the beach had been well-used.

Sadly it was clear that the beach was not well looked after. I think there was one bin for this very busy beach and this was on the promenade away from the steps. Despite there being a dog ban, there were people with dogs amongst people with families and young children. When we first used the beach on moving here, it was well cared for, there was even a lifeguard but this is no longer the case despite there being a clear need.

I urge you to reconsider this decision. Clearly those people who have made this recommendation did not visit the beach during the summer!

Regards

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 17:02
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay

I live in Broadstairs and feel that Option 2 is the best way forward for the bay whilst having the least effect on the surrounding beaches and their visitor numbers.

More, I believe that if promoted as a beach for year-round marine wildlife, would it not make sense to actually ban bathing in that location?

Happy to help more if asked!

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 13:19
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: RE: Walpole Bay Beach Closure

As a resident of these here parts and an Englishman, I am disgusted to see another EU ruling to rear its ugly head in England. This is what happens when you hand over Sovereign Law to European bureaucrats. In 1972 when the Treaty of Rome was signed it gave power away to foreign powers. The last time I looked this was a Common Law jurisdiction. England has lost out to Europe and this is just another case in point. We should now take a step back from Europe and claim our own Laws again and NOT allow Eurocrats from taking control of our country. Remember...THIS IS ENGLAND!!!

From:
Sent: 10 February 2014 21:58
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Consultation - Walpole Bay

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to register our opposition to the decommissioning of Walpole Bay as proposed by you.

Here we are trying
to entice people to spend their days off and holidays in Thanet, and for some reason after all the effort and money being spent to upgrade certain areas, you want to leave Walpole Bay to an uncertain future.
Walking from Margate to Cliftonville and beyond along the beach is one of the joys of the area - our beaches are some of the best in the UK, and Walpole Bay is one of these little gems. I'm not sure when you ever go to the beach, but during the summer Walpole Bay is fairly busy with families enjoying the tidal pool and surrounding rock pools. In the evenings there are people enjoying the tranquility and sunsets down at Walpole Bay, and not to keep it to a high standard would be detrimental. This proposed downgrade and savings are formed from a lack of vision and short sightedness. I hope you will reconsider this idea to downgrade this area. I would like to add that over the last couple of years there has been a noticeable decline in the upkeep of the upper promenade leading from the Bowling Club towards Foreness - weeds have abounded and the over all effect is of scruffiness and can't be bothered attitude which reflects badly on the area. As I said, if we don't look after these areas we can't expect people to come to the area and recommend to others.

Yours faithfully

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 20:14
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay

You cannot be serious!! You cannot even think about closing this beach and as a council tax payer I want some of my taxes used to continue testing the water in this area. It is a lovely beach which I have used with my family for many years (and generations).

Yours faithfully

From:
Sent: 01 February 2014 21:22
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay Review

Reading this week's Isle of Thanet Gazette I read an article suggesting a survey found few people bathe at Walpole Bay. I write to inform you the survey is wrong to find this.

Over about 6 months of the year I regualarly bathe there, usually in and around the bathin pool. I use the pool when the tide is out and complete 6-10 transits. Sometimes I go 5 times in a week. During the more popular times of year I find large numbers of bathers. Yes some people are crabbing other using floating devices but many re swimming. Not all are swimming a mile or so, like myself, but some are. I see different faces there seriously swimming and some regualars who I recognise. I also see many just enjoying the see. Sometimes they are families, sometimes they are groups of children (I mean under 18s). On many occassions in the hour or so I have been there I have witnessed more than 30 people bathe. My son swims with me too.

Anyway I was surprised to read anything that suggests Walpole Bay is not a well used bathing spot. I hope this helps when it comes to decide wether to stop testing the water in the area.

Yours sincerely

From:
Sent: 22 January 2014 18:50
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay Beach Consultation

I believe that water sampling should not be removed from Walpole Bay. The beach is a wonderful asset with a fantastic tidal pool. I go swimming regularly at Walpole Bay throughout the summer and have always witnessed the beach to be very busy with many others bathing in the water.

The beach has got busier every year since 2007 since I've lived in Cliftonville and is likely to get even busier as visitor numbers to Margate increase. The beach should be upgraded with better facilities not being downgraded to a beach where the water is not tested regularly. If the quality of the water falls below standards then this must be addressed and for this very reason water testing should absolutely continue.

Kind regards,

Sent from my iPad

From:
Sent: 25 January 2014 16:59
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: FW: Walpole Bay
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From:
To: consultaion@thanet.gov.uk
Subject: Walpole Bay
Date: Sat, 25 Jan 2014 16:01:21 +0000

Dear Mr Hart - I understand the concern but if "that not enough bathers use Walpole Bay" is the major reason for the decision not to test in the future, then I can only question the time of day bathers were observed in August. I went late afternoon throughout the summer and was often joined by others out of school/work.
I can't claim to understand the complexities of the two failed readings in 2011 or what needs to be done to improve this. But a fair decision must take account of the real number of bathers using Walpole Bay, and from my own experience, I know this to be plenty more than 5!
A picture of my friends and I using the pool as late as October 2013.

Kind Regards,

From:
Sent: 25 January 2014 09:51
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Re Walpole Bay

I can't help but feel there is something I'm missing here....

In summary, if you test the water and it fails, you post a sign warning people not to swim. If you don't test (and presumably the water is of same quality) you don't have to post. To ensure the water is 'safe enough' measurements locally etc will prove to be sufficient. Having the warning flag may prove to be negative for visitors etc.

My question would be, why isn't the water meeting the new criteria? What would it take to come up to the new standard? Is the water quality OK at the other beaches being mentioned? (If so, my question about the quality of Walpole is even more compelling to me).

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 12:47
To: TDC Consultation
Cc: Rich
Subject: Walpole Bay beach

As the owner of a small guesthouse in Road I find this proposal worrying. Does the council really think people are going to use a beach with big signs up saying 'do not swim in the water?' Do I now tell my guests who come to stay with us to use the beach not to swim in the water because it is contaminated? All the TDC action plans talk about the need to encourage Tourism as part of Margate's regeneration, quite frankly this is a short sighted, retrograde step. My guesthouse, is rated as one of the best in Kent on Tripadvisor and we were awarded a certificate last year for being in the top 8% of accommodation providers in the world. We have worked extremely hard to build up our reputation and business, and pride ourselves on providing a superlative level of service. We are the kind of enterprise TDC seem so eager to attract to the area, and pride ourselves on being enthusiastic ambassadors for the town. Think again TDC, this is not one of your better ideas!

From:

Sent: 27 January 2014 23:09
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay Review

Whoever undertook the survey of Walpole Bay pool clearly choose the wrong day and hour to do it. If he/she had chosen a cold, wet and windy day, then they surely would have found zero people on the beach and even less using the pool. If he/she had chosen the visit on one of those hot summery days in August and September, then they would have been unable to count the hundreds of people young and old enjoying the free facilities available to us all.

Maybe the clue in the word 'free'! Thanet Council are clearly unable to levy a charge so is this the real reason to "decommission".

The water quality is something that Southern Water must address! Closing down and spending money on removing the concrete walls is not going to solve that. No one can stop the public swimming in the sea, unless our council wants to declare the whole area a nogo zone.

Anyone who frequently uses the pool at low tide will tell you that this facility is regularly used from early mornings, throughout the day and into the evenings. The important point to remember though, is that this is an outdoor facility and other ingredients that make it popular includes the Sun, the tide and the summer.

So, in speaking for the guy who every day spent over an hour swimming around the pool each morning (tide permitting) in his wet suite, the three young men and two lady friends who rendezvoused each evening after work and the sea scouts who bring their canoes and boats to learn the "basic" .... Please do NOT remove this facility. People come from all other Thanet to use this facility!

It is simply not correct to say that only five people used the facility. There may have been only five people swimming at one moment in time but very few people will stay in swimming in our cold sea waters without a wet suite.

From:
Sent: 07 February 2014 21:36
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay Consultation

Dear Sirs,
I have just read about Walpole Bay in the IOTG. I am a very regular visitor to Thanet as I own a holiday flat in the area. I swim at Walpole Bay frequently due to the excellent facility of the walled sea pool. I also lend my flat to friends from my Triathlon Club as we find the pool very helpful for swim training. I see a number of other open water swimmers using the facility. I think it is extremely important to keep the beach designated and tested, with signs put up if necessary, because we then have information about the water quality and can make an informed decision about whether or not to swim. If the information is not there, the risk increases because we are swimming 'blind'. This would probably deter us from coming at all, thus affecting Thanets tourist income as we generally come for the whole weekend and spend money in shops, restaurants etc. PLEASE keep Walpole Bay listed, tested, and signed. Kind regards,

Sent from my BlackBerry® smartphone

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 07:28
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay

I find it hard to believe that only 58 people swam in the sea at Walpole bay last Summer. I often swam in the tidal pool. most days there were at least 58 people in the pool. Most of the locals I know check the tide times and go when the tide is out so that they can leave their belongings on the wall without them getting swept away. Perhaps you weren't checking at the right time. It really is one of the best things about living in Cliftonville and one of the reasons I have chosen to stay. The tidal pool needs to be properly maintained.

Regards

(Cliftonville residing home owner)

From:
Sent: 26 January 2014 13:12
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole bay

I would like to suggest that the council put pressure on Southern Water to do more to prevent Sewage outfalls. Also to enforce the no dogs policy to prevent dogs faeces from affecting water quality results.

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 18:59
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay Water Testing

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a local resident, I would like to voice my concern regarding the proposed removal of Walpole Bay as a batheing beach.

For many years I have personally swam in the sea at Walpole and in particular used the pool when the tide is out. This is a great resource for all local residents and it is shocking to think that efforts would not be made to ensure the water quality is maintained on this beach.

I'm sure many people have been put off swimming in the pool recently in particular as it has not been well maintained with much seaweed growing in it and litter.

What this area needs is a little investment to clean this beach up so that the residents can return, not to abandon this lovely beach because it is the easy option.

Sent from my iPad

From:
Sent: 22 January 2014 23:24
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay Review

Having read your post on the TDC website regarding removing water sampling at Walpole Bay, I am very concerned with your attitude towards your responsibility to ensure that Walpole bay is clean and safe for people to use.

The stretch of beach from the Lido to the Forness Waterski Club is the dirtiest stretch of beach in the area. Is it any wonder that you'd rather test water quality at cleaner locations such as Botany Bay or Margate main sands.

Your figures of 58 people visiting the beach and only 5 people swimming is ridiculous! I regularly use the bathing pool at Walpole with my friends during the summer after work and I remember on a few occasions sharing the pool with a youth club teaching their youngsters to kayak, sail and on one occasion they held a raft building competition. They had at least 15-20 kids at a time.

I also walk my dog twice a day every day from the Jetski Cafe to the Forness Waterski club. The amount of litter on that beach is disgusting. Why do you remove the bins during the winter months? I can understand that budgets can only stretch so far but if you kept & emptied the bins all year and supplied bags I - and I'm sure some of the other dog walkers down there every day - would be only too happy to pick up litter while we were walking. You already have one dog walker who regularly brings his own bags to pick up litter.

We do care about the environment we live in and would welcome the opportunity to help keep it clean. Removing testing at Walpole Bay to improve your results is not the way forward. Especially if the same person who carried out the bather load monitoring is also the same person monitoring the water quality!

Stop taking the easy option - Just do your job.

- Cliftonville Resident

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 20:19
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this proposal.

I definitely object to ceasing of the water sampling. This beach and sea bathing pool is very popular with locals and visitors alike. Furthermore, with the excellent benefit of offering swimming no matter if the tide is in or out, it should be a destination promoted by the council, not demoted and allowed to decline.

I very much hope this decision does not proceed and I can continue bathing at this beach with the comfort of knowing that it is monitored and maintained as it should be, as an excellent public convenience of historical significance.

Kind regards,

Road, Cliftonville.

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 14:36
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay review

As a Thanet resident and local tax payer I would like to register my opposition to the proposal to deregister this bay. It makes no sense to me to do this, water quality is as important or perhaps more important for nature and wildlife as it is for humans swimming in the sea. We should maintain a high water quality level at all points around Thanets coastline. Keeping this monitoring will enable better data to be kept in order to track pollution issues should they happen.

Regards

From:
Sent: 22 January 2014 19:39
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay Beach

Dear sir or Madam,
I really think TDC have lost all sight of what's right and wrong. To decommission this beach is madness, it's used continuously through the summer holiday with many people enjoying the beach and pool, in fact I have family members who enjoy swimming there. Thanet beaches are beautiful and diverse and should be looked after and utilised for residents and visitors. Come to your senses TDC and look after one of our valuable assets.

Sent from my iPad

From:
Sent: 28 January 2014 17:09
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: WALPOLE BAY

It would be madness to end swimming at Walpole Bay.
The survey that took place reported only 5 swimmers, they must have had their eyes closed!
On many occasions I drove down there, with my very elderly Mum, who had great delight in watching the many children (teenagers and youngsters) enjoying the water activities. There were several local scouting groups on Wednesday evenings and other evenings.
Walpole Bay is great for people who are unable to walk and can only use a car in order to watch and enjoy seeing the pleasure on the young peoples' faces after their water experiences.

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 07:56
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole bay

To whom it may concern,

I recently was informed that Thanet Council is considering the closure of Walpole Bay bathing pool as a swimming beach. This seems a ludicrous move considering it's popularity during nice weather and its use by groups all year round such as the local sea cadets. There are so few bathing pools remaining and it is the only one in the Cliftonville area and surely an asset to treasure. I have lived near this stretch of beach for over twenty years and have witnessed holiday makers and locals alike flock to it year after year, often the lower prom lined with cars filled with families. With the popular jet ski beach just round the corner, Walpole is a safe and lovely addition to our beautiful coast.

If water quality, due to Southern Water and it's dumping of waste water into the sea is the issue then they alone should be held accountable. The rest of the local population should have the full support of the council to maintain our greatest assets for everyone who wishes to enjoy them. I often see a snaking black outpouring from the pumping station that begins at the shoreline. This surely can't be acceptable.

It would be another example of short sighted planning to dispose of such a special beach. I do hope that this moment of council madness will be dismissed. I still sit here in disbelief that it would even warrant consideration.

Sincerely

Sent from my iPad

From:
Sent: 24 January 2014 19:36
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay Beach and Pool Cliftonville

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to add my say to your consultation on Walpole Bay possibly being decommissioned for a swimming beach.
I have copied my comments below from the Thanet Gazette article as this is how I feel about it.

"It would be such a shame on TDC to allow this purpose built open air swimming pool and the Cliftonville beaches to be decommissioned because of just two failures in water testings at the time when the Southern Water Foreness Point pumping station had pumped raw sewage into the sea. In any case the Environment Agency's survey is flawed as It has only given it's findings in this report for one occasion during it's supposed month long survey. What about on all those other 36 days ? The area is actually used much more than is being described in the report. I have seen dozens of people using the pool and beaches during the summer season days. There would be more too if the Council sent beach cleaners and inspectors to visit the area, and cleaned it up once in a while. There is a lot of debris on the sands along with broken glass bottles sticking out and tin cans a plenty. The dog mess on the sands and promenades is also a health hazard to users of the area. You can't expect to find scores of people using a beach that is not cleaned, can you ?
This area has natural beauty and should be preserved for all to use and swim as they want, not what is being recommended by some officers."

Read more: http://www.thisiskent.co.uk/Anger-plans-end-Walpole-bathing/story-20494177-detail/story.html#ixzz2rLVGIsAr

Yours Sincerely

From:
Sent: 08 February 2014 17:59
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay Review

To whom it may concern:

I am an independent retailer and my shop is on , Margate. We sell nautical gifts & decor and seaside souvenirs, so most of our trade is seasonal, relying heavily on tourism.

I live & own a home in Cliftonville, Margate so Walpole Bay is very close.

I am very concerned about the negative publicity that could be generated for Margate & Thanet, if Walpole Bay continues to be tested. The inevitable large sign saying 'poor water quality' could be misinterpreted by the press and potential visitors, as signalling that all Thanet sea water is unsafe to bathe in. I believe that it could also have an effect on the selling potential of homes in the immediate area.

I swam in the sea last year, but at Main Sands and not at Walpole, even though it is closer to my home. One reason for this, (apart from the obvious which is that Main Sands has a far larger and more attractive beach!) is the fact that many people take their dogs onto the beach and allow them to go into the sea at Walpole Bay, even during the period that dogs are banned. Many of these people do not clean up after their dogs.

I have never seen a lot of people swimming at Walpole Bay, even on hot days, so I do not believe that redesignating the site would make a difference to a significant amount of people. I understand that people will still be free to swim in the pool and the sea if they wish to, and that the water testing nearby would flag up any serious issues.

For these reasons I believe it would be in Margate and Thanet's best interest to discontinue the water testing at Walpole Bay.

Yours sincerely

From:
Sent: 23 January 2014 09:06
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay to Botany Bay

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Walpole Bay beach and Botany Bay are used regularly. I am not sure where they get there figures from saying only 58 visitors in the Water, I have 3 children all in the Sea Scouts. From March-Early October every week they are in the water usually at Walpole Bay. The Cubs and beavers who also form their pack also use the bays during the summer months that is at the minimum of 25 upwards scouts in the water at any given time. I have swam here and at Botany Bay regularly. When not swimming I have walked my dog on the beach or cycled along the prom on all occasions I have seen people swimming in the sea. It may not be packed like Viking bay or Minnis Bay but there are swimmers. I have even seen people in mid-winter swimming on these beaches. The beaches are used regularly not just for swimmers but others who have to enter the water ie scouts, cubs, beavers, boaters, kayaks, kiter surfers etc to name a few.

Keep testing the water. If the quality is dodgy due to effluent get the water company to make sure they treat the water properly before allowing it to enter the sea. Or make sure they have sufficient security/overflow to make sure no untreated waste enters the sea. We pay them enough in rates to be able to manage this easily.

Regards

From:
Sent: 27 January 2014 20:06
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole bay Review

Swimming in Walpole Bay's salty seawater from late June to September is the very essence of summer.

As the tide approaches it is thrilling, invigorating and swimming by the wall is similar to a waterfall and as the tide recedes it's magical.

Days when the tide is far out or the sea is rough it is great to have the irresistible facility of Walpole Bay pool. I've been swimming there for forty yeas and many families enjoy crabbing, fishing, canoeing and exploring the environment.

Please don't end this unique and invaluable asset to Thanet.

From:
Sent: 27 January 2014 18:01
To: TDC Consultation
Subject: Walpole Bay

Dear TDC
Myself and my family which includes my children and nieces and nephews etc, use Walpole bay every year. We all swim in the tidal pool. We have done this since I was a child in the 1960s. Your information is totally incorrect. We used to have life guards until a couple of years ago which also makes no sense as the beach is more popular every year especially with Londoners coming down in the evening and weekends. Mainly Chinese.
If you make a popular beach better it will attract even more people. Bring back the lifeguards the toilets even rebuild the sun decks and let it be a great place to go. Now things are so expensive people are not going abroad and are taking their children down the beach for the day which costs nothing. Be a council that is foresighted and not foreboded. This is just another cost cutting exercise that effects the poorest people.
Yours sincerely

Sent from my iPad

5th February 2014

THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL
MAIL CENTRE
ATTENTION
0 7 FEB 2014
FILE/NO

Dear Sir/Madam

Decommissioning of the Walpole Bay Bathing Pool

I have read your view regarding the above and although results revealed that between 29th July and 3 September 2013 only 5 people swan in the sea, that proves that people are still using the bathing pool and as long as at least one person is using the pool then I feel that the water sampling should still be carried out.

I feel that is would be wrong to stop people enjoying the bathing pool as it is a safe and pleasant way for adults and children to enjoy the sea, plus it is a unique pool to have in our community. It is certainly an added attraction to Margate.

It seems that just because something isn't being used by hordes of people and producing profits then it should be taken way. I feel if this criteria is allowed to carry on then we will have nothing left but to work and sleep and become like robots.

This pool should be used as an added attraction for visitors to come to Margate, knowing they and their children can play in the water safely.

I hope that you will reconsider your decision and keep the water sampling and in turn keep the Walpole Bay Bathing Pool for many to enjoy.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Yours faithfully

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P/S. I use this beach regularly my children and grandchildren it is used by an awful lot of people even tourists.

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RE: WALPOLE BAY BATHING POOL.

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