

## APPENDIX 6: OTHER MATTERS INCLUDED IN COMMENTS

### A general view

- Having spent many millions protecting Lyme from the sea and improving and sustaining the gardens, Lyme Regis has to decide where it wants to go in the next 10, 20, 30 years.

When my wife and I walk along the front in Lyme we get the feeling of a very tired and scruffy seafront where, with a few exceptions, pubs and restaurants want to make a living but with the minimum of effort. The Harbour Inn is in a position to die for but the ambience is tired and uninspiring. The table area behind the information hut is third world. Walking back towards Cobb Gate you find the By the Bay restaurant where its chefs and waiters sit on the steps at the side smoking their fags in the warm, fatty air being pumped out from the large extractor fan in the side of the wall. The kiosk next to it selling chips and burgers exudes fatty smells across the beach. The large vulgar sign outside the Amusement Arcade advertising a cash machine is unsightly and in bad taste. The Antique place could be put to better use. Then you come to the older part of the front which, although in need of refurbishment, exudes good taste and old world charm. Broad Street is, apart from the odd glitch, a credit to the town.

It seems to me the town is at a cross roads. Does it wish to expand and develop and market its old world charm or go down Mr Blair's Cool Britannia route, and look where that's taken us. Do you wish to encourage 1000 visitors who spend £50 or 2000 who spend £10?

- This isn't anything to do with the Marine Parade, but there are too many gift shops in Lyme. The year round residents need shops that serve them.

### Marine Parade

- More seats needed along the seafront. (4)
- Palm trees along seafront to break up plainness and give shade. (3)
- By the Bay, Antiques & Amusements should be re-sited and that area redesigned. At the moment it is a total eyesore. (2)
- Do you need an Amusement Arcade on such a lovely promenade? Could it be re-sited somewhere else in the town?
- Design of the seafront should be of high quality materials and the existing By the Bay and Amusement Arcade should be upgraded to match.
- Is anything being done with the appalling brick structure to the west of the Shelters?
- Marine Parade is ripe for creative and imaginative development.
- I think we should make the walk from Cobb Gate to the Cobb something special.
- Provide something of interest along Marine Parade e.g. bronzed statue or palm trees.
- Less tarmac, how varied a more varied surface?
- Change the black tarmac to a lighter, flecked surface.
- Paving of Marine Parade should match the museum and theatre.
- The lighting along Marine Parade and Cobb Road is excellent.
- More shade needed along Marine Parade, perhaps seating with thatched parasols.
- Can we have palm trees and table and chairs along the front somewhere?
- Picnic area accessible for the disabled.
- Whatever happens, the police must be prevailed upon to provide a regular presence along Marine Parade, especially during evenings/nights. Their present patrolling of the town is pathetic - where does our council tax go?

### Vehicles

- No vehicles or parking on seafront. (8)
- Part of Marine Parade should have more restriction on vehicles. (3)
- At the present time there is a by-law which supposedly prohibits traffic although little effort is currently made to enforce this. A law which is not enforced is worthless. (2)
- Too much traffic from both ends. Dangerous for children and people accessing the shops.
- We have one of a very few vehicle-free seafront in the country. Let us keep this valuable feature for posterity. Our children and descendants would not thank us for throwing this away for short term commercial gain.
- There is hardly a time when vehicles are not using or are parked on the Marine Parade.

### Cart Road

- No parking on the Cart Road. (2)
- Line-protected area on the Cart Road for jogging, roller skates and cycling. This is provided in most seaside places abroad.
- Nothing [commercial] on the Cart Road.

## **Gardens**

- Form amphitheatre on slope behind and provide level tiers. (4)
- The Parade and Gardens are for all ages, not just the young or the old. The Gardens deserve quieter activities like the Crazy Golf, Table Tennis and Giant Chess.
- Keep family putting and golf in the gardens.
- The steep slopes to the gardens are going to be an invitation for young people to 'grass slide', resulting in an unkempt appearance.
- One of the seats in the new park has its back to the sea. Did the planners not know which side the sea was on?
- Could plants in the gardens be labelled?
- Paddling pool in the gardens.

## **Beach**

- The main beach is obviously becoming a problem and will soon resemble a very steep and dangerous slope - quite unsafe for children - engineers report urgently required. Re-installation of the groyne. Ideally the beach should be washed by the sea at high tide, as previously. (2)
- Groynes along the pebble beach would be a great improvement. Something to break up that expanse
- I wish we had more sand and less shingle on the beach. So much beach is unusable.
- My wife and I think the new beach looks like the Chesil Bank!

## **Dogs**

- Dog ban on the beaches all the year round. (2)
- I love dogs but please not on the beach and new shingle area. It must present a health and safety risk now that the sea is prevented from washing the faeces away.
- Dogs allowed in all year round.

## **Young people**

- Young people need sports facilities, eg sports centre and swimming pool.