

Additional item for the attention of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 9 November 2015

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Dear Mr Foulsham

Please can the following comments be read out to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Whilst I think the idea of more beach chalets for Fleetwood is very good, I feel the suggestion of using the Marine Gardens to site them is very inappropriate.

The colonnade is an integral part of the Marine Hall and Gardens, a fact that was taken into account when the gardens were redeveloped recently. Once the colonnade has gone it will be too late to then realise its importance!

Looking down from the Promenade at the rear of beach chalets will not enhance the view, especially when you remember these will not always be new and will almost certainly deteriorate over the years. If you look at chalets already in use you will notice the backs of them are screened with either bushes or a wall. This helps to make them look attractive from the front and hides the rear view of drying towels, leaving bikes etc. I don't know how familiar you are with these chalets when they are in use, but they are built to be enjoyed usually by families or groups of friends which does not mean neat and tidy all round or quiet. This is as it should be but, this is not conducive to the use of the gardens but will give the effect of changing its use to a children's play area rather than a garden where people can enjoy the sunshine and flowers in peace, play bowls etc.

I would suggest that this would not be in keeping with the refurbishments planned for the Mount Grounds to bring back the original Victorian scene.

When the Marine Gardens were refurbished plans were put forward to improve the colonnade and maybe this could be revisited. I agree a lot needs to be done with this area but please NOT beach chalets.

Yours sincerely

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