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Dear Sirs,

Once again I feel compelled to express my concerns over 2 major planning developments for the town.

I know that I am not the only person who is dismayed to see the destruction of the paddling pool, even more so to learn in the paper this week that you don't even have builders lined up to start the work! I know there is one at Brooklands, but unless you have a car this is nigh on impossible to get to. I cannot understand why you do not take the local residents views on board. We do not need another leisure pool in the area, for this is what it will essentially be, there are enough close by. We need a full size pool, with separate diving and learning areas, with enough seating to hold National Competitions, a very welcome source of income to the area. The custom will go elsewhere and yet another opportunity missed.

The replacement pool does not need an expensive copper roof, if you want to be 'iconic', make it a sedum one, thereby improving your insulation and being eco friendly, better still fill it with solar panels! How can the cost be so high when, as already pointed out, Crawley's was a fraction of the cost?

If action is not taken now it will go the same way as the present Aquarena, and within a few years be found to be inadequate, or maybe none of the Councillors have actually been here long enough to remember that?

As for Teville Gate, I cannot understand how you can even be contemplating such an eyesore and useless waste of space! Why would we want more cafes and restaurants when we have hundreds in the town and surrounding areas, many of which are struggling now. Why on earth would we want a Sainsbury's, or any other supermarket, when Morrisons is just over the road? As for a multiplex cinema, we have 4 venues in the town that show films, and you want to close them because you say they don't generate enough money!! I know the youngsters go to Chichester or Brighton, but I think you will find they will do that anyway, simply because it is somewhere different. Finally I cannot think of anything worse than 2 massive steel towers as the entrance to Worthing, it is so utterly out of keeping, so utterly an eyesore, and if I entered a town with that at the beginning I would turn around and leave. It will indeed spoil the view in all directions; anything placed there should not exceed the height of the 2 blocks of flats on the other corners, (the retail units of which are still unoccupied!) In fact, I would have thought that would have been an ideal place to put a proper swimming pool! Room for parking, excellent services nearby, probably even enough room to add an ice rink too. What the area needs is more for the young to do so we get less crime and less graffiti on all those empty boarded up shops and housing, not providing more empty spaces.

I do wonder sometimes if any of our Councillors actually live in Worthing.

Yours in desperation,

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