Survey results:
Proposed St. Modwen Development in Bognor Regis
[The ‘Public Survey’\(^1\)]
Part 2: Responses to open ended questions
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\(^1\) This report covers responses to an online survey on the ADC website; to printed survey forms available at exhibitions, reception areas, libraries etc; and to leaflets delivered to households in the Bognor Regis area.

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1. Those who agreed with the need for alternative investment in the Alexandra Theatre were asked to describe the development that they would like to see. A total of 1,059 responses were received. Full verbatim responses are shown below. Figure 1 highlights the most frequently mentioned words:

*Figure 1 – most frequently mentioned words under alternative investment to Alexandra Theatre [Base: 1,059]*

2. Although this question asked specifically about proposed investment to the Alexandra Theatre, a high proportion of those responding took the opportunity to talk about the cinema proposals on the Regis Centre site and their concern about the effect this might have on the existing Picturedrome cinema (a theme repeated at the end of the survey when respondents were invited to provide comments on the overall development proposals). Figure 1 highlights this emphasis: ‘cinema’ was mentioned 453 times and ‘theatre’ only 149 times.

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2 Excludes ‘Bognor Regis’ and short connecting words e.g. ‘the’, ‘and’, etc.
FULL COMMENTS:

“450 seats seems way too low. Problem with original development was too small seating capacity to attract productions and this would seem the same.”

“450 seats too many. Don’t like arcades.”

“A bit worried about there being fewer car parks in Bognor”

“A building that will withstand the weather more aerodynamic”

“A cinema would be a bad idea - could adversely affect the Picturedrome. Just renovating the theatre would be the best plan.”

“A decent concert / event venue that attracts top acts. Or an ice rink. We have a great cinema with character, not some overpriced multiplex”

“A large cinema is not needed, it attracts a larger cost per ticket like Chi Gate, which Majority of Bognor already boycott for said reason”

“A less modern looking building (our school is of a similar style and is really ugly compared to brick buildings”

“A lot of money for just 20 extra seats”

“A marina like Brighton marina is required (NOT a theatre!)”

“A more modest improvement of existing facilities”

“A more sympathetic design is called for. This is just too boxy.”

“A multiplex and warehouse type architecture not in keeping with Bognor’s sea front image.”

“A multiplex cinema is not a good idea”

“A multiplex cinema would kill off the Picturedrome and there is already a multiplex in Chichester.”

“A multiplex cinema would undermine the viability of the existing listed cinema, of great value to the county.”

“A multipurpose theatre / hall on the Hothamton site where the Pavilion was”

“A multi-screen cinema would not pay its way. It would need to have expensive ticket prices to recoup its costs. There is a multi-screen cinema in C”

“A new cinema with more screens would benefit Bognor but the price would discourage people to visit”

“A NEW HOTEL BUT MORE PARKING”

“A new multiplex cinema is not required”

“A new theatre would be nice”

“A nice multipurpose function hall would be great.”

“A non-cinema attraction”

“A refurbishment theatre with cafe/restaurant attached would be good and also improved public spaces but not if car park is lost.”

“A SHOPPING MALL (LIKE CASCADES)”

“A theatre - YES. A faceless Multiplex Cinema? NO. We already have the Picturedrome and this extra, unwanted cinema would kill a local business.”

“About time! Lovely theatre.”

“ACTIVITIES BOWLING ICE RINK COMMUNITY HALL WITH ORGANISED EVENTS.”

“Adapt for conference facilities?”

“ADC has £12m in reserves so should use £2m of that as only needs £2m in reserve”

“ADC is good at considering. How does a covered walkway enhance the Theatre?”

“ADC should use part of £12m reserves”

“Additional seating and fly tower are essential”

“Advertising currently very poor and ‘market’ is a very poor advert to the town”

“After 30 years of neglect, but not at this cost to the town”

“Against new cinema complex as have cinema already”

“Against replicating the services provided by the Picturedrome. Must invest in services that will attract customers to the town,”

“Agree to Hothamton residential”

“Agreed the theatre needs some updating but not as suggested by St Modwen or Arun district council”

“Alexandra Theatre area could be improved without flats and losing parking.”

“Alternate investment expanding existing site”

“Alternative scheme required save Picturedrome, too dense residential proposed, enough hotel accommodation/B&Bs already.”

“Alternative to a cinema”

“Alternative to cinema”

“Alternative to flats”

“Alternative to multi-cinema”

“An activity centre would be more to the point, providing indoor tennis, basketball, play area for children in the morning (all in the same court)”

“An ice rink to be included.”

“An ice skating rink and bowling”

“And improve car park as is”

“Another cinema is not the answer”

“Anything but a cinema - also investment in the existing cinemas at the Picturedrome should be undertaken - is a popular grade II listed building”

“Anything will be an improvement”

“Appears to be excessive peripheral development and loss of open spaces / parking.”

“Arun DC will be unable to fund this amount.”

“As long as they have affordable!! Uses”

“As people of Bognor Regis need and want.”

“As proposed but keep restaurant, add another at the sea view front”

“As proposed; but no new "windy" arcade - replace with more indoor 'hot house' gardens areas”

“As required by the people who run it.”
“As well as a cinema isn’t there a possibility of having a bowling alley or roller skating rink in area 3 along with cafes? More activities needed.”

“At least 500 seats- money to come from proposed regeneration needed to get major acts”

“At least as much as Windmill Theatre in Littlehampton”

“Attract shows that people want to see. Several shows poorly attended. Building more seats seems pointless.”

“AVOID ALL “BOXINESS” IN ARCHITECTURE”

“Because it can help Alexandra Theatre’s money.”

“Because this would mean the Picturedrome would close”

“BETTER DESIGN INC. PLAZA”

“Better design needed than shown in artists impression”

“Better shops or Ice Skate Rink or something new - not a cinema”

“Better use could be made of what is already there.”

“Better use of sites”

“Bigger and better foyer - more seats - do it up”

“Bognor as a whole needs investing in. The High street is appalling and nothing to encourage people to shop in Bognor.”

“Bognor does not need another anonymous cinema - restore the existing one and come up with something new in place of the cinema to attract visitors”

“Bognor doesn’t need another cinema but it would bring tourism in if it had a swimming pool, ice skating rink and bowling alley.”

“Bognor needs better shops not flats”

“Bognor needs parking near the facilities not Gloucester Road or London Road car parks”

“Bowling (tenpin)”

“Bowling alley”

“Bowling alley not cinema”

“Bowling alley, ice skating, swimming pool.”

“Bowling alley, snooker, table tennis, ice rink, night club possibilities instead of cinema unless there is further need for extra screens.”

“Bowling or ice rink”

“Brilliant ideas but no to the cinema. Want to keep Picturedrome”

“Broadly in line with plans but better looking building than artist impression and there MUST be more parking.”

“Build a theatre, yes but no multiplex”

“BUILD NEW LARGER THEATRE NOT FACE LIFT OLD THEATRE AND ADD 20 SEATS. YOUR PROPOSAL WASTED MONEY”

“Bulk too great. Emerging architectural style off putting”

“But I think keeping Picturedrome is important for community”

“But make old cinema a museum resource”

“But more”

“But more seating required”

“But need more parking spaces NOT less as proposed.”

“But no building over 4 floors”

“But no cinema complex, a bowling alley or rink”

“But not a new cinema Bognor already has one”

“But not a new cinema or hotel”

“But not at the expense of the Picturedrome closing.”

“But not at the expense of the Picturedrome in Bognor”

“But not by selling assets or overdevelopment.”

“BUT NOT IF CINEMA IS TRADE OFF”

“But not necessarily as proposal and not without further consultation”

“But not to have a cinema complex, Chichester had that, and I would like to see the Picturedrome stay, the town doesn’t need a bowling alley either”

“But want to keep the Picturedrome cinema is so historic and beautiful”

“BUT WE DO NOT NEED MORE FLATS AND CINEMA”

“But wish to utilise Royal Norfolk Hotel and retain Picturedrome.”

“But without everything else”

“Can the town support a new multiplex and restaurants when there is limited parking and no decent shopping experience to attract people to the town?”

“Can you increase seating and decrease Parking?”

“CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE PARKING PLACES NOT ENOUGH NOW WHEN FULL HOUSE.”

“Car parking essential and should be increased”

“Careful consideration needs to be taken on the Multiplex Cinema, People attend the Picturedrome for the value; don’t put them out of business.”

“Certainly not a cinema”

“Change for something better for kids.”

“Cinema not required as the existing one is affordable”

“Cinema, shops, Nandos etc”

“Cinema/walkway roof required. Too many flats/housing.”

“CLOSURE OF PICTUREDROME AND LOCAL BUSINESS”

“Concentrate on providing areas where live concerts and shows can be staged, encouraging more of that sort of entertainment.”

“Concentrate on the theatre side no need for new cinema”

“Concentration on theatre - don’t really need another cinema”

“Concerned about multiplex theatre”

“Concerned about parking, given potential use of cinema.”

“Concerned that Multiplex will negatively affect the well-established and well-loved Picturedrome cinema”

“Convert to full arts centre like Havant”

“Could be a good thing.”

“Currently architecturally uninspiring”

“Currently the theatre looks a mess, as does the Regis pub. A wrap round design for the exterior is a good idea but one that is less obtrusive.”
“Definitely NO”
“DEFINITELY NO TO MULTIPLEX CINEMA”
“Demolish this eyesore of a building”
“Destroy theatre, and then build theatre and cinema”
“Develop and modernise theatre. More restaurants. Bowling NO CINEMA (we’ve got one) and NO FLATS”
“Develop theatre site only. No multiplex”
“Develop theatre/shops/restaurants but not a cinema”
“Development is good, but we do not need another cinema”
“Development should not include a cinema”
“Do not agree with another cinema and insufficient parking in proposal.”
“Do not agree with needing a cinema, as we already have one and a multi-cinema complex in Chichester. Suggest an ice skating rink would be better.”
“Do not build new cinema”
“Do not have multiplex cinema”
“Do not include a multiplex cinema”
“Do not make it much bigger. Improve foyer”
“Do not need a multiplex cinema in Bognor - Chichester caters for that”
“Do not need another cinema”
“Do not need another cinema, no more housing”
“Do not need cinema - Keep Picturedrome”
“Do not need cinema need other act ivies”
“Do not think we need another cinema something for younger people to do would be better way of spending the money bowling alley, ice rink etc”
“Do not want a cinema complex. Prefer an activity based leisure activity, would support ice-rink or ten-pin bowling.”
“Do not want a multi plex cinema (already have a wonderful cinema), want bowling or ice-skating.”
“Do not want a multiplex cinema”
“Do not want a multiplex cinema or more eateries or flats. We should support our existing facilities. What about an ice rink or bowling??”
“Do not want another cinema.”
“Do Not Want Another Cinema; want to keep the one we have”
“Do not want cinema to cause closer of Picturedrome”
“Do not want multi-plex cinema always dead empty spaces”
“Do not want multiplex cinema. Want to keep Picturedrome. Cheaper and more interesting / beautiful.”
“DO NOT WANT PICTUREDROME TO GO”
“Do not want to see multiplex cinema in centre of Bognor”
“Do not want to see Picturedrome shut”
“Does not need new cinema”
“Don’t agree with cinema proposal, taking away Bognor’s history from the Picturedrome”
“Don’t like what you’re proposing and design far too modern and we do not need or want more FLATS and not enough parking in Bognor as it is”
“Don’t need another cinema as Picturedrome is great”
“Don’t want a multi plex cinema”
“Don’t want cinema”
“Don’t approve of building more flats. Bognor is already too crowded.”
“Don’t feel Bognor needs another cinema”
“Don’t force such lovely establishments as the Picturedrome Cinema to close as a result! Something so modern will look out of place in Bognor!”
“Don’t include a new cinema, the Picturedrome has real character and should continue to be the main cinema in Bognor”
“Don’t like the look of the reduced frontage”
“Don’t lose the beautiful Picturedrome: Preserve it”
“Don’t make the Picturedrome redundant though, as it is affordable to students compared to Cineworld and IMAX cinemas nearby”
“Don’t mind a cinema - very against flats / restaurants”
“Don’t need a cinema as we have one in town already, so spend the money on something else”
“Don’t need another cinema - don’t want to pay £7 or more. What about the kids Ice Rink / Bowling Alley / BMX ramps indoors”
“Don’t need another cinema, nothing new in scheme.”
“DON’T NEED CINEMA, FLATS, CAFES.”
“Don’t replace Picturedrome with new multiplex”
“Don’t think there is a need for expansion”
“Don’t think we need another cinema, we like the one we’ve got. We couldn’t afford to go as often as the multiplexes are far too expensive.”
“Don’t want 4-5 Screen cinema on Regis Centre site”
“Don’t want an expensive cinema like Cineworld”
“Don’t want to lose car parking and Picturedrome!”
“Don’t want to lose Picturedrome - want something other than cinema”
“Drop the cinema we don’t want it or need it.”
“Duplicating a cinema in the town seems incorrect when there are other facilities that could be provided that do not compete with an existing site.”
“Either no cinema or cinema working with Picturedrome sharing films so not taking customers from Picturedrome.”
“Enlarge to accept big shows - like the Mayflower Theatre Southampton”
“Enlarge to seat over 500 to enable top shows to be shown”
“ENLARGE WITHIN EXISTING SHELL”
“Enrich the theatre by using the open area in the precinct area”
“Everything but cinema don’t think it’s needed like one we have could be ice rink or bowling”
“Everything could do with modernisation”
“Exclude the multiplex cinema”
“Existing theatre too small for grants and over large for current use”
“Expand and improve present theatre, without a Multiplex!”
“Far less expensive refurbishment.”
“Finance shouldn’t depend on development of the Hothamton Site”
“Find alternative to cinema”
“Find an alternative to cinema”
“Forget multiplex cinema”
“Gallery space for displays of art etc.”
“General improvement of current facility”
“Glad you are saving Alexandra theatre, but the only cinema Bognor needs is Picturedrome, it has atmosphere, shows a wide variety of films,”
“Happy with cinema we have now.”
“Have a cinema how about an ice rink or bowling”
“Have you asked the theatre staff what they want?”
“How about a dance floor (maybe removable seats for this).”
“How can you have a hotel - theatre without parking?”
“How many people have said we need a bowling alley?”
“I agree the theatre needs extending to attract a better class of entertainment”
“I am concerned about the local cinema; would the council help to support this? It is part of Bognor heritage; maybe it could offer alternative film”
“I am prepared to be active on this: I am professional on TV and in the theatre”
“I believe either the location or scale would change”
“I believe the Alexandra Theatre is underused and certainly not fit for purpose, but the proposition (as it stands) is not fit for Bognor Regis”
“I cannot see the need for the multiplex cinema. The beautiful Picturedrome is the one of the main draws for me to come to Bognor,”
“I do not agree with the Multiplex Cinema option. We already have the Picturedrome which provides a fantastic service to Bognor”
“I do not think a new multi-screen cinema is needed”
“I do not want a cinema in the development”
“I do not want a multiplex built! I want our Picturedrome to stay as it is!”
“I do not want another cinema”
“I do not want another cinema, and the theatre at present is in keeping with the town, so should not be as modern looking as it is in the proposal”
“I do not want the existing cinema to close”
“I do not wish to have a multiplex cinema; I have great memories of the old cinema and would like to share those memories with my family forever.”
“I do want to the Picturedrome disappear it is a wonderful building that needs a little TLC and the price is very good for people on low income want”

“I don’t agree with raising the money by having flats built on the seafront”
“I don’t agree with the changes to seafront access.”
“I don’t like the idea of the larger overpriced cinema and taking away 2 car parks”
“I don’t really know this venue.”
“I don’t think all developments should be done”
“I don’t think Bognor needs another Cinema, the Picturedrome suits Bognor and I much prefer it not just costs but it is architecturally more appealing”
“I don’t think that we need a Theatre at Bognor. The one that we at the moment appears to be a bit of a ‘white elephant’.”
“I don’t think there is a need for arcade.”
“I don’t think we should get a new cinema”
“I don’t want Bognor to lose the Picturedrome”
“I don’t want to see a huge cinema complex in the development”
“I feel it would take a lot of away from the Picturedrome and as a result, force it to close.”
“I go to theatre performances - if suitable.”
“I have concerns regarding a new cinema”
“I like the alternative suggestion of an adapted Theatre with e.g. glass fronted entrance to attract more people. I have run an event in the Regis Centre.”
“I like the concept but we don’t want a multiplex or more flats.”
“I love the theatre too much don’t take it away”
“I really don’t want new cinema I like the one we have. How about ice rink/bowling”
“I think a cinema complex on seafront is ugly.”
“I think a new cinema would be lovely”
“I think it needs a softer exterior interface for outdoor performances, and a food hall supplying different types of food.”
“I think putting in a new cinema is a bad idea. People have fought long and hard to keep the original cinema and this development will destroy that”
“I think the council should prioritise their spending”
“I very much support the proposal”
“I want a larger theatre but no miniplex cinema”
“I want to see an Ice rink for exercise and fitness”
“I would like to see Bognor Town Council run it.”
“I would like to see the theatre become a proper Art’s venue. i.e. with a reasonable sized gallery space for local/visiting art & photo exhibitions”
“I would like to see the theatre knocked down.”
“I would not like there to be any development of a cinema as there is an excellent cinema already in Canada Grove.”
“I would not like to see a Multiplex Cinema in Bognor”
“I would prefer a leisure centre- maybe some ice-skating or a shopping centre”
“I would say no to a cinema”
“I wouldn’t want to see anything at the expense of our great cinema”
“i.e. not to make Bognor like any other developed town - impersonal with large tasteless developments”

“Ice Rink”
“Ice rink + ten pin bowling”
“Ice rink not cinema”
“Ice rink or bowling alley restaurants and shops”
“Ice rink or bowling alley, NOT a cinema. We already have a perfectly good one.”
“Ice rink or bowling alley. NO HOMES, WE ALREADY HAVE A CINEMA and so does Chichester and Littlehampton. No hotels. No flats.”

“Ice rink plus theatre/cinema complex”
“Ice rink, 10 pin bowling”
“Ice rink, no competition for Picturedrome and an encouragement for healthy physical activity perhaps combined with a roller skating rink!”

“Ice skate rink”

“ICE SKATING RINK”

“Ice skating rink”

“Ice skating rink in lieu cinema”

“IDEALLY A MULTI PURPOSE FUNCTION HALL”

“If redevelopment is essential - leave out a new cinema.”

“If the theatre is being redeveloped then surely this could be independent of a cinema and still have restaurants and shops there.”

“If we wanted a multiplex cinema we would go to Chichester, keep the Picturedrome and give us an ice rink.”

“If you can get the Butlins people to close their centre and use the theatre.”

“I'm just aware of the competition to Picturedrome”

“Improve but do not distort Hotham Park”

“Improve the existing building”

“Improve the facilities / access / refreshments”

“Improve the interior as much as the exterior”

“Improve the Theatre facilities; add extra seating only up to 500 at the most”

“Improve the theatre, maybe more eating places BUT NO MULTIPLEX CINEMA”

“Improve theatre and provide arcade shops, without reducing the amount of parking spaces”

“Improve theatre as it is.”

“Improve theatre without accommodation”

“Improve what is already there”

“Improve what is already there, but Bognor does not need any more gardens, hotels or restaurants”

“Improved parking”

“Improved, cleaned up. Outside facilities. Foyer improved”

“Improvements management wanted”

“Improvements to the theatre yes but against a NEW CINEMA.”

“In something we need like an ice-skating rink.”

“INCREASE SIZE OF THEATRE TO ABOUT 1000 SEATS TO ATTRACT BIG MUSICALS.”

“Indoor arcade (we have already) need something more glossy”

“Insufficient parking”

“Internal improvements with a more sympathetic external design approach”

“Invest but keep our old Cinema, we don’t need a new one, the one in Chichester is very expensive and people can’t afford it in Bognor Regis.”

“Invest in cafe and more entertainment”

“Invest in Picturedrome instead”

“Invest in site. How about ten pin or ice rink?”

“Invest in the Theatre but there is no demand for more cinemas in Bognor, and a Hotel and more flats detract from the sea front.”

“Invest in the theatre you should know what Bognor Town wants”

“Invest on site with theatre no cinema but some entertainment”

“Invest so that growth does not mean flats above”

“Invest with a makeover & upgrade and tidy up site”

“Investigate local support and public subscription”

“Investment in Bognor is great but not at the expense of losing the beautiful Picturedrome, which should be celebrated as a fantastic iconic build”

“Investment in bowling alley or to make Picturedrome an arts cinema as in New Park in Chichester”

“Investment only in "theatre" and novelty shows, not in a cinema facility.”

“Investment without risk to Bognor Cinema closing”

“Investment, but not to replace or add another cinema”

“Investment, but not what is proposed”

“Investments need to address the holistic requirements of the town, not just focus on 2 small areas. If this goes through the town will deteriorate”

“Is the theatre viable? No to multiplex cinema, no to keeping the theatre”

“It is not needed”

“IT IS NOT RIGHT THAT WE LOSE CAR PARKING SPACE.”

“It looks boring but better than nothing.”

“It looks cheap and boring”

“It needs at least 500+ seats and a fly tower is a must”

“It needs tidying up, but not increased in size and not to lose the car park”

“It needs to be bigger 1000+”

“It needs to be developed as an arts centre for live music and performing arts shows.”

“It needs to have at least 700 seats to be able to attract any big name performers/concerts etc”

“It needs updating but not another cinema. It needs to be something more exciting like a massive children’s indoor play area or a ski slope!”
"It will be like making a silk purse out of a sow's ear"
"It would be a great idea."
"It's unique and would love to see more kids shows e.g. Gruffalo"
"Just a new theatre"
"Just make it more interesting"
"Just refurbished"
"JUST THE THEATRE"
"Keep as theatre updated and activities for all ages of children"
"Keep Bognor Regis cinema"
"Keep entrance in Belmont Street"
"Keep its original and historic side"
"Keep old cinema and not build new one"
"Keep Picturedrome"
"Keep Picturedrome"
"KEEP PICTUREDROME"
"Keep Picturedrome"
"Keep Picturedrome - Can afford to go there. More shopping, we have a cinema!"
"KEEP PICTUREDROME - UP DATE TO THEATRE ETC."
"Keep Picturedrome as a viable cinema"
"Keep Picturedrome cinema only, and increase cinema capacity."
"Keep Regis restaurant in proposed plans"
"Keep the area as it is - it's the only view of sea from town centre area."
"Keep the originality"
"Keep the Picturedrome"
"Keep the Picturedrome"
"Keep the Picturedrome as it is!! Don't shut it down"
"Keep the Picturedrome as it is-it's historic and a pleasure to visit. I would rather come from L'ton to the Picturedrome than go to Chi Cineworld"
"KEEP THE PICTUREDROME AS IT'S A PART OF BOGNOR'S HISTORY"
"Keep the Picturedrome open"
"KEEP THE PICTUREDROME. Have a new theatre or ice rink or bowling alley"
"Keep the theatre, add an ice-rink"
"KEEP THEATRE GOING WITH THE VARIETY IT HAS BUT TOILET COULD BE REDESIGNED"
"KEEP UP STANDARDS - IT ALWAYS LOOKS NEGLECTED"
"Knock down existing/design better."
"Larger development of the theatre to include higher end productions. Also multi-purpose use hall large enough to attract conferences, exhibitions etc"
"Larger Theatre 1000 seats"
"Leave our cinema alone it is historical and value for all."

"Leave Picturedrome"
"Leave the cinema alone"
"Leave the cinema as it is now"
"Leisure facilities for young people that does not include a cinema"
"Less concrete and glass - more bricks and mortar"
"Less flats. No cinema"
"Less focus on arty stuff"
"Less radical refurbishment costing far less"
"Like continuation of present arcade"
"Limited investment."
"LIVING ACCOMMODATION"
"Losing parking & Picturedrome not good"
"Maintained and expanded on to support possible alternative entertainment not found within a 20 mile radius"
"Make Alexandra Theatre the cinema complex and keep Picturedrome to become the new theatre"
"Make it a real seaside resort - "Picturedrome stays" Not flats"
"Make some restaurants/cafe space be 1st floor to take in the indoor outdoor space! Access points to auditorium from both sides. It needs more room."
"Make the building more attractive."
"Many excellent ideas - but auditorium should be extended [north]. An extra 70 seats is not enough. Less brutal rectangular concrete"
"Market needs to go - cafeteria needs updating and more shops."
"Maybe a bowling alley"
"Modernise equipment"
"Modernise the inside but leave the outside and parking areas alone"
"Modernised, but not completely altered"
"Money given to ADC from Sainsbury's should be put back into Bognor Regis, ice rink, snow dome, bowling alley. We do not need a Cinema."
"More attractions outside - better linked heritage William Bake - no cinema unless joint operator Picturedrome"
"More attractive. Give it at least 500 seats."
"More consideration to be given to space for music both for the public and for rehearsal by local and national bodies such as Universities and orchestras."
"More consideration to surrounding roads. No one-way"
"More leisure (not cinema) less residential"
"More open spaces. Fewer apartments."
"More parking and possible bowling or rink"
"More parking with bowling, tenpin or Ice rink instead of cinema"
"More seating but no arcade to seafront access is already there"
"More seating in theatre so shows and plays more financially viable"
"More seating needed than the 450 proposed"
"More seating, better looking"
"More seats and fly tower essential. Plus adequate public parking of at least 300 spaces 80% of visitors will come by car."
“More seats and more parking”
“More seats will be needed to make this theatre viable”
“More seats.”
“More shops are needed. Think Brighton Mall”
“More substantial theatre - not the dump that exists”
“More than 500 seats. Your design is ghastly”
“MOVE THE THEATRE TO THE EXISTING PICTURE DOME”
“Much more consideration needs to be given to parking etc. first”
“Much more seating”
“Multiplex cinema not required”
“Multi-screen cinema will destroy the custom for the existing cinema which has been revived & offers an excellent & affordable cinema experience”
“Must be 500 + seats. No need for the awful modern additions”
“Must have considerably more parking e.g. multi storey”
“Must not be conditional on other proposed changes”
“Need at least 500 seats and the fly tower”
“Need even more seats to get bigger acts”
“Need is for better shopping centre not 2 cinemas”
“Need leisure facilities for young people.”
“Need many more seats and a lot of improvement.”
“Need more car parking, too much money!”
“Need to ensure that theatre is self-financing and does not require council support”
“Needs a makeover not a rebuild”
“Needs an uplift, but not sure how to achieve this”
“Needs more imagination”
“Needs support. Getting to terms with our town. Good panto. Good CADS. Good venue for Chi Uni.”
“Needs to be”
“New Building”
“New building in new sea front location.”
“New building, but in keeping with Bognor’s heritage not the proposed modern square block.”
“New cinema - no hotel”
“New small theatre”
“New technical facilities only.”
“Nightclub, Swimming Pool, Bowling”
“No 3-6 storey appts/ 4-5 screen cinema would ruin Picturedrome”
“No arcade - increase seating numbers”
“No bar or cafe”
“NO CAFES, NO CINEMA”
“No cafes, no cinema.”
“No chain cinema. The prices are ridiculous and the Picturedrome is already used on a regular basis. Perhaps develop in other more useful ways.”
“No Character”
“No cinema”
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“No cinema - Bowling Alley yes - Too many residential in Hotham park - park, that’s what it’s not!”
“No cinema - bowling or ice skating and laser quest. We have a cinema already.”
“No cinema - keep and improve Picturedrome”
“No cinema - keep the Picturedrome”
“No CINEMA - KNOCK DOWN THE BUILDING AND START AGAIN WITH UNDERGROUND CAR PARK LIKE GUNWHARF”
“No cinema - more family fun”
“No cinema - not enough parking with this proposal. We already struggle with parking without losing even more spaces. Picturedrome does the job.”
“No cinema - Picturedrome fulfils Bognor needs.”
“No cinema - something else instead.”
“No cinema - something else.”
“No cinema - theatre needs more than 100 extra seats if refurbishing centre”
“No cinema - we have one already”
“No cinema - we have one already. Bring something we haven’t got - playzone area, Bowling”
“No cinema - we have Picturedrome”
“No cinema (already have one).”
“No cinema (bowling, ice skating, laser quest, activity centre)”
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“NO CAFES, NO CINEMA”
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No cinema (rip off) too many coffee shops already
No Cinema / Cafe’s / Restaurants - too many now!!
No cinema and no flats!! (on seafront)
No cinema as it will kill of the excellent Picturedrome
No Cinema as we already have one
No cinema as we have one
No cinema because it will make the wonderful Picturedrome close.
No cinema because Picturedrome adequate for Bognor
No cinema but shopping centre
No cinema complex
No cinema complex - this will not pay.
No cinema complex. Picturedrome sufficient. How about ice skating or bowling.
No cinema development. Bognor already has an amazing cinema. This development will just take away its business.
No cinema large dept. store (M&S or Debenhams or John Lewis)
No cinema more family fun/bowling alley
No cinema multiplex, we already have a cinema
No cinema needed
No cinema needed - will boycott it!
NO CINEMA NEEDED AS PICTUREDROME SHOULD BE KEPT OPEN
No cinema no restaurants! Rubbish. Regenerate the town with something we don’t already have like an ice rink or bowling alley (no space for comment)
No cinema or flats. Retain existing parking
No cinema or hotel or flats.
No cinema or ugly modern building. Keep it traditional!
No cinema PLEASE? Bowling alley
NO CINEMA REQUIRED
No cinema required. Maybe ice rink?
No cinema to be included.
No cinema we already have one thank you
No cinema we don’t need one.
No cinema!
NO CINEMA!
No cinema!
No cinema!
No cinema! Bowling please
NO CINEMA, BIGGER THEATRE, SUITABLE FOR CONCERTS
No cinema, flats, hotels, restaurants or cafes
No cinema, ice ring?
No cinema, maybe a bowling alley or ice skating rink.
No cinema, No cinema
No cinema, no hotel required, improve theatre better shows required
No cinema, replace with skating rink, or seaside attraction
No cinema, something different to attract people, i.e. ice rink.
No cinema, we already have one!
No cinema, we do not need to be turned into a facsimile of every multiplex site we are a seaside town, need to celebrate that. Think outside the box
No cinema, we have one already.
No cinema.
No cinema.
No cinema. No further properties. No student accommodation.
No cinemas
No encroachment on area used by market
NO EVIDENCE A CINEMA IS SUSTAINABLE
No extra cinema; NO FLATS; do not take building down
NO FLATS
No Flats
NO FLATS - MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK INSTEAD
No flats / no cinema - keep it entertainment only
No flats as there’s no parking
NO FLATS, CINEMA OR HOTEL
No flats, entertainment, free parking.
No flats. No cinema
No houses No cinema
No included cinema must keep Picturedrome.
NO LEAVE IT ALONE
NO MORE CAFES, PLENTY THERE ALREADY. NO GLASS WALK THROUGH AS WILL CUT OFF OTHER BUSINESSES
No more flats - no more hotel - something more exciting than multiplex
No more flats on seafront, if you increase seating how can you reduce car parking. No late buses so have to use cars.
No more flats or cinema
No more flats. At least 600+ seats required.
No multi screen cinema
NO MULTI SCREEN CINEMA!
NO MULTIPLEX
No multiplex
No multiplex
No multiplex - activity for youngsters
No multiplex - leave Picturedrome alone. No 5/6 storey buildings.
No multiplex - unrestricted parking on the Esplanade
No Multiplex cinema
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No multiplex cinema
“No multiplex cinema”
“No Multiplex cinema”
“No Multiplex cinema”
“No multiplex cinema”
“No Multi-plex Cinema”
“No multiplex cinema and no more flats, flats will not regenerate Bognor”
“No Multiplex cinema maybe swimming pool or ice rink”
“NO MULTIPLEX CINEMA NEEDED”
“No multiplex cinema prefer bowling alley”
“NO MULTIPLEX CINEMA!! WE ALREADY HAVE A PERFECTLY GOOD CINEMA THANK YOU!”
“No multiplex cinema, we have a wonderful cinema already, please spend the money on an alternative resource for the people of Bognor.”
“No Multiplex Cinema, What about Art Galleries, more social/athletic facilities for younger people”
“No multiplex cinema.”
“No Multiplex Cinema. No reduction to parking.”
“No multiplex or flats”
“No Multiplex that competes with the Picturedrome”
“NO MULTIPLEX we already have a cinema - use the space for a bowling rink or ice rink instead something the area doesn’t already have!”
“No multiplex, hotel or so many flats”
“No multiplex, please provide ice rink/bowling alley”
“No need for a cinema”
“No need for a cinema as we already have a very nice one”
“No need for a multiplex cinema as the Picturedrome cinema is more”
“No need for cinema or hotels, Bognor has these already.”
“No need for new cinema - keep The Picturedrome.”
“No need for theatre/cinema”
“No need to destroy our existing cinema”
“NO NEED TO INCREASE CAPACITY”
“No new cinema”
“No new cinema”
“No new cinema”
“No new cinema”
“No new cinema - bowling/ice skating or similar”
“No new cinema - unfair competition”
“No new cinema - we have one already!”
“No new cinema / no hotel”
“No new cinema at the Regis centre, instead develop an ice rink or bowling centre on this site. Keep the Picturedrome as the town’s unique selling point”
“No new cinema needed”

“No new cinema, we already have a very good one and that needs supporting”
“No new flats. Bognor is saturated in flats that are hard to sell and rent out. We do not need more to add to it”
“No parking spaces!”
“No residential development”
“No residential-led apartments.”
“No to a cinema we need an alternate leisure provision not a duplicate”
“No to additional cinema, we have a great cinema already. Concerned also about lack of parking at Alexandra Theatre site.”
“No to another cinema.”
“No to cinema”
“No to cinema as proposed”
“No to cinema. The Picturedrome should be enough”
“No to new cinema”
“NO TO NEW CINEMA AND NO TO MORE FLATS”
“No to the multiplex cinema”
“No to the new cinema screens”
“No would not like to see the old Dome Theatre go as provides excellent facilities for locals”
“Not 4-5 screen cinema”
“Not a cinema”
“Not a cinema - we already have an excellent one”
“Not a cinema but nice bars and shopping arcade with decent shops”
“Not a cinema, direct competition with Bognor cinema and Chichester cinema do we really need and is there a sustainable business case for 3 cinemas?”
“Not a cinema, we have a cinema”
“Not a high priority for the town.”
“Not a multiplex cinema, Bognor has a cinema already, Chichester has a multiplex already. We want an ice rink, something that isn’t within 20 miles.”
“Not a new cinema”
“NOT an extra 100 seats since the theatre often doesn’t fill to capacity apart from the Dancing School shows such as Denisdor and Art of Dance.”
“Not as a multiplex cinema”
“Not as part of St Modwen development”
“Not as part of this redevelopment”
“Not at the cost of loads of development, but need more funding from ADC”
“Not at the cost of more residential building”
“Not at the cost of the developments proposed.”
“Not at the cost of the Picturedrome”
“Not at the expense of the old Cinema”
“Not build another cinema we already have Picturedrome and don’t want to lose it”
“Not cinema, but Bowling Alley / Ice Rink / Roller Skating”
“Not cinema, maybe bowling, laser quest, kids indoors soft play area”
“Not convinced about cinema and certainly think flats should be built elsewhere and that side provide for indoor activities in bad weather.”
“Not convinced of the need for some of the proposals”
“Not enough parking for a huge cinema, this is the main problem at Cineworld Chichester”
“Not enough parking to the theatre and shops and council offices and bars and restaurants”
“Not funded by flats and loss of parking”
“Not funded in the way proposed.”
“Not happy about the multiplex cinema.”
“Not happy with number of flats proposed”
“Not if it closes the Picturedrome”
“Not if it is going to jeopardise the future of existing facilities”
“NOT IF IT MEANS EVEN MORE FLATS, OTHERWISE INVESTMENT.”
“Not if it’s going to be expensive as other one you can see film for £2.50”
“NOT IF THE PICTUREDROME CLOSES”
“Not in a multiplex cinema as Bognor already has a cinema. I suggest an ice rink that can be adapted into a space for other events.”
“Not include multiplex or flats.”
“Not keen on the cinema.”
“Not multiplex cinema”
“Not needed in Bognor’s ‘regeneration’! (A bowling alley would be a good replacement).”
“Not sure if St Modwen is best partner”
“Not the 450 seats. Need a larger seated area”
“Not the cinema part, do not want to lose Picturedrome”
“Not the multiplex”
“Not the multiplex”
“Not to include a cinema”
“Not too ‘modernistic’ though.”
“Not too sure about the exact detail but in terms of re-cladding/designing the exterior I think it’s essential to the success of the overall develop”
“Not totally happy with exterior appearance”
“Not using money from sale of Swansea Gardens”
“Not what is needed”
“Not with the loss of local businesses - there is no need for a monstrosity of blocks of flats to take the view away from the coast”
“Not with the New Cinema or number of flats”
“Offer shares, turn over to public ownership.”
“On a standalone basis”
“One cinema in Bognor already”
“Only agree 500 seats allow arts grant applications”

“Only develop the theatre as shown in brochure”
“Only if it was to be to the theatre as a COMMUNITY asset, and not as a money grabbing exercise by MODWEN. Their involvement is dubious.”
“Only in the Alexandra Theatre, not in proposals for whole of Regis Centre site”
“Only worth it if theatre will have quality shows”
“OPPOSED TO MULTIPLEX CINEMA”
“OTHER FAMILY ACTIVITIES E.G. ICE RINK, BOWLING ALLEY”
“Other, more creative and outstanding ideas other than a new cinema”
“Out of Council Tax”
“Paint & Brush up. Please do not be fooled by artist’s impressions of glass & concrete blocks, bathed in Mediterranean sunshine.”
“Parking for Theatre and Restaurants should remain”
“People do not currently use the Alexandra Theatre and I cannot see how this is going to change that, is this an attractive enough offer?”
“Perhaps use the theatre as a cinema as well? But the Picturedrome is excellent.”
“Pity we can’t demolish theatre and start again. Not keen on lack of business acumen of those who run it”
“Place St Maur open space lost”
“Please don’t open another cinema, normal families can afford omniplex prices”
“Please ensure more seats and an orchestra pit”
“PLEASE KEEP THE PICTUREDROME RUNNING AS A CINEMA”
“Please no cinema it would be the demise of our own very special one ‘The Picturedrome’”
“Please upgrade the art exhibition room”
“Please, please invest in our town”
“Possible 50/50 cinema/bowling alley other leisure facility”
“Possibly in partnership with existing facilities i.e. Picturedrome”
“Private management of the whole complex would give a better choice for RESIDENTS & tourists/visitors, as ADC only think tourism over RESIDENTS!”
“Probably YES”
“Proper theatre and proper stars”
“Proper Theatre with Fly Tower”
“Proposal scheme not worked properly within site concept”
“Proposals will harm the town’s character.”
“Proposed capacity will still mean that the theatre is too small to have decent acts, and too large for amateur acts. Seems purely cosmetic.”
“Proposed design is an eyesore. Last thing Bognor needs on seafront.”
“Proposed plans seemed to have been drawn up by someone who knows nothing of the town. The cinema is unnecessary.”
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“Put money in to keep it as it is.”
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“Put something in we don’t have - ice rink, bowling alley”
“Put something on seafront. Do skate park.”

“Rather that built round what is there, why not clear the site and start again, rather than a make do and mend attitude.”

“Really don’t want cinema, I want something original”

“Re-build in Regency Style”

“Rebuilt in regency style and a much larger theatre to draw in big acts/bands etc”

“Re-develop Alexandra Theatre that’s all we need to improve the surroundings”

“Re-develop it as a conference centre linked to the hotel. Let’s be unique rather than a poor second cousin to the Festival Theatre”

“Re-develop sea front”

“Re-develop the Alexandra Theatre, but leave the multiplex out of it.”

“Re-develop the site with less housing and more consideration taken to the existing facilities like the cinema. Something it needed to compliment the redevelopment as a theatre”

“Refurbish”

“Refurbish but nothing else”

“REFURBISH EXISTING THEATRE”

“Refurbish theatre - don’t want the rest”

“Refurbished”

“Refurbished”

“Refurbishment”

“Refurbishment”

“Refurbishment is needed.”

“Refurbishment only”

“Refurbishment only is required”

“Regeneration yes but within the wishes of the town people”

“Regis centre is a poor investment, I would suggest demolishing the centre for another structure, something like an arts centre”

“Relocate theatre to Hothamton site. Under residential buildings”

“Replenish or refurbish - don’t just ditch it”

“Restaurant above. Better architecture.”

“Restaurants and bars are themselves attraction. We already have a Cinema nearby and don’t need another one to bring people in,”

“Restaurants and places to visit. NO HOTEL”

“Retain Picturedrome and improve. Retain theatre and improve.”

“Rethink Regis Pub or equiv. Also something more imaginative than further cafes and bars”

“Revamp”

“Revamp but no cinema screen, bigger stage and seating”

“Save Picturedrome Cinema”

“Save the Car Parks”

“Save the Picturedrome - Don’t put it out of business. Enhance the pre-existing assets of Bognor”

“Save the Picturedrome, no to Multiplex”

“Seating capacity to be kept as it is - very comfortable at present”

“See a radical transformation from ugly to another monstrously ugly building invest in more parking for local residents - not in multi-storey building”

“Sell Windmill Theatre Complex for residential accommodation. Use the money to invest in Alexandra Theatre.”

“Short-sighted need updating and rethinking”

“Should be an alternative project - like an Ice rink”

“SHOULD BE ATTRACTIVE FROM OUTSIDE”

“Should be part of development money - not dependant on! Such monies as in Q17 as returns from residential account”

“Should be supporting local business and historical venues, by putting a multi plex cinema you are almost dooming the Picturedrome.”

“Should not be dependent on cinema/ice rink has proved to be viable elsewhere.”

“Should not be funded by St Modwen aim to add much unwanted more housing on or near seafront”

“Silly to reduce the car park areas on the seafront and to add another cinema which will more than double to attend considering the ongoing recession”

“Skating rink not cinema”

“Small new theatre”

“Small scale general improvements funded by any grants that may be available. We have to remember this is a TOWN theatre.”

“Small theatres can be good (check history Castle Theatre - Redgrave in Farnham).”

“Smaller cinema and a bowling alley - Chichester has both and they work!”

“Smaller scale”

“Smarten it up”

“So long as it’s only the Theatre”

“Some refurbishment and improvements”

“Something that brings funds to a future Bognor Council”

“Something that is more suitable for the younger members of Bognor area.”

“Spend money from Sainsbury’s to be sent Regis Centre”

“St Modwen’s cause? To generate profits.”

“St. Modwen recently placed an advert in the National News Papers in the hope of attracting new shareholders. Is there a lack of funds? Question!”

“Strongly think it should happen”

“Subject to seeing proposed plan and layout”

“Subsidy from C. Council”

“Support Picturedrome.”

“Takes away too many parking spaces”

“Ten pin bowling”

“Ten pin bowling, theatre, Social Club, ice rink. We HAVE an excellent cinema!”
“That includes parking and an alternative to the cinema. I would like to wait until we can afford a scheme."

“The aim should be to win awards for its dynamic creativity, the proposal looks like a dull but modern shopping mall.”

“The Alexandra is in need of updating but this scheme involves loss of car parking space the annihilation of Bognor’s Victorian Cinema.”

“The amount of money could be diversified to others”

“The area is in need of redevelopement”

“The area needs investment but another cinema there is already a good choice. A multiplex will mean more expense to watch films of people”

“The cafes and restaurants need to go”

“The cinema will be expensive”

“The cost of loss of parking and our existing cinema is too high.”

“The current plans are incomplete - no details of parking and unlikely to succeed as they stand”

“The current proposal looks OK but I think we could do much better, at the beginning of the 20th C until the 60s there was a fantastic building on site.”

“The external changes are too industrial looking!”

“The financial aspects are understood, but I would prefer for the building to be demolished”

“The increase in seating capacity is quite small. Will it be enough?”

“The outside needs changing”

“The Picturedrome should remain as is”

“The plan to build a Multiplex cinema is an entirely inappropriate. The town already has a cinema which is affordable and suitable to the town.”

“The price in terms of your proposed enabling development is too high.”

“The proposal appears to be a half-way house”

“The proposal for a cinema adds nothing new to the Town and threatens the very popular and unique Picturedrome.”

“The proposal is too big and too modern for an historic seaside town such as Bognor Regis.”

“The proposal wording is bullying local people into accepting a cinema which defeats the object of consultation!”

“The proposals are not what we want.”

“The proposed does not improve Bognor”

“The removal of parking and one way esplanade unacceptable”

“The same as been given to the Windmill over the past”

“The scale is too big”

“The site needs addressing but not in this way”

“The site needs areas to eat with a sea view”

“The theatre could easily become a cinema as well”

“The Theatre needs to work as a business and will never compete against the festival theatre more than a face lift is required for this.”

“The Theatre needs up-dating, but there is no need for restaurants & cafes - there are many in and around the town, which would be seriously affected”

“The tickets need to retain reasonable process not be hiked because of improvements”

“The town needs a face lift but not to the extent you are proposing.”

“The whole area could be made to look more attractive but I don’t think the cinema etc. will be right for Bognor. The parking proposals are crazy”

“The whole area needs a proper make over but I think the present plans are really acceptable.”

“The whole idea is flawed -even car parking”

“THE WHOLE PLACE - A BIT DATED”

“Theatre and restaurant to be updated. Do not build on car park”

“Theatre and surrounds retaining full car park”

“Theatre but no cinema”

“Theatre does require modernisation BUT multiplex is unnecessary and unwanted. The Picturedrome is a fine cinema and a historical asset to the town.”

“Theatre is fine now - exterior needs tidying up and wraparound affect”

“Theatre needs a re-vamp but not any size increase - especially not on this scale”

“Theatre needs open stage and a lick of paint.”

“Theatre only”

“Theatre only, not cinema”

“Theatre too large, doubt that it would ever be full.”

“Theatre, bowling and or ice-rink”

“There is definitely a need for more leisure activities in Bognor”

“There is no need for 2 cinemas in such a small town. There are also already issues with parking.”

“There is no need for an elaborate alteration to the present theatre it just needs some maintenance”

“There is no need to create a multiplex cinema at the proposed site. Please invest money in the current Picturedrome.”

“There is not enough call for a Multiplex. It would be a waste of space. We need somewhere to shelter from bad weather but an interesting place A”

“There must be an alternative to the multiplex cinema and there isn't enough parking left in the current proposal.”

“There should be a more open submission of ideas other than St Modwen’s”

“There should be investment to improve the theatre and add a bar and cafe. This would also provide a much needed venue for bands.”

“Think about what you are actually doing to the rest of Bognor Regis and its existing venues”

“Think the Picturedrome should provide the theatre space”

“THIS IS BEING USED AS A SUGAR COATED PACKAGE. STAND ON YOUR OWN FEET ARUN.”

“This is NOT a seaside building.”

“This is not regeneration this is refurbishment”

“This looks horrible, it would be a disaster”
“This proposal puts the Picturedrome at risk which is unacceptable, why would people outside the area come to a multiplex in Bognor Chichester has 1”

“This site is the last open area near the town, should remain so. There is no evidence this will create extra visitors.”

“This would be great!”

“To allow the theatre to work a 450 seat theatre needs more than sixty car parking spaces, also it requires coach parking/drop off zone.”

“To improve the facilities”

“To keep as theatre”

“To leave the Picturedrome as it is, and to have an ice rink or bowling alley”

“To make more seating - there are enough shops and cafes”

“To support & keep the local theatre”

“To upgrade it so that the stage is bigger and more stars will be attracted to the facility. Not to be a multiplex cinema”

“To close to CFT? How would the theatre differentiate itself from what happens in Chi?”

“To Governmental on seafront with residential.”

“To little thought has been given to existing set-up”

“To many flats, prefer leisure i.e. swimming, skating, bowling”

“To modern for an old seaside town, improved the existing building to accommodate better shows, more variety for young and old. More seating, “

“To much glass - remember IMAX in Bournemouth - Not enough parking”

“To much glass - too hot in summer”

“To much money for just add ons to the Theatre. Money could be better spent. Complete new building, plus leisure complex.”

“TOO SMALL - NEED TO ATTRACT QUALITY ENTERTAINMENT CATERING FOR DIFFERENT MARKET TO CHICHESTER THEATRES.”

“Total rebuild required it is out of date”

“Total waste of taxpayers’ money during current fiscal difficulties; get the roads open and flowing.”

“Turn into affordable community centre”

“Under no circumstances should we lose the Picturedrome”

“Unnecessary”

“Until we get some decent employment opportunities and shops people won’t use Bognor Regis.”

“Update seating and attract good acts. A decent piano for recitals”

“Update venue without flats & cinema”

“Update without eating places etc”

“Upgrade present cinema”

“Upgrade what is already there”

“Upgraded”

“Upgrading but not to include cinema, Picturedrome is cheap, a multiplex will be expensive and many won’t be able to afford to go there! T”

“Use decent materials not concrete which will look awful in a few years”

“Very concerned about parking. Will not use theatre if they can’t park”

“Very important to achieve an affordable and aesthetically good building”

“Waste of space, time and money”

“We already have a cinema & proposed scheme: too many flats not enough parking. Not enough infrastructure to support more people”

“We already have a cinema and it would be a shame if it went out of business - a bowling alley would be better”

“We already have a cinema; we do not need another one. A bowling alley would be more beneficial”

“We already have a theatre on the pier - unused”

“We as residents need to be asked what we want in Bognor. Spend money to improve area but not by pushing things out that have been around for years!”

“We do not need a 5 screen multiplex in Bognor Regis”

“We do not need a cinema a bowling alley or ice rink would be better”

“We do not need a cinema complex”

“We do not need a loss of car parking on the seafront & do not need any more multi-storey housing on the site. We certainly not need a multi plex ci”

“We DO NOT need a multi plex cinema. The Alexandra theatre needs to be more of an arts centre that has money invested in it and ran properly.”

“We do not need a multiplex cinema and it will not bring people to the town as there are others locally. The Picturedrome is an excellent facility”

“We do NOT need a multiplex cinema!!!”

“We do not need a new cinema, the Picturedrome is excellent”

“We do not need an expensive cinema - the Picturedrome is excellent and affordable for families”

“We do not need another cinema”

“We do not need another Cinema in Bognor”

“We do not need another cinema or a multiplex type venue”

“WE DO NOT NEED ANOTHER CINEMA WE HAVE ONE.”

“We do not need another cinema. Our original 1, the Picturedrome is lovely, a historic part of Bognor Regis and much cheaper tickets.”

“We do not want or need a multiplex cinema”

“We do not want to lose the Picturedrome”

“We don’t need a new cinema!”

“We don’t need another cinema! Picturedrome is a great cinema with character you can’t re-produce”

“We don’t need another cinema, we need a leisure complex that has something not in the local area already, like an ice rink or laser quest”

“We don’t need a cinema complex. We need other investment to bring business in to the area - a new (overpriced) cinema is not necessary and threatens the Picturedrome”

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“We don’t need another cinema, we need a leisure complex that has something not in the local area already, like an ice rink or laser quest”

“We don’t need a cinema complex. We need other investment to bring business in to the area - a new (overpriced) cinema is not necessary and threatens the Picturedrome”

“We don’t need a Multiplex cinema!!!!!”
"WE DON'T NEED A NEW CINEMA - RESTAURANTS AND ENTERTAINMENT GREAT!"

"We don't need another cinema"

"We don't need another cinema or more housing in town. Also where will all this extra parking come from?"

"We don't need another hotel or cinema"

"We don't need more cinemas - high cost. Agree it needs development but more so town."

"WE DON'T NEED MORE FLATS ON THE SEA FRONT"

"We have a cinema already. Build something that we don't have at the moment"

"We have a hotel; just do it up and possibly an ice rink"

"We have a perfectly fine cinema!"

"We have been told you were prepared to absorb Littlehampton Windmill Theatre."

"We have enough flats on the seafront this should be an open site."

"We have the Picturedrome we don't need another cinema"

"We like our theatre as it is"

"We must keep the Picturedrome at all costs."

"We need a dedicated entertainment venue which holds up to 1000 people. A multi-use venue which can be used for live entertainment. Theatre, music etc"

"We need a fly tower, more seats needs to be over 500, and there needs to be a flat floor Hall!"

"We need a marina type development."

"We need facilities we do not already have"

"We need more leisure (i.e.) skating rink, bowling alley"

"We need to develop the hotels we already have and enough pensioner homes in Bognor! We need things for teens."

"We need to support the local cinema as well!"

"We want the Alexandra Theatre to stay as it is with investment"

"We've already got a cinema which is good."

"What would Bognor gain? We already have a theatre and cinema and the town is crying out for other facilities."

"When it was built it was a mistake, clear it and put up something other towns don't have"

"Whilst I would be the first to agree that the Regis centre should be redeveloped it would be a great loss if the Picturedrome is closed as a result"

"Why a hotel? There are enough cafes etc, empty shops in Bognor now do we need any more?"

"Why do you need another Cinema, the Picturedrome has served me and my family for over 40 years."

"Why not include a film facility in the theatre"

"Wider range of use and more seats when needed"

"Winter garden, small boutique type shops. NO CINEMA."

"With agreement with BRTC and Arun Arts."

"With restaurant + coffee shops and bars No walk through to seafront"

"Without a new cinema"

"Without building more flats"

"Without cinema"

"Without cinema complex."

"Without Cinema provision - Bognor is adequately served by the PICTUREDROME"

"Without loss of car parking."

"Without multiplex cinema"

"Without multiplex cinema and with a more imaginative design for a seaside town"

"Without multiplex, encouraging live music."

"Without proper and adequate car parking - NO."

"Without the cinema"

"Worried about cinema"

"Worried about the old Bognor cinema"

"Would like old cinema kept"

"Would like to keep old cinema"

"Would like to see money put into the Picturedrome rather than building a multiplex"

"Would like to see more cultural projects eg Art/Sculpture Exhibition Galleries"

"Would prefer no cinema as Picturedrome adequate for Bognor. Bowling/ice rink instead."

"Would prefer something different to a new cinema."

"Would want to see proper plans not the clever advertising pictures"

"Yes but it depends on what else will be done on the site"

"Yes but not at the cost of cinemas and flats as proposed"

"Yes but not at the expense of the Picturedrome"

"Yes but not ruling out alternative plans"

"Yes but not to lose Picturedrome as a cinema not everyone can afford high prices."

"Yes but why does it have to affect the cinema? Bognor is known for a cheap cinema. I think a new one can be built as long as the same prices apply"

"YES I WOULD"

"Yes should be supported but incorporate multiple leisure not just cinema e.g. bowling, indoor skate rink etc."

"Yes this area does need to be upgraded but NOT at the detriment of losing our Picturedrome. A bowling alley would be more preferable."

"Yes to theatre revamp but we want an Ice Rink or Bowling Alley"

"You have out sourced most other services why this?"

"YOU MUST ADVERTISE MORE"

"YOU WANT TO INCREASE THEATRE SEATS - THEN REDUCE PARKING DON'T MAKE SENSE - WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR WIFE/DAUGHTER WALKING THROUGHOUT TOWN AT NIGHT - NO"
3. The final question invited respondents to provide additional comments regarding the proposed developments. A total of 3,169 respondents took the opportunity to respond\(^3\).

4. Figure 2 summarises the most frequently mentioned words. ‘Cinema’, ‘Parking’, and ‘Picturedrome’ stand out as interesting themes. Full verbatim responses are shown below.

*Figure 1 – most frequently mentioned words\(^4\) under ‘further comments’ [Base: 3,169]*

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\(^3\) Nearly 200,000 words were recorded. Full responses are available in the separate part 2 report.

\(^4\) Excludes ‘Bognor Regis’ and short connecting words e.g. and, the, etc.
FULL COMMENTS:

“(1) I am concerned about inadequate parking to facilitate visitors to old cinema AND residents in the extra flats (on top of recent town centre apartments without parking). (2) I would like through traffic to pass along The Esplanade. (3) I would prefer ten pin bowling to a cinema. Perhaps both?”

“£40m investment for Bognor would be an excellent boost for the town”

“£40 million will not be spent to benefit Bognor but to generate profits for St Modwen. Bognor residents do not have the money to use or buy what is proposed and until access to the town, genuine employment and shopping facilities are vastly improved no-one will benefit”

“1 - SHOPS, BARS, CAFES, ETC. MUST BE OF GOOD QUALITY - NOT CHEAP £1 SHOPS NOT SNACK BARS. - NEEDED ARE GOOD QUALITY SHOPS AND GOOD QUALITY TEA SHOPS - NOT SCRUNFY TAKE-AWAYS. 2 - TREE PLANTING AND GARDENS SHOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE DEVELOPMENT - WITH SEATING - SEE OLYMPIC VENUE SITE.”

“1 - SMALL HOUSES - LESS APARTMENTS. 2 - LONDON ROAD NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED. 3 - WE ALREADY HAVE A CINEMA!”

“1 Esplanade proposals unrealistic. This is one only two routes to and past Bognor Regis Centre. Any blockage on A259 would totally block BR traffic. Without 2 way flow on the Esplanade. New relief road will not help this. 2 Echelon parking would cause traffic chaos, delays as drivers parked & tried to leave (in reverse) into traffic stream. A dangerous parking system on a through road even if it was one - way. 3 I protest that too many questions are biased to give answer required. Is this in accordance with MRS Code?”

“1) Where are the employment opportunities for those who will live in the proposed housing developments. 2) There is no proposal for improved infrastructure, i.e. the provision of medical services, schools, roads, improved parking or anything for those aged 14-18 to do. 3) We currently have a great cinema which could use investment. There is no requirement for a further cinema. 4) Use space for a bowling alley, roller rink or an ice skating rink which would pull in customers from a wide area as there is nothing like this in the immediate vicinity.”

“1. We already have a cinema - so there is little benefit in building another cinema. 2. Bognor is fairly mainly working / lower class - a new theatre is bound to fail, especially as it can’t compete against Chichester festival theatre. 3. There is a disproportionate amount of residential housing compared to business in Bognor as a result there is a queue of traffic out of Bognor in the morning (going to Chichester) and vice versa on the evening. The new Bersted development has only served to worsen Bognor’s fate. NO FURTHER RESIDENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE UNTIL SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS INFRASTRUCTURE HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED! 4. Bognor’s obvious benefit is its coast line. The pier is near collapse however a Brighton marina style marina is the obvious choice. If the council made a small initial investment to pay for the marina sheltering (rocks to make a harbour like Brighton). These rocks are free from Norway and the implementation could be conducted as the council conducted the rock groins at Felpham. 5. Once the council has put in the bare bones infrastructure, private investors would be falling over themselves to fund improvements and growth to the town.”

“(1) Would there be enough car parking if plans go ahead? 2. Bognor is a small town and cannot be compared to Eastbourne, Worthing etc. 3. Littlehampton has been smartened up without too much disruption & new housing why can’t Bognor. 4. Picturedrome should be kept and theatre enlarged.”

“1. Bognor Regis by-pass MUST be completed AND in use before developments are made. 2. There MUST be ample FREE car parking in and around the town centre to attract trade. (Maximum 5 hours).”

“1. Building on car parks without additional spaces being created “For the extra foot fall that we want to see happen”. Is suicidal. 2. Require a lido complex.”

“1. HOTHAMTON: Keep Picturedrome Cinema and hide car park behind a wall or hedge if too expensive to go underground. Train station and cinema ‘entrance to Bognor’ Centre. 2. REGIS CENTRE: No multiplex cinema please! On no account let St. Modwen bully us. “We pay the piper”, etc. 3. O.K. to use Esplanade for parking provided you open up the High Street again.”

“1. If there is parking along the Esplanade as proposed how is the considerable East/West traffic to be dealt with? 2. There is little or no provision for children on the seafront. Why not provide - as in Marbella - for enclosures of rocks which flood when the tide comes in but retains water at low tide for children to bathe in. Simple but not particularly costly to provide.”

“1. If you attract a lot of people you must provide both better local buses, car parking. 2. I do not want a skyscraper town. 3. We already have plenty of supermarkets. 4. I could not get into the consultation exhibition because the space was overcrowded. Much too small. Bad planning!”

“1. Improve transport to and from Bognor railway station to Butlins and town centre. 2. Proposed flats (3 floor residential above ground level restaurant and cafe No. 3 on Indicative Suite plan) to be replaced with professionally run video entertainment suites and gymnasium. 3. Proposed new apartments to be built in keeping with those already built i.e. ‘Regency style’. 4. Wheelchair access to the beach.”

“1. Please, no new multiplex cinema. The Picturedrome provides an excellent and improving cinema-going experience at a very good price. 2. Cramming in high density flats/accommodation would harm the seaside atmosphere of Bognor. 3. If the scheme did go ahead I foresee demolition of the additions in the future.”

“1. The lack of parking spaces is the most serious problem. 2. Calming the esplanade with echelon parking is silly and dangerous. It is the only road one can drive through the town. People reversing out of echelon spaces will cause accidents. 3. There should be a ‘town square’ in the development with the new buildings around it.”

“1. Would want to see the Picturedrome continue as a cinema/or theatre? 2. Would be of great benefit to the town to see the pier restored to its former glory!”

“1. Before anything NEW is built, please knock down Fitzleete House, and prosecute the architect/builders involved (if still alive) for defacing Bognor. 2. Cinemas will NOT be commercially viable. Retain PICTUREDROME.”

“1. Both the Royal Norfolk and the Royal Hotel never seem to be over occupied, do you have any analysis on their yield to justify building a Hotel, This is a non-runner to justify the building of flats. 2. This development provides no long term employment prospects. 3. Arun District council failed to secure the equivalent of 120 full time call centre employees at Butlins by allowing Bourne Leisure to develop further hotels on the Butlins Centre, these jobs could have been maintained as part of the lease extension negotiation, this accounted for approx 3 million pound per annum being denuded from the local community. I should know I was the Rank Organisation last Senior executive at Bognor Regis before the head
office was moved to Hemel Hempstead. This was an appalling decision by Arun, I therefore have no confidence in a project which seems to be run by a committee, which has no business knowledge. I suspect Bourne Leisure has a long term objective to create a Marina whereby the Hotels will play a major part, if the economic conditions change, it will be converted into the very flats you are trying to fund the regeneration. This is a piecemeal project and is totally flawed, cover the high street, increase parking and provide the opportunity for major retail operators to develop and regenerate from the largest community in the area, people only go to Chichester because YOU FAIL TO GIVE THEM WANT THEY WANT IN THERE OWN TOWN. MY LAST POINT QUESTION 11 IS LOADED.

1. Can Bognor’s roads and infrastructure handle the traffic this will create? 2. How about an ice rink for use throughout the year with outdoor ice skating for the winter months as well. 3. We need what other town do not already have

1. Car parking provision seems very low for the proposed uses, even when town hall and esplanade spaces are taken into account. Typically this type of development would require significantly greater provision (e.g. Brighton Marina, Chichester Gate, Gunwharf Quays, Port Solent…). Where will those wishing to use these facilities park? 2. Presumably the hotel site would be more desirable if fronting the seafront, to place this behind the cinema seems like a missed opportunity. 3. The development needs to be carefully designed to avoid an Imax situation as at Bournemouth where the unsuccessful seafront cinema is to be demolished. 4. The ‘echelon’ spaces along the Esplanade need to be considered, reversing into oncoming traffic would not be ideal.

1. Concerned about shrinking area/amount of parking spaces for the public. If people want to come to use the facilities proposed, where can they park? (disabled/elderly will not want to walk far) Poss. free parking areas. 2. Concern for the on-going Picturehouse cinema.

1. Existing cinema is a good facility, travel 7 miles west for more. 2. Developed around new relief road to north of town. Not upwards on sea front. 3. Thro’ traffic from west will have to go north through built up areas back on upper Bognor road.

1. Fatal mistake to loose so many parking spaces. Revenue from day trippers will help town. Trains in Bognor not adequate. 2. Flats for students who will pay their rent, they say they’re struggling to pay fees. 3. Bowling alley, something for all age groups, will secure soft play area for small children including seating and food and drinks. Laser guns could be something different.

1. Fitzleet car park very difficult for modern cars - it needs to be completely Re-organised - it is under used as residents only want to use the lower floor. 2. Please make an access down to the beach for disabled, young families with pushchairs and old people like me.

1. How many flats on all areas - Total 2. Flats area 9 and area 6 swap over 3. No flats on Promenade. 4. Move parking area and do not cut No. of spaces - Increase if possible. 5. Lower storeys of flats

1. I am against a new cinema as it would cause the closure of the existing Picturehouse which to me is an essential link with Bognor’s past. 2. I feel there should be no parking or vehicular access on the Esplanade leaving it for pedestrians. 3. I think in the current Economic state this proposal should be cut down in cost. 4. I am not happy about any loss of green space 5. Too many bars could provide the potential for rowdiness.

1. I am concerned that NO provision is being made to extend the public area into the sea using a groyne and creating a small marina. 2. No traffic should be allowed along Belmont St. between the end of the arcade and the Theatre. This area should be purely pedestrian to create continuity between the town High Street and the sea front. Belmont St access either end would continue with turning areas at the end of each cul-de-sac. Through traffic thus affected would go up Lyon Street or West Street to the north of the centre.

1. Public parking is totally inadequate. 2. We already have a cinema and a theatre - so what’s really new? 3. I can’t see these proposals providing anywhere near the vital exciting ‘jewel’ that Bognor so clearly needs on the seafront to attract both visitors and residents. 4. Why not have a paddling pool (summer) Ice rink (winter) on the Place St Maur?"

1. Strongly oppose multiscreen cinema. The Kiss-or-nothing approach is sheer blackmail to we ordinary citizens in making our response to the proposals 2. If the cinema is in fact to go ahead, it is crazy to site it on a prime sea-front site. Either swap it with the hotel so the latter has sea views (it’s a holiday destination, not a commercial or convenience venue, or better put it on the Hothamton site with more hotel or residential position on the Regis Centre site. 3. Traffic flow is inadequately considered in the proposals. The Esplanade should be 2 way with additional multi-storey parking provision on the Hothamton site if necessary to compensate for loss on Esplanade.

1. The existing Regis Centre area definitely needs an overhaul as it is currently dark, dingy, stark and bleak. The Regis pub is really horrible - they have uninterrupted sea views and they put up a prison-style barred fence! 2. There must be a clause written in that the developers have to support the Picturedrome Cinema in a financial way for a number of years to ensure it is not bulldozed. Even if eventually it is turned into a pub/restaurant. 3. The main problem at Cineworld in Chichester is the lack of parking, and there does not seem to be enough parking spaces in these Bognor proposals. 4. It would be good if there were small independent shops in the proposed Arcade, rather than more boring chains.

1. There have been many proposals over the years. 2. A council’s job is to provide essential services not to get involved in ongoing commercial ventures. 3. Bognor is surrounded by supermarkets, the last thing we want is another one. 4. Car parks should be a (free) service, not a means of revenue.

1. TO MY MIND CAR PARKING IS A MAJOR PROBLEM IN BOGNOR WHEN YOU THINK THAT 200 APARTMENTS ON HOTHAMTON SITE PLUS THOSE ON THE REGIS CENTRE SITE MEANS LESS PARKING THAN NOW. WHERE DO YOU PROPOSE ALL THE CARS GO?? ALL THE RESIDENTIAL ROADS AROUND THE TOWN WILL BE USED BY THOSE WHO CANNOT PARK NEAR THEIR RESIDENCE THEREFORE CAUSING A KNOCK ON PROBLEM FOR EVERYONE. 2. I DON’T AGREE TO ANOTHER CINEMA AND WOULD MUCH PREFER ALTERNATIVE LEISURE E.G. ICE RINK/BOWLING.

1. We need more parking to bring people in to the town NOT to lose most of it because of these developments. 2. We do not need more shops - too many are vacant already. 3. We have a cinemas - do not need another 4. Anyway where would visitors to a 400 seater cinema park? 5. If the Esplanade road is to be one-way traffic where would the route the other way through the town be? You cannot expect us to be able to say yes or no without giving us the full information!! 6. Who would own the new developments - Council or St Modwen? What about the ground they stand on? What about future maintenance?”

1. WHY ASK RESIDENTS OF ARUNDEL, LITTLEHAMPTON - THEY ARE NOT INVOLVED? 2. IF FLATS WOULD BE OF BENEFIT TO THE TOWN WE WOULD BE THE MOST AFFLUENT IN THE COUNTRY. 3. DEFINITIVELY NO MULTIPLEX CINEMA - WE DON’T NEED IT. 4. WHAT DO TOWN RESIDENTS GET OUT OF THESE PROPOSALS THAT WE DON’T HAVE ALREADY. 5. DO NOT CLOSE THE ESPLANADE TO TRAFFIC. OPEN UP THE HIGH STREET.
“1/ Lack of parking (and high business rates) is killing many towns. Please don’t let Bognor go the same way. 2/ As a custodian of public funds, the council should be spending the MINIMUM POSSIBLE AMOUNT OF TAXPAYERS MONEY on anything that is not directly NECESSARY. There are too many ill-conceived vanity projects out there which never achieve their aims, and yet end up being kept afloat by yet more taxpayers’ money. 3/ Primary focus should be supporting local businesses - with good car parking, lower rates, good street layout/planning etc. Whilst that doesn’t necessarily mean there should never be any more business, it would be much better to focus primarily on supporting amenities to allow current businesses to grow (or even just become viable)! 4/ No in principle objection to more residential accommodation - suggest it is as high-rise as is reasonable in order to INCLUDE MORE CAR PARKING in the space saved. Thank you for this opportunity for feedback - I sincerely hope this is a genuine consultation where views matter, rather than just a PR exercise to gain air-cover for something that is someone’s pet project come hell or high water…!”

“2-way traffic, as it is now, MUST be retained along The Esplanade. There are already enough pedestrian crossings but if it’s considered there isn’t then a bridge should be provided. They have one in Torquay that is good.”

“A 4 - 5 screen cinema would not be a good addition to the town as it would take business away from the Picturedrome.”

“A 4/5 SCREEN CINEMA WOULD DEFINITELY RESULT IN THE CLOSURE OF THE PICTUREDROME CINEMA. A SKATING RINK OR BOWLING ALLEY WOULD BE FAR BETTER.”

“A 4/5 screen cinema would kill off the Picturedrome the best cinema in west Sussex”

“A bit worried about the amount of parking here will be available, and also traffic would be a big problem if there is no bypass from Felpham to Chichester. Also it would be a shame if we lose our existing cinema in Bognor a bowling alley may be better”

“A bowling alley would be appreciated.”

“A bowling alley would be the place families would use. Also people come to Bognor for the beach so more of a sandy area for children to play on with a couple of cafes around edge where families could sit and watch.”

“A bowling alley, leisure stuff is good but not a cinema. Cafe & restaurants will fail in economic climate.”

“A CINEMA ALONE WOULD NOT ENTICE PEOPLE TO BOGNOR. WE HAVE LOST OUR BEST HIGH STREET SHOPS SO PEOPLE GO ELSEWHERE. IT’S NOW MORE A VILLAGE THAN TOWN.”

“A cinema complex is not needed or wanted. Bognor has to offer something different instead of just becoming more of a grey town. It needs quality restaurants such as the East Beach cafe not Frankie and Jerry’s. It needs a quality food store such as a Marks and Spencer Food to go. Butlins are trying to attract a good quality clientele and so is Bognor. We need decent shops and facilities. Why don’t you work hard to preserve and enhance the historic features of the town. Having a good quality tourist information shop manned by people every day would be a huge improvement. Quality signage and encouragement of more interesting shops for clothes, homeware etc. A quality department store would make a huge difference. People do not come to Bognor as there is no reason to! A cinema is not going to entice them and the Picturedrome should be encouraged and for visitors to reach that part of the town. I would also wonder why you need people’s names and addresses and other personal information and where it is kept and used. What difference does it make? How much notice will be taken of the people who actually live here? I look forward to hearing your reply. My email is sharonsutton@btinternet.com. The upgrading of the actual theatre is good and if you can attract decent bars and cafes great. But think again about the cinema and the eateries it may attract - go to any town with one and see that most days/evenings they are ghost towns - see Chichester Cineworld and High Wycombe. Think of the long term and examine the real reasons for going along with this pointless determination. Who have you asked up until now?”

“A cinema complex would completely destroy the Picturedrome. Prices charged by a large chain are far too high. I am a parent who brings his children over the Picturedrome in Bognor, rather than paying the high prices to watch the same film in Chichester.”

“A cinema is not necessary as we have one in place that does not overcharge. A bowling alley is wanted and would be used by a lot of people (including visitors). Parking should not be lost but increased. Hotel might be of use but not at the cost of parking or leisure. St Modwen is not interested in Bognor Regis, only how to make money. Double the size of the supermarket that is in the town (and the parking)to bring more people in. Decent cafe and restaurant on the site. How many more flats do we need?”

“A cinema would be great because a six storey hotel would be good and would be more modern.”

“A cinema would not benefit the local economy as a whole. The seaside location should be used to attract tourist e.g. a lido for when the tide is in.”

“A Department store on the Hothamton site would be more desirable than another supermarket.”

“A further cinema complex would be of no benefit as we already have a perfectly good cinema. A bowling alley or gym would be a better use of the space.”

“A good idea long overdue, Bognor definitely needs modernising”

“A good idea, but needs careful planning to make it attractive and not used as a rough sleeper /rubbish dump. I am concerned at the consequential loss of the Picturedrome, which MUST be preserved for historical purposes and ensure the Town is used in all area, not just the Regis Centre. The Town must not be allowed to die, with pockets of Betting shops and empty buildings. We need to know what will happen to the Picturedrome?”

“A great proposal, Bognor Regis needs to generate money. A 10 pin bowling alley would surely be a good idea, so instead of spending money at Chichester Gate, Bognor could benefit financially.”

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“A joint management for both cinemas is essential. Hoping it is successful. Has Council considered park and ride.”

“A little concerned about Hothamton residential apartments. We do not need any more “affordable housing”. Apartments should be of high quality to attract money into the town. Parking is also a big concern for the area.”

“A long time coming”

“A lot of housing is planned in the Bognor Regis Area - Felpham, North Bersted, Villages etc. - will the proposed housing sell. Strongly against another supermarket - kills off small shops. Parking is my main concern under your proposals space will be considerably reduced when you are encouraging people to visit the town.”

“A Marks & Spencer would be nice.”

“A much better option in my view would be to fund a complete re-build and extension of the Pier - to include leisure facilities.”

“A multi complex cinema is definitely not needed or wanted in Bognor Regis. We fought hard to retain the Picturedrome and this what we want. Bognor Regis has enough flats, cinemas and
supermarkets in the town. What we need is for something to attract 
visitors into the town. Decent shops e.g. M&S, cafes, restaurants 
and bars. There is nowhere decent to eat in Bognor Regis and 
although the beach front is lovely there is a distinct lack of things to do on the front. If you compare this to other seaside towns 
Brighton/Nice, what does Bognor Regis have?? More apartments
and a supermarket won't provide this. Leisure facilities are needed 
but NOT a multiplex. The Queensway is horrendous and the whole 
lot could do with flattening. We would like something to do and 
somewhere to in Bognor Regis, something that creates a vibrancy in 
town. A Cinema will not do this, we are happy to go to 
Chichester is we feel the urge. I would suggest that the 
councillor's take their family down to the front on a Friday night 
with a view to have a good meal and also out on a Sunday and figure 
out what is missing and the definite lack of things to do. The fact 
that landlords have also been allowed to let their properties fall into 
disrepair all along the front, is also a disgrace and something the 
council should be putting pressure on. We are a seaside town, that 
is what we need to embrace, we can catch a movie or visit a 
supermarket in any other town in the country!"

"A multi/miniplex cinema is superfluous to Bognor as it already has 
the Picturedrome and many people now watch movies in their own 
home via TV or internet. Also too much space seems to have been 
allocated to cafes and restaurants with nowhere near enough 
parking spaces to cater for the amount of people the 'Planner's' 
ensignage visiting this area. Only 60 spaces in the car park plus the 
loss of parking on the Hothamton site, where are all the expected 
patrons of the cinema and cafes etc supposed to park? The Fitzleet 
multi-storey is not capable of coping with extra cars to the extent 
predicted by St Modwen. If anything the Pier and Station areas 
should be improved as visitors to the 'seaside' like to have a nice 
Pier with entertainment etc. on it, and the station is a gateway to 
the town. Also as far as Leisure activities are concerned a swimming 
pool would be a good idea.”

"A multi-lane bowling alley. If a lot of housing is built the roads 
should be of a fair condition. If the car park next to Fitzleet is built 
on where do you park?”

"A multiplex cinema will cost three times as much as the current 
cinema does - families use the Picturedrome because of the 
reduced cost. Building a bigger more costly cinema will not 
encourage people to use it.”

"A multiplex cinema will not bring people to the town as there are 
other facilities in local towns. the Picturedrome provides an 
excellent local cinema at affordable prices. To destroy this service is 
outrageous on absolutely every level. surely it would be better to 
provide a facility such as an ice rink which is not available anywhere 
else - not intimate and friendly and dull. Butlins have the hotels, 
there are many B&Bs so a new hotel will take trade away from the 
existing. Create a theatre like the Festival Theatre that people come 
to from miles away. For goodness sake let us take this opportunity 
to upgrade Bognor to the town it once was and not just copy others 
towns and find it does not offer anything special in the end. We 
have some lovely new flats, let's have a Marina - that will upgrade 
Bognor and bring a lot of wealthy visitors to the town if we provide 
good, clean and smart restaurants and shops. The pier should be 
refurbished and the old parts replaced. The only other pier nearby 
is Brighton. Let us have a theatre at the end of pier like many piers 
used to have. Modern structures are not always the answer, some of 
the old ideas work better.”

"A multiplex cinema would be an eyesore on a prime seafront site 
[warning - Bournemouth’s Imax Centre] as poor Butlins is. Will 
cinema attract an audience when parking will be inadequate? - even 
Chichester's big car park is not enough. Will property buyers try to 
stop activities such as Rox event, seafront activities etc. Will people 
want to sit in open square with car parking between them and the sea. 
SORRY, think again !!!”

"A multiplex cinema would destroy the Picturedrome. Chichester 
haves a multiplex and is very rarely full except for block busters. The 
price is high and this would be unaffordable for the majority of the 
people in Bognor. What we have is different and should be 
encouraged as it is a part of the history of Bognor. We do not need 
more cafes and bars what we need is the type of shop, cafe and bar 
upgraded. The Alexandra Theatre should be upgraded to include a 
conference centre that can be hired out for exhibitions, weddings 
and parties. Being on the beach it could be a wonderful setting. 
Let us make Bognor different from the other towns around us and not 
just copy and compete. I use the Picturedrome because of its 
quirkiness and prices. I dislike and hardly ever travel to Chichester 
because of the parking and the cinema is the same as everywhere 
else - not intimate and friendly and dull. Butlins have the hotels, 
the Picturedrome provides an 
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much the design of now which I don’t think will stand the test of
time and do not fit in with the style of the town.”

“A new bowling would be good and ice skating we do not need
another cinema that would be 3/4 times the price we currently pay .
at the Picturedrome .we like this cinema very much and go more
often now that we live here. If this changes we would not be able to
go so often as it would be too expensive if empire cinema.as you are
aware in this climate that we have at present money is hard to come by .”

“A NEW CINEMA COMPLEX WILL MEAN THE CLOSURE OF THE
PICTUREDROME WHICH WOULD BE A GREAT LOSS TO THE PEOPLE
OF BOGNOR. THE PICTUREDROME IS FRIENDLY, COMFORTABLE AND
AFFORDABLE TO MOST PEOPLE, A NEW COMPLEX CINEMA WOULD
MEAN HIGHER PRICES AND LESS PEOPLE WOULD BE ABLE TO GO.
BOGNOR HAS A CINEMA, WE DON’T NEED OR WANT ANOTHER
ONE.”

“A new cinema would cost far more than the current one and would
mean we could no longer afford to go to the cinema. More flats
would mean more second homes for people who live outside
Bognor as many of the ones already in existence are. We can’t fill
the shops standing empty in town, Bognor will become even more
of a ghost town. We have enough supermarkets too.”

“A new cinema would destroy the existing Picturedrome - the car
park capacity for the proposed custom is not appropriate for current
residents.”

“A new multiplex cinema is not required in Bognor, as the
Picturedrome is perfectly suitable. The money used for the multiplex
should be used to develop the Picturedrome.”

“A park and ride scheme for a tram system, thus reducing traffic, so I
can hear the birds in the town again, maybe just at weekends,
possibly pony and trap/carriages instead of trams., thus less
pollution/accidents.”

“A public art gallery that could hold visiting exhibitions in place of a
hotel would enhance the town and attract visitors.”

“A second revamp of the Regis Centre in 30 years will not revive the
whole Town/Sussex/National Economy.”

“A SUPERMARKET LIKE ASDA IN TOWN WOULD BE GOOD AS
MORRISON MONOPOLISE TOWN CENTRE. REGIS CENTRE WOULD
BENEFIT OVERHAUL AS LOOKS DIRTY AND DOWDY.”

“A VERY HIGH PRICE TO PAY FOR A REVAMPED THEATRE.  Q15 -
LEFT ALONE. WHERE WOULD THE REGULAR MARKET TRADERS GO?
- THIS BRINGS TRADE TOO!!  Q19 - AS CURRENT USE.  LEAVE US
ALONE!  WHY DOES REGENERATION MEAN A ONE OFF CASH FLUSH
IN ARUN'S POCKET AND MODWEN AND MAKING BOGNOR THE
SAME AS EVERY OTHER SEASIDE TOWN WHO WANTS TO LIVE IN
BRIGHTON. WE HAVE A RICH HERITAGE, MAKE BOGNOR
DIFFERENT. A PLACE FOR FAMILIES TO COME AND ENJOY SAFELY. A
VISIT TO A CINEMA ONLY LAST TWO HOURS AND CHILDHOOD TRIP
TO THE SEASIDE - A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES.”

“A VERY SENSITIVE ISSUE THAT REQUIRES FURTHER AND OPEN
DEBATE.”

a) Demolish the awful looking Alexandra Theatre and build a new
one of a design in keeping with the town’s past.  b) Leave
Hothamton site open - a central green space in the town is a must
c) There are already too many flats in the town. Most having no
parking facilities.  d) As for closing the Esplanade to allow parking -
what far thinking ‘person’ thought this one up?  It’s the only E-W, W-
E, route without chaos”

“[A] We need more parking  b) More decent shops - I you don’t have
A & B you will not attract more people to Bognor”

“About time Bognor has a face lift. People who come here on
holiday say what a disgrace to visit - will change heart and minds
and boost economy. Who knows our house prices will go up!!”

“About time too. Bognor Regis greatly needs development and a
large cash injection.”

“About time”

“ABOUT YOU - RETIRED LIVED IN BOGNOR FOR 26 YEARS  OVERALL
PROPOSALS - A PURPOSE BUILT FACILITY FOR CHILDREN - MORE
BENEFICIAL  FURTHER COMMENTS - BOGNOR NEEDS TO SHARPEN
UP FROM ITS DRAB APPEARANCE  1 - IN VIEW OF THE PROPOSED
ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS TO BE ERECTED THERE IS OR SERIOUS NEED
FOR SEAFRONT TO BE UPDATED - MAYBE ON SIMILAR LINES OF THE
ONE AT EASTBOURNE (VIS MORE FLOWER GARDENS!!)  2 - THE
PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD DO NOT TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE
INADEQUATE PARKING/ROADS CAUSED BY THE INFUX OF CARS
COMING IN AND OUT OF BOGNOR.”

Absolutely disgusted. BRUDC & ADC have let us down since the
1970s - locally born”

“Access and parking are important as this area is already gridlocked
at rush hour.”

“Action required - not never-ending talking about it.”

“ADC seem to be intent on wrecking Bognor and the local villages
with unwanted new building of residential developments to bring in
funding to the local area. I suggest that ADC attempts to find
alternative ways to bring in funds without destroying the local
landscape and our heritage.”

“ADC spoilt Bognor Regis by allowing Butlins here - it is an eyesore.
We like the Picturedrome - the sound effects etc can be achieved. It
is a disgrace that a councillor swore at a technician from the cinema
- the council have let us all down - people have not got the money
for flats - our maintenance was £116pm 2011 - now £159pm 2012.
Bowling Alley would be a good idea.”

“Adding a miniplex is short sighted. Technological advances mean
people will be more likely to watch films at home in the future as
TVs become more sophisticated. What is actually needed for the
Regis site are leisure aspects that are not available at home. The
expansion of the theatre goes some way to addressing this, but
there is also the need to put on more professional shows in the
space that can attract larger audiences. There is a large theatre
going audience in the area and the local university has a large
number of students studying performing arts, musical theatre and
music, a large audience which is not tapped into at the moment. The
expanded theatre would be a resource for the whole of Arun, with the
potential to attract people from Arundel and Littlehampton who
currently mainly travel to Worthing or Chichester. If the theatre was
putting on more regular high quality productions this would increase
the demand for good quality bars and restaurants on the site (the
demand actually already exists, the problem is everyone travels to
Chichester at the moment to fulfil this need due to the lack of good-
quality bars and restaurants in Bognor).”

“Additional cinema not needed as we have one already which is an
older building and keeps an element of history. Another hotel!! -
not needed. Too big. Needs to cater for all age groups A harbour
would be a lovely addition to Bognor”

“After campaigning for many months to keep our beautiful cinema it
seems a shame to build a new one and lose the cinema which is our
past. Other leisure ideals would be better for the locals especially


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the youngsters as there is very little for the youngsters to do other than visit the local pub!”

“After seeing Littlehampton, I highly doubt any progress will emerge in Bognor - undoubtedly speaking any progress is better than none. The regeneration money has been in the Arun bank for too long - use it for the benefit of Bognor people.”

“All of the ticked circles would put Bognor on the map & greatly improve the town.”

“All the best!!”

“All car parking must remain for benefit of residents and visitors alike. There is no mention of the Swansea Gardens development. What is proposed there?”

“All these facilities are available already in Bognor. We should preserve the present cinema, improve the existing theatre and create other attractions such as play areas, roller skating, bowling, Quasar. There is very little for people to do apart from eat and drink. My intelligent teenage children say that as soon as they are old enough they will go to Uni and not return to Bognor because it is a boring place for families. There is the beach, but if the weather is bad, there is practically nothing to do. The arguments against the alternative leisure facilities are very poor. Housing and hotels can be built outside the town centre, but people coming on day trips and holidays will head for the town centre - they want things to do.”

“All this for a few hundred jobs that will not pay a living wage! Very few would go to local people. Only people who benefit will be the contractors.”

“Agree with all except the Multiplex”

“Alexandra Theatre - very pleased this is to be retained and improved. Unclear from proposal but would like to ensure that there are smaller studios (rehearsal studios?) available so that current performances e.g. monthly classical concerts are retained at the site. Hothamton - note that the children’s play area has been incorporated in the development but see no plan to replace this. I would like to see this retained/replaced as it is the only play area in the town centre.”

“All these new development would secure a brighter financial future for Bognor.”

“All the car parking existing is well used. With more residential and less parking the town will be congested - people will not stop - unable to park. Queensway is a wind tunnel hence diminishing businesses now. London Road shops will suffer as new place takes their business”

“Against cinema and too many flats”

“All these improved facilities are of no use if you can’t easily find a car parking space whilst you visit them. How is the car parking capacity that is lost from both development sites to be compensated for?”

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“Alexandra Theatre site: we lost a tremendous number of amenities when the Regis centre went up - Esplanade Theatre, Theatre Royal Cinema, Punch and Judy, part of the arcade, miniature train, shops -- and we gained a white (yellow!) elephant, a big expanse of tarmac with a few flagpoles on it ... and lots of high-rise flats. Whatever plans there are, they should improve amenities and make a seafront that visitors will enjoy and find memorable. Faceless civic architecture and yet more flats will not have any beneficial effect on the town.”

“Allow ASDA into town, with the proposed increase in housing what about the improvement to the increased traffic, potential there could be another 500/600 cars moving in and out of town all struggling to get in and out of the A259 & A29 to join the A27. Then there are other support areas such as Doctors/Dentists with increase and income in Council taxes will it be reinvested into the town.”

“Already building development in and around the Bognor Regis district exceeds the facilities available. Schools are bursting at the seams, demand for medical services is excessive, roads are unable to take the ever increasing traffic. If these developments continue, volume of traffic will be so great no-one will be able to reach the town itself rendering these proposals unnecessary!”

“Already have good cinema. Loss of car parking detrimental to town. No need for residential in area. Hotel not needed - as not on seafront.”

“After seeing Littlehampton, I highly doubt any progress will emerge in Bognor - undoubtedly speaking any progress is better than none. The regeneration money has been in the Arun bank for too long - use it for the benefit of Bognor people.”

“Although all of these changes would be ultimately beneficial in quite a few aspects for Bognor Town centre, I strongly believe that many more houses need to be both built and also made available to the council so they can rent them out as there’s an ever increasing number of split families.”

“Although I am not opposed to change and progress, the loss of the Picturedrome with its history, atmosphere, architecture to a soulless multiplex would really damage Bognor’s culture and attraction. These old cinemas are a precious piece of history and when they’re gone they won’t be replaced. Don’t let Bognor become a ‘clone’ of every other town.”

“Although I feel favourably towards the proposals, there are concerns that make it difficult to answer some of the questions as posed. Bognor will not benefit if the proposals do not bring in new visitors. Visitors will not come if access links are poor or difficult, and no mention has been made of how these may be improved in the consultation document. Traffic in Bognor is already constrained by the variety of one way systems, and this will be made worse if the front is made into a car park. Unless this is carefully planned, the
proposed new parking area could become a barrier between the beach and the new development which would decrease the volume of visitors to the town for day or short periods. Subject to these issues being addressed, I feel the development would have a positive impact on our town.”

“Although I have approved a cinema complex I feel the proposed one is too large. Despite assurances it is bound to effect the profitability of the Picturedrome and it would be a great shame if it were to close. Soon young people will not know what a traditional cinema looks like.”

“Although I have completed this survey my expectation of residents' view being taken into account is very low. A new cinema will not attract visitors to Bognor. We have to accept that people come to Bognor for Butlins if we want to attract them to the town beyond doing a bit of shopping then we have to offer something truly unique. Residents do not want another soulless cinema, we have that at Chichester and there is a cinema in Butlins (I believe more could be done to enable residents to use this). People want old buildings restored and retained, that's what gives character. Maybe St Modwen are not the right people - we need to be more ambitious and look further afield to find something truly unique if it is really going to improve the economy. We are right by the sea, surely this can provide more inspiration - what about a floating hotel or enabling people to take a boat ride to the Witterings (which would free up traffic on the A27/?)”

“Although not a frequent visitor to Bognor Regis a newer cinema complex would probably bring me in more often as well as a theatre, however I believe you could sustain two different kinds of cinema running alongside each other as there are in other towns that have this. My only reservation would be the lack of car parking available for the scale of the redevelopment, perhaps this issue can be addressed within the proposed development sites with underground parking in the Hothamton site to cater for the residents of the proposed new flats/apartments. As the officers who gave the presentation at the exhibition have said, improvements to the signage of available spaces for parking around the town centre would need to be improved to help with this problem. Thank you.”

“Always keep as many old and beautiful buildings as possible - like the Picturedrome (for example).”

“Am completely opposed to the proposed cinema. Would like to be able to comment on a package excluding this - otherwise it’s take or leave it.”

“An alternative leisure attraction would be better than a multiplex cinema, such as a bowling alley. Bognor already has an historic cinema, which offers an excellent alternative to a multiplex and a completely different experience. A multiplex would kill the existing cinema and is unnecessary. Bars and restaurants are themselves attractors. Just because I go to the cinema doesn't mean I will eat out or visit a bar. Equally, if I go out for a meal I won't be particularly compelled to watch a film. The new development should incorporate a space that celebrates the Picturedrome and signposts people to it - it’s not very far to walk.”

“An enclosed swimming pool would be more attractive for both residents and visitors year round than the proposed 5 screen cinema which would only benefit the profits of the developers and ruin the existing Picturedrome Cinema.”

“An even longer increased seating capacity for Alexandra Theatre would be better”

“An expensive cinema entrance fee will not be of use, Bognor is not an affluent town and we already have an affordable cinema. More should be done to encourage young people to make their own entertainment and do some exercise instead of sitting down.”

“An ice rink & bowling alley are much needed leisure facilities in Bognor Regis, if you travel to other towns/cities with these facilities you will find them busy even during the week & in the day, & after all it is what a majority of local residents want. Many towns that have been redeveloped in a similar way even within major cities are finding that these type of venues are struggling i.e. cinemas”

“An ice rink would be better than a multiplex which is already in Chichester. The Picturedrome is an asset and should be funded as an Arts Cinema.”

“Another cinema in the town would make the Picturedrome close. You should think about either a skating rink or bowling alley and not close the car parks.”

“Another cinema will kill the existing one and therefore will not bring in more customers.”

“Another cinema would harm our excellent existing heritage cinema. Doubtful if sufficient car parking can be provided for all these users.”

“Another exhibit of typical half-cocked 1970/80's Arun thinking....you copy everyone else. years after the event and just as others are moving on to something better. Rather than APPRECIATING WHAT WE HAVE IF WE TAKE THE LONG TERM VIEW retain historic buildings they will be the attractions of future. People want unique not more of the same. Take a look at Blackpool nothing there poor climate but millions more people visit cos it puts on events and has history and FANTASTIC Transport and leisure facilities for residents. Empty Shops and restaurant premises won't add much you have those already”

“Another nail in the coffin for Bognor Regis, car parking reduction and Hotel when other Hotels in town are empty. We do not need a multiplex cinema”

“Any development in Bognor Regis would be welcome to liven up the town. It’s been left too long for that reason has become shabby & not welcoming.”

“Any development proposal is inevitably a compromise. We need to invest in the town and the proposals seem a sensible compromise to provide the improvements needed along with the necessary return to the parties who will need to provide the up-front investment.”

“Any development that brings a more discerning visitor or restaurant to Bognor can only be a good thing. The above proposals may well achieve this.”

“Any development that would make Bognor Regis more attractive to tourists and residents, which includes the provision of extra residential accommodation and badly needed jobs is welcome. And an area with cafes, bars and restaurants with an outlook to the seafront has always been sadly lacking in Bognor and would be an enormous improvement. But more consideration should be given to the provision of affordable parking spaces because people will not be encouraged to come into the town to enjoy these new facilities if they cannot find reasonably priced, easily discoverable parking spaces. Some extension of the existing (and excellent)2hr parking voucher scheme would probably go a long way to help in this regard but extra parking spaces must be provided to make up for the loss of parking spaces caused by the regeneration scheme. If a supermarket with parking above (similar to the existing Morrison’s site) could be provided in the Hothamton area this would be a very useful and much appreciated addition to the proposals. A supermarket on this site would provide extra encouragement for people to come into the town centre and so would benefit all the other traders too. Thank you for giving us, the residents of this town, the opportunity to express our views on this matter. We can only hope that those views will receive due consideration.”
“Any development to revitalise Bognor Regis for its residents must be welcome”

“Any development would be an improvement”

“Any improvement would benefit the town centre”

“Any investment has to be good for the town. I hope that the design of any new infrastructure is imaginative and creative. The two new large scale apartment buildings on the seafront (Esplanade being one) are great. The town has been blighted by post 50s buildings that look terrible. If we build then let’s make sure we are creative and innovative with our design and build.”

“Any movement forward can only be better for what is a holiday area. Good luck.”

“Any potential jobs and accommodation provided I am keen on.”

“Any proposal to build a large number of cafes and bars in Bognor Regis will only damage the existing bars and cafes. A new larger cinema which will be obviously come with it a ticket price closer to Chi Gate prices will result in those currently going to the more affordable existing cinema no longer being able to go. I am well aware that if there is a second cinema in Bognor Regis the existing one will no longer be entitled to new films. There is little point only catering for holiday makers in the summer because Butlins is already doing this, why kill the place for the residents (mostly on minimum wage) in the winter. Also due to the existence of Chi Gate, the idea of attracting wealthy people from Chichester to Bognor although idealistic will be unlikely to succeed. I think possibly a smaller hotel idea (just to see if it actually boosts trade) combined with some local pubs and clubs subsidies (maybe for the cinema too) for those existing (as a buffer against the absurd tax on alcohol), and increased taxes on local supermarkets with regard to alcohol sales to cover would benefit Bognor much more. Additional public seating and outdoor performances at the Alexandra theatre are sound ideas though but water features etc. only really attract drunks to misuse and vandalise them, has the cost of CCTV and additional police been factored in?”

“Any proposals should suit the spending profile of area. A cinema of any new infrastructure is imaginative and creative. The two new large scale apartment buildings on the seafront (Esplanade being one) are great. The town has been blighted by post 50s buildings that look terrible. If we build then let’s make sure we are creative and innovative with our design and build.”

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“Any residential accommodation should not be high like Fitzleet Flats. I hope the Picturedrome could be retained for local people to use to see ballet and plays from and other famous venues as well as an opportunity to see films at a low or reasonable cost - not at multiplex prices.”

“Any residential element needs to well thought out with plenty of space, not crammed in like the new estates of Lillies Hill and in an upmarket kind of way similar to Chichester. The standard need to be driven up. No more phone or charity shops please. What we do not want though are retirement flats/apartments and social housing on the seafront thank you. One bad tenant and the whole area takes a dive. We need people with money to spend and to promote the staycation, with plenty of entertainment facilities and to really open up Bognor with more events in a similar vein to the Rox and the Birdman, but advertise nationally. Make Bognor a place to come all year round, thus bringing in revenue to the town. With this in mind the council should make more of an effort to encourage more watersports to the sea front and positively encourage people with boats, jet skis, windsurfers etc to the area. A lot of people come down to Bognor to use the ramp as it is, so there is an opportunity here to develop the launch facility and leverage the fact that Bognor is redeveloping, with more accommodation, cafes, shops, street entertainers etc, which would attract more people to the area, i.e. spend money and to explore and make use the new and existing facilities. I am sure Butlins and the local hoteliers would be happy to have more people coming to stay. I seriously believe there is an opportunity missed here, (whatever happened to the Marina idea? That would of been fantastic) What lets the town down and needs to be thought about when looking at the redevelopment, is the atrocious parking, with the over zealous use of parking meters and charges, which is not exactly conducive to encourage people into the town is it? Why not make it a flat fee all day or even get rid of some of the charges, advertise the fact and encourage people to come here- with FREE parking. I trust you find my comments of interest”

“Anything has to be an improvement to Bognor Regis, which is a completely dead town at the moment, with nothing to offer to residents and visitors. The ice-cream cone is an eyesore, an embarrassment and a complete waste of money!”

“Anything helping employment and housing is good for the town. DO NOT make it that housing is for the rich and Polish. It needs to be fair system for a change.”

“ANYTHING IS BETTER THAN WHAT WE HAVE NOW AS LONG THESE ARE NO CHARITY SHOPS.”

“Anything so that Bognor Regis can reach the potential it deserves.”

“Anything that can present a modern ‘clean’ appearance to this grubby town is welcome. Get rid of Victorian large houses, planning protected?? Which are now scruffy bedsits”

“Anything that regenerates the centre can only be beneficial for the town as a whole.”

“Anything that will help Bognor Regis to promote itself and become a viable tourist centre again can only be a benefit for the town’s residents. Under the current trends, people are moving to having home holidays again rather than going abroad. It is also attractive to day visitors from the 'burbs' if they have facilities that they are used to, rather than the tatty worn outlets being offered to them at the moment. Bognor Regis has become, in my opinion, a sad derelict town.”

“Anything that would make Bognor a seaside town with choice of leisure, entertainment and facilities, i.e. ice rink or roller skating rink, more artistic culture etc! PS KEEP PROMISE TO KEEP OUR HERITAGE PICTUREDROME”

“Are Bognor people going to be able to afford the prices of the new cinema, also Bognor has too many flats & houses empty now, also as there is no work the roads are terribly congested, 45 mins to get from Hewitts Lane to the Pink Pub down Chalcraft Lane is disgusting”
“Are these proposals actually going to attract people into Bognor rather than Chichester, I find it hard to believe they are. Why bring in a new cinema when the town council is spending around £1 million on the current one, you should be working together not pulling in different directions.”

“Areas of concern:- 1) No facilities included that would encourage day trippers to stay if weather turned against outside pursuits. 2) Inadequate parking for visitors to the town, parking close to the beach is important. 3) What space is available for esplanade fairs etc, how will these be accommodated. Objection:- To take it or lose it approach to some questions and statements in the “Have Your Say” leaflet. Surely you are open other suggestions.”

“Arum Council should send developers away. Development is not wanted - preserve/maintain facilities.”

“ARUN District Council NEVER listen to what we the residents of Bognor want, nor do they seem to care. We don’t need more people living here, we do not have the resources, infrastructure or the jobs to support them. Ludicrous that the little open spaces and car parking available in the town centre, you want to build further housing on them, we need the parking facilities which are already there, all car parks are used and most weekends are full as most of the housing already in town do not have parking facilities. we do not need a multiplex, we have a cinema which we are very happy with already. The Alexandria theatre does need pulling down and a more aesthetically pleasing and larger regency style theatre built in its place. I have also googled St Modwen and seen what modern monstrosities they have built elsewhere I do not want anything like that in Bognor. Bognor is an old town steeped in history and this is what needs to be kept. Modern flats and ugly expensive statues are not wanted. You are ruining our town. Please come up with some viable plans that will draw tourism to us and therefore investors which will result in a better shopping arcade, instead of the hideous modern flats, multiplex and hotel. ARUN is that really the best you can do with our hard earned tax money I am disgusted”

“Arum district council should not be using council taxpayers money at this time to invest in sites it has previously dis-owned to develop them in such a way that will be detrimental to existing businesses in the town that have provided services for many years (for example the Picturedrome Cinema) during which time ADC has dipped in and out of leisure services depending on its budget and motivation to proceed with its policy of increasing revenue from initial housing development and increased council tax whilst in the long term reducing services to those same council tax payers. It should also not be putting council taxpayers’ money into developing the Regis Centre whilst seeking yet again to close the Windmill Theatre in Littlehampton. ADC should invest in both Bognor and Littlehampton, not one or the other and deliver a town plan based on the present and future needs of its residents and not on the short term gain of yet more development with little benefit to anyone other than the developers themselves. Whilst seeking to provide more services as eluded to ‘play areas’ etc it should be reminded that it has many such areas within the ADC area currently below standard or in complete neglect.”

“Arum have been dealing with St Modwen since 2006 what is the cost? WE DO NOT WANT ANOTHER TESCO on the Hothampton site - WE LIKE THE REGIS CENTRE. What would the residents of Mountbatten Court feel if their homes were so overshadowed.”

“Arum must not build a new multiplex cinema in Bognor Regis. Neither does it require a hotel. Bognor like all of Arum seaside towns is unique and has old historical venues like the Picturedrome that at all costs must not be lost. Why does Arun think we need to have a modern concrete box of a cinema when we have such a wonderful historic and pretty cinema in the Picturedrome. If you allow a multiplex cinema then we will lose the Picturedrome for ever, it can never be replaced. Arum must make sure this venue is looked after and money spent on it as and when needed to guarantee that it always remains a major part of Bognor Regis and has all the necessary modern cinema equipment required for showing all new cinema releases.”

“As a Bognor resident I think you should take more notice of what we want not what ADC want this is our town not theirs. If you improve our leisure facilities and seaside attractions then more people will visit which will have the knock on effect that our town economy needs. We do NOT want or need a new cinema or more flats what we need is improvement on what we have already, yes things need modernising but not huge concrete structures or more supermarkets. We need a pier that is restored and modernised we need other attractions and leisure facilities that will make people want to visit our town and not push them to visiting others, we as a community want what’s best for us not what’s best for ADC, not more housing to increase the council tax for ADC but more for the residents that are already here. More doctors, more dentists, more school places, better roads and drainage on those roads, more things for our children to do so they don’t get into trouble because there is nothing for them to do. Please listen to what WE want!!!!!”

“As a disabled person I would like to see lots of easy access and more parking spaces.”

“As a family, and I am sure as do many other families, we come to Bognor Regis for the sole purpose of visiting the Picturedrome cinema. For the price of a single ticket at the multiplex chains, as a family of three, we can be entertained and have change for popcorn. The money that we saved, then pays for us to have a meal in a restaurant close by or browse the local shops, If the Picturedrome did not exist, as would be likely with a multiplex close by having the monopoly on first releases, or without the Picturedrome showing new releases, we, like many others, frankly would have no reason to visit Bognor Regis.”

“As a former Tourism Management Student at Chichester University I would suggest the following comments towards the proposal:- A water sports centre and facilities would be ideal for those who windsurf, it is a niche as the only other place is West Witterings. As a young professional it would be nice to have more affordable housing for us, too many retirement properties. However too many homes could lead to over crowding and would there be enough jobs to support those living in these new properties? No more supermarkets as we already have three, local market sounds more ideal as this could encourage local farmers and local businesses to have stalls. A music venue would be ideal as this can go in hand with the Rox festival and there is a good selection of local talent which would most likely be more than happy to perform. It would be nice to improve the whole atmosphere of the area as at the moment the town centre does not feel safe to walk about freely at night, I do admit I’d rather go to Chichester then Bognor as it feels safer and caters more to my needs.”

“As a frequent visitor to the Picturedrome cinema, I cannot understand why a multi screen cinema is being proposed, the current operator of the Picturedrome has invested a lot of money with also the town council to bring it up to modern standards, I think it would be criminal to see it shut down and pushed aside.”

“As a holiday town, the planned car parking is far too small at both sites, we need 300 at a minimum above those on the promenade to support the cinema, theatre and town hall staff, otherwise the new eateries, cinema and theatre will be empty and the whole area will die. A minimum of 100 spaces for evening use at the Hothamton site is essential”
"As a lifetime resident of Bognor (60 years) I am continually dismayed at the number of so called regeneration schemes proposed since the 1960s. We are now in the 21st century and still nothing is done. The proposed blackmailing of residents into accepting a multiplex cinema, which will surely cost us the Picturedrome is criminal. The proposals show no imagination whatsoever and leave the town centre car parking in a complete shambles."

"As a pensioner parking spaces are essential. The 80 bedroom hotel may not be viable as Butlins is increasing their hotel capacity. As a pensioner the future is unlikely to affect me!!"

"As a previous student at Chichester University, it would be greatly beneficial to invest in Bognor Regis and maybe more students would come!"

"As a recent resident to the area and having visited Bognor many times; each time has disappointed. The town needs a new identity, without distracting from the benefits i.e. coastal location, hours of sunshine enjoyed in comparison to other coastal towns. Friendly people and the heritage of the area."

"As a regular film goer in Bognor I am satisfied with existing cinema. I am strongly opposed to the construction of the Multiplex. Unless roads are vastly improved into Bognor, including over railway crossing, the developments will cause traffic chaos. Also, unless drainage improves, traffic chaos will also happen. Spend the money improving access into and out of the town, and it will be of much more benefit, as more visitors will come into town"

"As a regular user of the Picturedrome Cinema we would oppose the inclusion of a multiplex cinema as part of the development. The Picturedrome has a unique character and provides a nostalgic environment to watch films. Bognor has a high proportion of elderly residents who I’m sure appreciate the atmosphere and the price of the Picturedrome. The Picturedrome would not survive if another cinema were to open in Bognor."

"As a resident in Felpham and having to suffer traffic congestion since new Butlins was built, I trust a relief road will be in situ to cope with all traffic and road closures whilst work goes on? Bognor needs some up market shops."

"As a resident in Queensway and also my work I feel that building anything on the Hothamton site is a bit short sighted there are limited resident parking spaces as it is so if you propose to build more housing where are people going to park you also want to get rid of the play park and gardens. To build a supermarket or housing and being as how I already have enough work to do keeping the access roads to the shops and flats at Queensway from the shops already there I hardly think adding another is such a great idea and as for building a multiplex there’s no point we have a perfectly good cinema there are many other things that could be built an ice or roller rink a bowling alley even a proper theatre or how about improving the eyesore of a pier it doesn’t matter what you do at the end of the day Bognor has no redeeming features and unless you do something pretty dramatic will always be an unremarkable town that is the butt of endless jokes"

"As a resident living in Fitzleet house further development in the area would create many disturbances. Of noise pollution that is already an issue from the pub and nightclub already in the area. Lack of affordable parking for residents. Bognor already has a lovely cinema so why take away the facilities that are already. There is no need for yet another Tesco supermarket there are 3 already."

"As a seaside town Bognor has little to draw families other than Butlins. There is less sand now. There are no boats to watch. There is never a band on the seafront. A decent model boat pond and a children’s paddling pool would help provide a reason to visit. What happened to the Marina Plans?"

"As a seaside town it is vitally important to have a public swimming pool. At the moment we either have to pay to go into Butlins, or go out to Felpham. Not all residents have transport to do this. To regenerate this town and bring it into the 21st century we need a swimming pool."

"As a twenty-something individual who has lived in the Bognor area all her life I believe that Bognor would NOT benefit from a multi-plex cinema -we already have the Picturedrome and we should be celebrating local independent business and not succumbing to multi-national corporations, especially with Cineworld on our doorstep in Chichester. People are drawn to places that provide variety -the site could be made into a multi-purpose arena that could provide an ice-rink, an indoor venue for music (for which there is huge demand for locally -just look at the annual success of Rock) or an indoor market space. Surely investment in a multi-functional venue would benefit Bognor greater? The closest ice-rink from here is Guilford and I know plenty of people who make the long journey to go and then make a day of it in Guilford -this could happen in Bognor too! As for the proposed residential development I think that it will not benefit existing Bognor residents but attract people from outside the area. I rent a flat in Bognor and feel like there is no option for younger buyers in Bognor what with the vast volume of retirement/age restricted properties and the people in the position to buy proposed properties will be of the better off, older generation. We do not need another supermarket either - Morrison’s, Tesco’s and now Sainsbury’s provide ample variety and competition to satisfy our needs. What we do need is variety to attract younger generations to stay in Bognor or come to Bognor. We would love to be able to go out to dine in Bognor or go for a night out here but there is just not the variety and so we spend money travelling to Chichester or Brighton -money we could be spending in Bognor! For me the future of Bognor stands on a knife-edge and if this development goes ahead it will make the town like any other town, same old, same old, no identity or individuality. I don’t want to live in a place like that and don’t see myself staying here if that happens."

"As a wheelchair user and blind badge holder I would like to see more disabled spaces and facilities. Also as a mobility scooter user I would like to see more outside but covered cafes/restaurants that are accessible to me and with the proposed residential units there will be even more elderly and disabled."

"As a young person I do not think this is the way to get the town back on its feet again. I would prefer to see smaller individual businesses being encouraged not chains. I would rather see the Picturedrome have four screens and the theatre demolished and keep the parking. Hotel is ok, and maybe a couple of cafes but NOT CHAINS. I think that the councillors who are making decisions should listen to young people who do not want the town wrecked with flats and same old stuff as everywhere else but would rather keep our heritage like the Picturedrome. I don’t want to take my children to a big concrete shed on the seafront in the future and I don’t want to live in a town with nothing but flats and nowhere to park. Please use your imagination and do not do this deal, you will simply confirm what everyone already thinks about Arun. It is ridiculous to say that the Picturedrome will be fine, there are numerous closed up cinemas in towns where multiplexes have sprung up. For once listen to what people tell you, you are, after all supposed to represent us."

"As an alternative to the 4-5 screen cinema, can it not be considered to have an open air circular performance area, seating solid concrete. Performances bookable/ when not in use can be picnic area- views of sea, buskers could use - children could climb, people could sit and talk. I don’t think cinemas will have a much longer
life span. We are a sea side town with best climate in the country- why not use this. Think about plays in warm summer evenings, community projects for local kids - perhaps short speech competitions or stand-up comedy, open air Christmas carols with hot coffee/toddy etc i.e. promote the natural geographic unique advantages - not just copy all other towns.”

“As an avid user of the existing cinema, I object to being forced into a multiplex, Bognor is not big enough to have more than one cinema, the Picturedrome wouldn't have as much financial clout to get the new films in. If I wanted to go to a multiplex I can go to Chichester where the air conditioning is so cold I keep my coat on and the sound so loud I come out with my ears ringing. If the current cinema which was bought for the people of Bognor is closed I for one won't be going to the new multiplex and paying a lot more to watch a film. I will wait until it is out on DVD. There are other projects that could be far more useful than building on a heavily used car park to modernise and beatify Bognor.”

“As Council tax payers we have already paid for Picturedrome and can’t see how Bognor can sustain 2 cinemas especially as the number of parking spaces will be reduced for visitors to the town. I don’t call another cinemas and flats regeneration.”

“As I do not live in Bognor itself it would be very unfair to comment on the impact of most of your proposals. However, my one great concern is that a multiplex should not be erected. You have the most fabulous facility in The Picturedrome - in fact it is the ONLY thing worth coming to Bognor for. I only come for the Picturedrome and come specifically for it. I bring friends and relations to the town specifically for this. Invariably we spend money elsewhere in town too as you have us as a ‘ captive audience’ before and after the films, but if the Picturedrome closed - and let us not be naive - it is most likely it will - I will not come to Bognor for anything else. You have such a precious, interesting and historic resource - preserve its business like a treasure.”

“As long as Hotham Park is retained and not built on, then good it’s beneficial. Please also re-consider Marina/Pier regeneration”

“AS THERE IS ALREADY A CINEMA IN BOGNOR ANOTHER IS NOT NEEDED - IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE LEISURE FEATURE SUCH AS A BOWLING ALLEY OR ICE SKATING RINK - SOMETHING NEW. THE EXISTING CINEMA WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COMPETE WITH A MULTIPLEX CINEMA AND YOU WOULD EFFECTIVELY BE CLOSING DOWN AN EXISTING FACILITY. ALSO YOU DO NOT WANT TO HIDE THE ARCADE ENTRANCE TO THE HIGH STREET/OPEN AREA AS THIS PROVIDES A GOOD OPEN ASPECT FOR VISITORS ENJOY FACILITIES SUCH AS CAFE/MARKET WHICH COULD BE ENHANCED. SOME DOMESTIC FLATS COULD BE COMBINED WITH THE THEATRE/LEISURE FACILITY BUT NOT A CINEMA”

“As regards further building projects we already have large buildings on the seafront and Butlins have built three large hotels. Can Bognor take much more?”

“As seen in Bournemouth who are demolishing their “white elephant” project. I am afraid this will happen in Bognor to a proposed multiplex cinema which will be too expensive and will not get enough customers to make it pay anyway. There are many young families in Bognor who simply cannot afford the prices. The effect on the Picturedrome will be disastrous the prices are reasonable it is well run and supported.”

“As stated earlier, if this goes ahead with your format... careful consideration needs to be made as regards the Multiplex and the Picturedrome, People attend the Picturedrome I feel for two reasons its quaint-ness and the Price of its tickets, if you have a family for the normal person this is the only way you can afford take them to see films. The Picturedrome is afraid that a Multiplex will put them out of business... be very wise on your decision. My other point is... Please no more supermarkets, in these difficult times the independents are having a very difficult time and if you want your town to be interesting for the holiday trade you will encourage The Independent sector. I should know I am one of them In Selsey.”

“As students, we travel to Chichester at weekends to use bars and restaurants because there isn’t enough here, would be beneficial to put more here as would be used by students.”

“As the Picturedrome struggles to fill every seat we have no need or desire for a new multiplex cinema. Taking existing parking spaces away is ridiculous. Bognor already has enough flats, cafes and restaurants!”

“Ausual it’s just developers trying to make money and sod the local people.”

“As usual more flats and nothing the people who live in Bognor want. We’ve heard so many ideas for regeneration but none ever happen. I go to Chichester as much nicer than Bognor, how are you going to compete with more flats, St Modwen will probably backtrack on a lot of plans other than flats. Allot of flats built are buy to let, should be for local people only. The roads and public transport are appalling which already puts people off coming to Bognor. Hands off our cinema.”

“As with any redevelopment especially including residential, adequate car parking is a must, it’s no good building 200 apartments but providing only 50 parking spaces. This puts so much pressure on the surrounding streets, as seen in other developments. I know the provision of parking comes at a premium but must be addressed in these initial stages.”

“As with previous plans - far too many flats - grossly inadequate parking for cars. You want visitors to come and spend their money in Bognor. They will come once, will be unable to finding parking space and never return again.”

“As you are building on car parking space & removing the multi storey car park, there will not be ample parking spaces available.
The proposed parking is too far from the town centre making difficult to carry shopping back to your car. If you build residential flats etc. the will need to park so will occupy parking close by. Instead of 6 story residences a multi storey car park would be better use of space.”

“ASDA is what we want!”

“ASK THE CHILDREN AT SCHOOLS - ITS THEIR FUTURE AND GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO DO IN THE FUTURE. IF YOU HAD A BETTER BUS SERVICE PEOPLE WOULDN'T NEED THEIR CARS.”

“ASSIST OWNERS OF PICTUREDROME TO IMPROVE. ALL WEATHER COVER FOR LONDON ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT. NO MULTIPLEX CINEMA. LARGER THEATRE (1,000 - 1,500 SEATS) SUITABLE FOR LIVE GIGS.”

“At the end of the day it will be the quality of the development that will matter and the focus should be on doing a few things exceptionally well with a focus on attracting incoming business (visitors). Besides the plans outlined in the proposal there should be significant emphasis on enhancing Bognor’s main assets The Sea Front and the Beach. To this end development of the Pier and development of the beach facilities should be priorities. It would seem obvious that the beach must achieve the highest rating under the new EU rating criteria. Bognor Bay also provides excellent angling, Kayaking and dinghy sailing but with very limited access opportunities. The creation of public slipways with trailer parking at the Yacht Club and at the Eastern end of the promenade would cater for a growing number of small boat users in the South East. With regard quality it is essential that the new development provides real variety and a point of difference with other resorts in the area. We should avoid allocating space to large multiples prioritising / incentivising small boutique businesses to offer variety and uniqueness. One example that should be considered is a food and craft court similar to the Spitalfields market development in East London. Similarly the Theatre needs to offer a real point of difference to Chichester but equal quality.”

“At the moment Bognor is a dump, the shops are rubbish and places like West St and the Seafront are old and out of date. We need new investment for the future otherwise it will cease to be a seaside town.”

“At the moment Bognor is a second hand shopping with 17-18 charity shops and cheap novelty shop”

“At the moment visitors walking along the promenade see glimpses of London Road shops through the arcade. I think there should be a design which attracts the eye to the arcade and the shops beyond. I personally think the theatre etc should be in a more retro style as this attract visitors.”

“At the moment we haven’t got a local Asda or Primark so that would be good and a ‘Marina’ would be lovely.”

“ATTRACT TOURISTS. UPDATE THE TOWN, MORE MODERN. INCLUDE WATER FEATURES. MORE SHOPS WANTED.”

“ATTRACT WELL KNOWN SHOPS I.E. M&S, BHS, DEBENHAMS TO ENCOURAGE SHOPPERS TO TOWN. NO MORE TESCO OR TESCO EXPRESS. GET RID OF THE DRUNKS AND BEGGARS.”

“B/R DOESN’T DRAW ME AT ALL - NOT MUCH IN WAY OF SHOPS - RESTAURANTS, GARDENS OR OUTSIDE AREAS THAT ARE A PLEASURE TO SIT IN. NEEDS INVESTMENT BIG TIME!!”

“B/R IS A SMALL SEASIDE TOWN. THE MODWEN PROPOSALS ARE COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTEXT. DO MODWEN THINK PEOPLE HERE HAVE MONEY TO SPEND ON POSH RESTAURANTS ETC. PLEASE DO NOT WASTE OUR MONEY.”

“BACK PAGE NOT APPLICABLE AS I HAVE SAID NO TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS. IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING CINEMA, MORE NOT LESS PARKING SPACES AND A MARINA ARE MY VIEWS.”

“BE CAREFUL FOR WHAT YOU WISH AS IT MAY TURN OUT TO BITE YOU.”

“BE VERY CAREFUL! Q19 FUN THINGS REQUIRED”

“BECAUSE OF EXTENSIVE BUILDING OF FLATS/APARTMENTS ALONG TOWN SEAFRONT THERE IS VERY LITTLE OPEN AND GREEN SPACE REMAINING. ANY FURTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN THE SEAFRONT AREA WILL KILL THE TOWN. THE ONLY GAIN WILL BE FOR ST MODWEN’S FINANCIAL BENEFIT AND EXTRA INCOME FOR ARUN WHICH MAY NOT BE USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOGNOR REGIS TOWN AND ITS RESIDENTS. THE EXISTING CINEMA WILL BE JEOPARDIZED AND THAT WOULD BE A CRITICAL BLOW. IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW ANY FURTHER DIMINISHMENT OF THE TOWN’S MEAGRE OPEN SPACE WOULD BENEFIT THE TOWN IN ANY WAY. CERTAINLY REGENERATION IS NEEDED BUT NOT AT ANY EXPENSE! ANY MAJOR DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE OUT OF TOWN. THE SITE WHERE A SCHOOL HAS BEEN DEMOLISHED NEAR WEST MEADS DRIVE WOULD BE PERFECT. IS THERE ANY SPACE REMAINING IN THE AREA WHERE SAINSBURY’S NOW IS? IN SPITE OF WHAT I HAVE SAID ABOUT LOSS OF GREEN SPACE, IS WEST PARK LARGE ENOUGH TO SPARE A CORNER FOR A LEISURE CENTRE? ARE THERE ANY OTHER ‘JUST-OUT-OF-TOWN’ SPACES THAT COULD BE DEVELOPED? LASTLY, THERE SHOULD BE ABSOLUTELY NO REDUCTION IN THE ALREADY LIMITED CAR PARKING IN THE TOWN. WHERE WILL VISITORS PARK IF YOU ADD MORE HOUSING AND MORE FACILITIES. GET RID OF ST MODWEN WHO DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE THE TOWN’S INTEREST AT THE FOREFRONT.”

“BEEN GOING ON SO LONG - GIVEN IT WILL NOT BE IN MY LIFETIME. LOVELY CINEMA - LOVELY THEATRE ALREADY IN TOWN.”

“BEST EVER. MORE IS BETTER.”

“BETTER DROPPING OFF AND PARKING SPACES FOR COACHES. BOGNOR IS NOT A LARGE TOWN AND NEEDS TO RETAIN AND IMPROVE ITS ‘OLDE WORLD’ CHARM.”

“BETTER FACILITIES FOR USING THE SEASIDE/SEA FOR ALL AGE LEISURE FACILITIES. SUPPORT THE LOCAL CINEMA AS IT IS A VERY POPULAR PASTIME FOR RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES AND WOULD BE SORRYLY MISSED IF IN COMPETITION WITH PROPOSED MULTIPLEXES.”

“BETTER NIGHTCLUB/GAY SCENE (VERY VIOLENT) FAMILY VISIT AND THERE’S NOTHING TO DO IN TOWN. MAYER S NANDO’S + FRANKIE & BENNY’S, BOWLING COMPLEX”

“BETTER NIGHTLIFE. MORE THINGS FOR PEOPLE TO DO.”

“BIGGEST ISSUE WILL BE PARKING AND ACCESS ALONG SEAFRONT WHICH IS THE QUICKEST WAY FROM WEST TO EAST. IF SEAFRONT WAS LEFT OPEN THIS WOULD COUNTERACT ALMOST ALL GENERAL OBJECTIONS.”

“BLOCK OF FLATS OVER 5 STOREYS ON REGIS SITE WOULD BE OUT OF KEEPING FOR SEA FRONT. GOVERNMENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO MAINTAIN HIGH STREET SHOPPING IS FOR MORE AND CHEAPER PARKING. THESE SCHEMES WILL REDUCE PARKING. ESPLANADE SHOULD BE REDEVELOPED FOR MIXED USE (TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIANS). ONE WAY AND PARKING, MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO BE USED FOR THRU’ TRAFFIC. NO PAVEMENTS - PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY. SEA RESORTS IN BELGIUM.”

“Bognor already has a cinema- the Picturedrome and should be developing this site to give Bognor something it hasn’t got already for example an ice skating rink or watersports centre. Bognor already has lots of hotels and Butlins has just built the Wave hotel. There are a few hotels along the seafront which need regenerating so Bognor doesn’t need another hotel. The Hothampton sites redevelopment should include the demolition of Fitzleet tower..."
blocks which are a real eyesore and there shouldn’t be any more commercial space along here just residential as there is already plenty of commercial space but not enough of the right quality of shops in Bognor. The post office building on entering Bognor is also an eyesore which could be improved by demolishing or screening by trees. Worthing has built a brilliant play area for children on the seafront and this could be used as a model to be used in Bognor.”

“Bognor already has a cinema with a number of cafes nearby, the cinema is a wonderful Grade II listed building, and the station plaza opposite is a nice setting. I would rather see this setting developed if possible, I certainly would not want this area to be affected by a new development elsewhere in town. Cinema demand is growing at 1.4% [http://www.bfi.org.uk/statisticalyearbook2012/] This is not a fast enough rate to sustain two cinemas in Bognor and increase from 2 to 7 screens, or even the increase from 2 to 5 screens with the existing cinema closing. The draw of Bognor’s cinema over Chichester is the atmosphere and history of the venue, something a new multiplex could not provide. Reducing the parking at the town hall while increasing demand seems ridiculous, how can 60 spaces satisfy a theatre, cinema, restaurants, hotel, accommodation, seafront, and shopping in the arcade? Reducing the access to the esplanade for traffic will further reduce East-West capacity in the road network. Should the fly over be closed due to accident or road works then traffic and emergency services would be hampered.

There are a number of available retail units on the High Street, London Road, Queensway, and the Arcade. How are new units going to be filled without further damaging the main high street shopping area? How can building over the car park at the Hotham site and adding 200 properties not lead to serious parking shortages? If it is not possible to park in the town then visitors will not come. Visitors bring money into the local economy. This and manufacturing are the life blood of any town or community. Bognor instead needs better road links to the A27/A29, and ideally a marina to allow access via the sea to add a fourth southern connection to the town. This may encourage ferry or leisure traffic from/to other south coast towns e.g. Brighton, Portsmouth, Southampton. The Sea represents a large asset for Bognor Regis and should be exploited wherever possible.”

“Bognor already has an old cinema which is used and loved by people who use. If we get a new complex this will have to close and yet another empty building which will not be able to be used for anything. With the amount of Butlins hotels in Bognor Regis I can’t see how another hotel will benefit Bognor. The town is already run down with the amount of Eastern Europeans living within the town and not helping towards regenerating the town and would end up being another white elephant.”

“Bognor already has hotels on the Butlins site, development on Hotham park would ruin a lovely park visited by families, we already have a great cinema; Bognor cannot cope with more housing we have enough in Bersted, Rose Green, Felpham and all the other smaller developments, you only have to look at the recent flooding in the area to say enough is enough”

“Bognor and Littlehampton are what I would call “sink” towns. To attract investment and new residents any alterations must be done with some style and taste. No down market Pubs/Betting shops/McDonalds etc.”

“Bognor appears to attract - visitors to Butlins and they appear to have plenty of accommodation - Building more will not lure Bognor from cinema its improvement - the Picturedrome is the best thing in Bognor”

“Bognor as an area has great potential and I think we need to have good shops and leisure activities to encourage people to visit and spend their time and money in the town. I don’t think we need lots of new housing, particularly in the Hotham park area which has become a really nice facility. We should make use of the seafront as an attraction and encourage new shops to come to the town.”

“Bognor at present is looking rather sad- lots of disused shops Eric but it has the potential to be beautiful. I think we need to support any plans to develop the town Centre to attract more people and therefore keep more of the existing businesses open.”

“Bognor at the moment caters for the elderly and poor people - you need to provide features to encourage young people to visit i.e. more exciting leisure activities, such as Go-Carting / Ice Skating / Bowling, etc. You need to bring something into Bognor other areas around haven’t got, but people want. Bognor is tacky and needs to be more upmarket”

“Bognor centre needs a lot of work done to it but the proposals are idiotically thought up, the Picturedrome should be invested in, ever thought about a modern extension to it? the centre itself needs a wider variety of shops less charity shops and more proper shops, and why the HELL was ASDA turned down? what buffoon allowed that contract go to a neighbouring authority? is Morrison’s bigger off then ASDA should have first pick on the site, this definitely would bring shoppers to Bognor centre, have any of you morons actually worked out yet that THOUSANDS of people from Bognor, Arundel, Chichester and surrounding areas have all at some point in the past 6months gone shopping over in Havant just because they have an ASDA?”

“Bognor compared with Chichester really needs more up market shops and really needs to encourage these.”

“BOGNOR CURRENTLY IS SLOWLY DYING A DEATH, MORE AND MORE EMPTY SHOPS AND NO ATTRACTION TO THE TOWN CENTRE AT ALL. INVESTMENT WOULD GREATLY HELP BOGNOR. THE ABOVE WOULD HELP IMPROVE A SECTION AND THE REST OF THE AREA WILL HOPEFULLY FOLLOW.”

“Bognor deserves better and these proposals will create the snowball effect to a better town. The Picturedrome debate is totally irrelevant to these proposals and should not even be taken into consideration - Please go ahead and soon.”

“Bognor desperately needs some development to attract visitors I am a patron of the Picturedrome but feel it is a little outdated perhaps local residents would get a discount using multiplex cinema”

“BOGNOR DESPERATELY NEEDS ‘UPDATING’ AND SO THE SOONER THE BETTER THAT SOMETHING IS DONE - THE SEAFRONT IS OUR BEST FEATURE SO WE MUST MAKE THE MOST OF IT.”

“Bognor does need a multiplex which is a lot more expensive for family’s to go to. The Picturedrome is more than adequate for here and the Picturedrome is better price wise. Invest in the Theatre but not at the expense of car parking which is needed.”

“Bognor does need modernisation and ability to compete with other local towns. We have great weather and need the facilities to go with it.”

“Bognor does need re-vamping but I am not sure the suggestions meet that. I cannot see a Hotel would be full - there are 3 in Butlins. The seafront certainly requires smarting up with somewhere better to have a cuppa - not a caravan type unit a drink in cardboard cups”

“Bognor does not need a multiplex cinema - Chichester provides plenty of films – the Picturedrome is a great place to see cinema and deserves to be protected and cherished”

“Bognor DOES NOT need a multiplex cinema An ice/roller skating rink or a bowling alley would be a much better idea as there is a

multiplex in Chichester & this is VERY EXPENSIVE so the cinema we have is more than satisfactory & certainly less expensive.”

“Bognor does not need a multi-screen cinema! There needs to be a variety of facilities of eating establishments.”

“Bognor does not need a new cinema it already has a beautiful one that I use fairly regularly I would not want a multiplex when this would put our small perfect little cinema. Its better value than using Chichester (our nearest multiplex) and far nicer. Surely after the huge turn out last time the removal of the cinema was threatened you would have thought that someone in Arun District Council would have noticed but as usual no one seems to have, apart from the residents of Bognor. When will Arun District Council take the views of the residents in to account, I’m guessing until one of the Council members move here. Why are there no suggestions which Bognor/Chichester/Littlehampton do not already have i.e. an ice skating rink this would bring people to the town from surrounding areas.”

“Bognor does not need a new cinema; we already have a perfectly good one.”

“Bognor does not need another cinema, the picture dome is perfect and enjoyed by many people from far and local. It is an traditional cinema, there is too many of these over priced modern cinemas which just rip you off and have no character to them. It’s just been refurbished and is perfect for all movie viewers young and old meaning an alternative cinema is not!! required.”

“Bognor does not need another cinema, we already have a great one which is well attended and affordable. Most people in Bognor oppose paying Chi’s high prices to view a film. You have not explored other uses of the seafront site, along with cafes and bars to attract visitors. What about an ice rink/bowling area? And why St Modwen’s, still after all these years, they have promised the earth and delivered on nothing.”

“Bognor does not need any more, bars, cafes, restaurants, hotels, flats or gardens, except where it would come alongside a tenpin bowling alley, an ice rink or other family leisure occupation, swimming pool etc., and we certainly do not need a cinema complex where we already have our Picturedrome. Our pier should also have priority. Hastings could not do without one to attract tourists and the home populace, we need ours to improve not spend money on what might attract.”

“Bognor does not need expensive entertainment options, the existing cinema would be forced to close, and pensioners etc would be unable to afford to go to the cinema to see the latest films. There are far too many residents in the town already, we do not need any more residential properties. The existing amenities wold not cope, especially doctors, hospital etc.”

“Bognor does not need redeveloping it just needs the existing facilities refurbished and improved in size, e.g. theatre, pier, seafront areas. It has some lovely gardens too. Make it a nice old fashioned seaside town and people will come to visit.”

“Bognor does not support the shops that it now has - any shop/restaurant development will create loss of business elsewhere, and more empty shops. Bognor is essentially a Victorian seaside town - something in character please - no more modern blocks - they are not attractive to visitors. The proposed theatre is too small and can only run at a loss.”

“Bognor does NOT want a multiplex - Chichester has one - it is awful, and the bars and restaurants around it are run down and failing. We have a lovely old fashioned cinema that suits the town and should be given the chance to grow. Bournemouth has just pulled down its monstrous Imax eyesore on its seafront - Bognor does not want its younger ugly brother built on its own shores! Back to the drawing board St Modwen - you need to think again. Bognor residents are poorer than Chichester’s and cannot afford, nor want to pay high prices to see a film, and I don’t know anyone that sees a film then goes straight on to a restaurant as well - which is probably why the restaurants in Chichester gate next to the multiplex are suffering, yet restaurants in Chichester city centre, thriving. If it means no restaurants then so be it, but I am sure that a decent restaurant/cafe and pub complex on the seafront with parking nearby, along the lines of (a regency version ) of the cobbled Square that houses the new Brasserie Blanc/Carluccio’s recently opened up in Chichester, or mini version of the new restaurant area at Gunwharf Quays would survive perfectly well without a cinema - There is practically no-where to eat out in Bognor, meaning most Bognor residents have to travel to Chichester for a meal out at the moment and Bognor visitors have no choice at all. Scrap the Alexandra Theatre - pull it down even, and start again. I hate the proposed design - it does not fit with Bognor’s Regency heritage - a theatre should be built in Regency style that would grace the seafront, not some glass monstrosity like the Bournemouth Imax!!! The Theatre should be much larger capacity and be able to draw in big bands and performances that people would be flocking to see, making Bognor a desirable destination, not just a few extra seats that will remain empty when the next has been comedian comes to town. We do need a decent large hotel in town. We need to retain as much parking as possible - people do not want to walk miles to go out to a restaurant, or theatre show, nor lug shopping back to a distant car park - it needs to be close by making the shops, restaurants, theatre easily accessible - the echelons are a good idea, but I think more parking could well be required near the Regis centre site, if the other parking is to be built on, plus it should be more long stay parking rather than the current 20 minute slots. We should not build ugly apartment blocks all over parking - where are all these new visitors flocking to our shores supposed to park within these new proposals? Scrap the high-rise blocks, Fitzleet is a dreadful building, but building more flats to disguise it will not help. The pier is a wasted opportunity and much more effort needs to be made to secure its use within the regeneration - it could be the jewel of Bognor rather than the tacky, sad, embarrassment that it is.”

“Bognor doesn’t need another cinema. Get buts off seats and into activities and tell ST MODWEN to get lost.”

“Bognor has a cinema and putting in a multiplex will destroy an iconic building and service in the town. It will not attract people to the town or to the cinema. Bognor needs something different to attract people from further afield. I fail to see how an ice rink will not be viable as the nearest in Gosport is miles away a pain to get to and old. Guildford is an hour’s drive away and east I don’t believe there is one. Putting in an ice rink will draw people from further afield and these people will spend whilst in town. In the restaurants shops etc. Hotels I’m not sure none so far have flourish other than Butlins and y haven’t they succeeded that’s obvious there is nothing in Bognor for people to want to come and stay. It’s about time the council listen to the residence. We don’t want a multiplex. Just like we didn’t want Sainsbury’s but wanted an Asda. We want an ice rink something to put Bognor on the map!!!!!!”

“Bognor has a great need to improve to attract tourism, and these proposals should help.”

“Bognor has a nice cinema already.”

“Bognor has a very large and growing circle of population . In spite of this it is difficult to find independent quality restaurants and shops. It would be amazing if new and fledgling businesses could be given an all round package of support to develop confidence for investors in our town.”
“Bognor has a young community which adds vibrancy to the area. The development will help to continue this. Having moved from the Witterings which has become an enormous old peoples home we must provide what the young want or they will just go elsewhere as they do at the Witterings. Please ensure that the apartments provide accommodation for the young and are not designated retirement homes, there is insufficient residential for the young at affordable prices because all small development is in for elderly who add very little to the area.”

“Bognor has always had a dull reputation and needs to invest in a scheme like this to bring Bognor up to date and regenerate growth and tourism it desperately needs.”

“Bognor has gone downhill the last few years; this would benefit all of us as it would bring in lots of people to Bognor, helping all of us young and old alike.”

“Bognor has long since needed improvements, these proposals can only help what is currently a run-down town.”

“Bognor has one eyesore i.e. Fitzleet House - no need for another to match it. Bognor has a very good reasonably priced cinema which would struggle to survive with the current plans. More flats on Hothamton site means more cars from residents and their visitors, but less parking spaces in that area for Bognor residents. This will impact on Bognor shops.”

“Bognor has plenty of shops suitable for use other than for charities. Reducing car parking is stupid as is reducing traffic along sea front. Please no more blocks of apartments. Bognor has sufficient. When are the existing hotels 100% full? They are always empty hotel rooms in Bognor.”

“Bognor is a lovely town and the new development will not work as there is not the business to make it work. whoever has come up with these plans have not seen Bognor and now quiet it is. The new cinema will not work and will close. there is nothing wrong with the alexander theatre it’s just not run to its full use. and the Picturedrome is one of the best cinemas in the county and Bognor is very lucky to have it. a new multiplex will close the picture dome and make the town an eye saw.”

“Bognor is a seaside town with a unique history as such. It also has a climate that makes it one of the sunniest places in the UK. Why do these proposals not focus on this uniqueness, rather than suggest facilities such as a multiplex cinema when the town’s current cinema is building up a reputation in the south. The town needs more art, music and fun for families”

“Bognor is desperate for something a bit more exciting - so many of us have already said we want an Ice Rink (or bowling alley) to really attract people and we do not want a multiplex - we love the Picturedrome - DO NOT want it challenged in any way, and NO MORE FLATS thank you.”

“Bognor is desperate need of these adjustments.”

“Bognor is fine as it is, leave it along, stop the financial greed. Look at places such as Sutton Surrey, and the policing problems that follow such developments. Do you really want Bognor to become a no go area for the public @ 11pm.”

“Bognor is in desperate need of regeneration and better facilities for residents, and to attract people to the area, but when these plans put existing local businesses at risk it is not fair. Care and consideration of existing residents and businesses needs to be a priority when thinking about large scale projects like this! I grew up in Bognor and visit fairly frequently. All my family still live there, so it’s nice to take a trip to town, but over the last ten years the high street in Bognor has become less attractive, with very little encouragement for people to visit the town. The council should be making more of an effort to attract better shops, restaurants and entertainment with the existing infrastructure, not by a massive spend on a new site! Neglecting what is already there, and creating something new and shiny just isn’t the approach that should be encouraged, let’s make good what we already have!”

“Bognor is in desperate need of updating and investment but the present proposals will not improve the situation. Parking is already limited and this will become worse. Just because we have a very unattractive tower block in our town centre this does not mean that we can but up another unattractive one to make it look slightly better. The cinema we have now is the only thing we have which is worth conserving it is very popular and good value for money. My sister and her friends actually come from Chichester to use this amenity as they can’t afford the multiplex at Chichester. The addition of a multiplex will either mean that the Picturedrome will close (a great shame as it is one of the only Victorian buildings left) or if by some miracle it remains popular the new complex will become a white elephant.”

“Bognor is in serious need of revamping and development is greatly needed and this is a big step in the right direction. I hope it will also bring in jobs. Some free entertainment / activities are also needed to help youth / unemployed.”

“Bognor is in terminal decline. Old Bognor is dead and gone and will never come back. New high value apartments over public facilities will trigger town centre regeneration. New residents will want to spend in their new home town and not drive all the way to Chichester for everything. Now is the time with the relief road built to close the seafront to traffic from Bognor to the Royal Norfolk and use it for entertainment and leisure facilities.”

“Bognor is not Chichester & does not attract the same people - The old cinema will die. We should have a marina as we have the ‘best weather’ in the Country like Brighton. We must not make the same mistake as Chichester with Cineworld - the cafe’s etc these do not work. Parking will be the main problem in Bognor.”

“Bognor is run down at the moment and needs drastic improvements.”

“Bognor is slightly tatty and needs a face lift to what is already there, to build on the facilities already available i.e. funding for the Regis Centre AND the Picturedrome, to encourage visitors to come to a very unique little town right on the seafront. Bognor has a lot of charm, and with the retro fashion riding high at present, SURELY could be brought smartly into the 21st century as a 1950’s town, thereby becoming an alternative to the Brighton lanes!!”

“Bognor just needs to have a wider variety of ‘in’ shops you would expect to find in a typical town. We don’t need further cafes, restaurants, etc. There are already plenty. There are a lot of apartments already in Bognor. I know that because I hand deliver leaflets to every door. Everyone loves the cinema we already have. It has been extensively refurbished and now the people that once went to Chichester are coming here as Chichester cinema is far too expensive. The cheap cinema is bringing people to Bognor. It won’t be able to provide the new releases if the new cinema comes to town. Bognor people don’t want the cinema complex. The current cinema is bringing people to Bognor. Without better shops, it won’t matter what developments are made to Bognor, people will stay away. They go to Chichester to do their shopping as there is a broader range of shops. We have lots of similar shops which don’t attract people to Bognor. Sort out the shops and don’t worry about further restaurants and apartments. Thank you.”
“Bognor must have investment to ensure it has a viable future. All proposals must be seriously considered”

“Bognor must update to survive.”

“Bognor need more shops to bring more people in to town and also good for us living here.”

“Bognor needs a covered shopping hall like many other towns. Extra accommodation would be good if it was designated for British people not to increase the foreign population which is out of control.”

“Bognor needs a revamp as it currently has so many negative connotations.”

“BOGNOR NEEDS AFFORDABLE PLACES FOR 11 - 17 YEAR OLDS TO GO BECAUSE THEY ARE TOO OLD FOR PLAY PARKS, ETC, BUT TOO YOUNG FOR ADULT ENTERTAINMENT. THEY NEED SOMETHING FUN AND CONSTRUCTIVE AND ACCESSIBLE!!!”

“Bognor needs all the investment it can get. I support in full. Good luck.”

“Bognor needs better shops, so that residents do not have to travel to Chichester, Worthing and Portsmouth. The reduction in parking proposed will have a detrimental effect and a hotel is useless without adequate parking. Creation of more cafes and restaurants will only take business from existing shops. The multiplex will only compete with the Picturedrome. A few years ago St Modwen proposed spending £100 million on regeneration now it is only £40 million”

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“BOGNOR NEEDS DEVELOPMENT - IT IS A ‘HAS BEEN’ TOWN THAT NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT OUT OF THE ‘VICTORIAN ERA’.”

“Bognor needs good car parking. There are many day visitors. Better shopping facilities - not supermarkets.”

“Bognor needs help. Lived here all my life and its dying! My teenage kids go to Chichester because they say Bognor has nothing for them. Help is needed!!”

“Bognor needs investment to make it a more attractive destination so this is a step in the right direction.”

“Bognor needs money spent on town not new residential developments. Sort the empty shops & tacky shops before you spend money on things that can wait. Properties have been built without facility dr., dentist, school - where will people go as everywhere is already full??”

“Bognor needs more full time jobs - not part time or seasonal jobs to fund it. No job - no money. Shops are empty now. We already have a very good cinema - we do not need another one. This does not give us enough parking space for local people. THINK AGAIN. Ask the people of Bognor what they want not Littlehampton or Chichester.”

“Bognor needs more on street parking and to keep its car parks.”

“Bognor needs more shops - not supermarkets. A cinema is not wanted by the people and I doubt that it would be financially successful - we're not rich here! It just seems to be an opportunity to cram in more flats. I am very disappointed + I love the Picturedrome.”

“Bognor needs more varied shops not more cafes. Does not need more flats and the cinema we have is great - we don't need more. Let Morrisons expand we do not need a supermarket on Hotham site. Hotels in Bognor are not full as it is.”

“Bognor needs this.”

“Bognor needs to be regenerated and if this opportunity does not go ahead then the Town Centre will fall into a long long decline. Bognor must move forward.”

“Bognor needs to come into 21st century. If all goes ahead might make it a safer place again it then will come back.”

“Bognor needs to improve the shopping quality in its main area - to bring standards up, before trying to brighten up the outer bits. Bognor has become a poor community - need to encourage money back in town all year. Bognor is slowly dying. Improve the inner first before the outer bits.”

“Bognor needs some quality architecture. The scheme proposed does not give me confidence that this is what Bognor would get. More people need encouraging to visit Bognor. A couple of quality anchor type department stores and a supermarket to compete with Morrison's would achieve this better than a multiscreen cinema, if sited strategically. One major aim of any scheme should be to remove the wasteland that is Queensway. The current scheme will not give this area of town the life it sorely needs.”

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“Bognor needs to keep its car parks and does not need flats.”

“Bognor needs to keep our old cinema and invest in something beneficial to us. Another complex seems silly. To build a cinema when we already have one. Put the money to better use!!! We
have 5 kids and the Picturedrome is ideal for our price range, our kids need something else!!"

"Bognor needs to move forward and provide attractions for tourists and locals. It would be nice not to have all big chain restaurants & bars. For it to be more individual and unique so there is a ‘buzz’ to the area such as Brighton. A cinema would price out the Picturedrome so I think the Picturedrome should be incorporated into the developments as this would make it different from other towns. Also residents should get reduced parking.”

"Bognor needs to move on, it has been left behind other towns nearby. I don’t come into town often as the shops and restaurants don’t appeal at the moment."

"Bognor needs to move with the times and attract visitors back to the town.”

"Bognor needs updating - it’s boring and dull!! - SAVE OUR TOWN"

"Bognor needs updating and definitely more stores and another in town supermarket. As it gets a great deal of people from Butlins and residents who go to Chichester to shop.’"

"Bognor needs updating and something to attract people to the town. A vibrant theatre and cafe setting on the beach front would help and more higher end retail in the town-fewer pound shops and phone shops would be a start. A dedicated cycle lane the length of the promenade would also encourage parents and children to get out.”

"Bognor needs updating.”

"Bognor not big enough to benefit - theatre will not attract bigger artists as still small - we don’t need more flats - Picturedrome is great value and big enough for Bognor so don’t need new cinema. would benefit more from bowling alley or skating rink.”

"Bognor Picturedrome is a perfectly good cinema, with affordable ticket prices and snacks. To build a new cinema would inevitably see the demise of the Picturedrome, which would be a great shame for Bognor.”

"Bognor population is already too big. Don’t build flats”

"Bognor Regis already has too many new residential areas. Roads are getting overcrowded and there is no reason for people to come to a new hotel as Butlins is the only place. Considerable as a place of interest and I certainly would not entertain Butlins with my money.”

"Bognor Regis badly needs better quality shops and more free parking to encourage visitors. The present parking arrangements is not good. My wife also agrees.”

"Bognor Regis could not support another hotel; the current hotels are already below 20% occupied in the months Oct-March”

"Bognor Regis development is in my opinion - long overdue!!”

"Bognor Regis do not need a multiplex cinema. We should save and help development the Picturedrome.”

"Bognor Regis does need improving and renovating, however I feel that building a second cinema in Bognor would not benefit it. Also building on car parks that are mostly full would not benefit it. However, Bognor does need many improvements. A bowling alley could be built instead to attract cafes and tourists”

"Bognor Regis does need some improvements but this development is not what is needed. It will have a detrimental effect on existing businesses and will seriously affect the Picturedrome which is currently a popular venue. The proposed design of the whole development is ugly and just another soulless structure that will spoil the character of the town.”

"Bognor Regis does need some re-development but not the scale and mix that is being proposed. I would have preferred something like an ice-skating rink or other leisure facilities that would bring people from the surrounding areas into our town centre that they can’t find in other towns/cities closer to home. We have enough cafes and eating places to satisfy demand and need to draw people away from the promenade area after they have used the leisure facilities there to benefit the shops that we already have.”

"Bognor Regis does not need a multiplex cinema when we already have the Picturedrome. Yes I agree that the Regis Centre definitely needs improving but a multiplex cinema isn’t necessarily the answer. A revamped theatre, a decent restaurant and possibly a bowling alley or similar would benefit Bognor more. Certainly no more houses/flats are needed there are already far too many houses being built in the area! Bognor cannot sustain more people without improvement to the roads, doctors, schools and hospitals! Why is that more apartments are being planned when the ones already built haven’t been sold?? Invest in Bognor but with better facilities for those already living here not by increasing the population - tourism yes - not people permanently living here!"

"Bognor Regis does not need a multiplex complex. You still would not get any more people attending cinemas/shows than already attend the Regis Centre of Picturedrome. People would not want to pay the higher prices of multiplex cinemas. If people want to attend multiplex cinemas they would go to Chichester. It would be a great pity if the Picturedrome in Bognor Regis had to close. The cinema has been beautifully improved and I travel from East Preston quite often to see films there as the parking is good, the cinema prices are cheap and the seats are very comfortable. Any new development in Bognor Regis - e.g. multiplex etc would just become another white elephant as the Regis Centre has become over the years.”

"Bognor Regis does not need another cinema, we have the Picturedrome. This cinema offers families and others very good value for money and shows all the latest films. Chichester’s Cineworld is very expensive and has parking issues when it is busy. I have always supported the Picturedrome and will continue to do so. Why is it that people who do not live in Bognor Regis think they know what we want. We want the Picturedrome to continue meeting the needs of the local people. Please stop telling us what we want. We are capable of thinking for ourselves but want to be heard. Perhaps trying to encourage new businesses into Bognor town centre would be a good place to focus on.”

"Bognor Regis does not need another Cinema. The closure of the Picturedrome would be a tremendous loss to the town in terms of good value entertainment, excellent service and historical importance (we don’t have much left in terms of historical buildings as so much has been destroyed in the past 50 years). Bringing in another cinema is a lazy, unimaginative option, same old, same old!!!!”

"Bognor Regis has been allowed to degenerate into what it is now, an unappealing boring untidy seaside resort where more eastern European dialect is heard than the indigenous English spoken. Drunks on the streets are frequently present all times of the day, the Police nowhere to be seen. With no shops, no seaside attractions and no appeal. Building new shops and flats is a joke. Who will buy them or open them as retail outlets? Let’s face it, Bognor has had its day, and ridiculous decisions like building a multiplex cinema at
“Bognor Regis is a seaside resort - we need facilities / attractions for families and wet days.”

“Bognor Regis is a town with a great history. You are trying to re-write this history. I feel that what you are trying to do will seriously harm Bognor. Instead of building new shops, fill the empty ones! The ideas that the residents of Bognor put forward, ice rink etc, is what we want. We do not an apartment block of 80 flats! We didn’t ask for it, therefore we don’t want it! Before you commit to any of these plans, consider the residents opinions, we are the ones that will have live the changes you are proposing. Listen to us.”

“Bognor Regis is a traditional seaside resort - not a Hollywood film set! Enough damage has been done to the town by destroying Historical buildings in the 60s, 70s & 80s! Someone or several people must have taken ‘backhanders’ to achieve this. It’s time to think of the ordinary residents and not ADC. This is an utter disgrace to every consider destroying the current cinema. ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL DO NOT CARE ABOUT BOGNOR!!!”

“Bognor Regis is badly in need of regeneration and the proposed developments would greatly benefit it. The creation of any jobs as a result of the development would be greatly appreciated in this climate.”

“Bognor Regis is in desperate need of this investment. This would provide an excellent venue for a family to spend time and would act as a major attraction to visitors. We also have a severe shortage of decent restaurants and would welcome any scheme that has potential for new ones. The residential areas of the site would introduce more custom into the town which would attract new, higher end shops. We as a family are regular users of the existing cinema and would be supportive if there is some way that this could be sustained. However, if push came to shove I just can’t see how Bognor can afford to miss this opportunity, and therefore remain in a state of ‘as is’ or potentially degrade further!! We are fully supportive of this scheme coming to Bognor and hope that the proposals are taken forward.”

“Bognor Regis is in great need of regeneration. however building more housing is not the answer, as there are no facilities to accommodate an ever increasing population. BR needs more schools doctors’ surgeries, and parks for the new residents that will be moving in to the new housing developments. I hope that the improvements will lead to the community respecting the area. Currently the residents do not respect the town, which leads to it becoming unloved, which leads to crime, litter, vandalism, and gradually the has town slipped in to the mess it is on now. Bognor has become unloved and uncared for and I hope these improvements are not too late to turn the fortunes of Bognor.”

“Bognor Regis is in need of change. I live in Bognor Regis am 31 years old with disposable income. I do not think a multiplex cinema is needed in Bognor Regis. I believe that the Picturedrome cinema is an excellent independent cinema in a beautiful building which considers its local audience. Those that can afford multiplex prices, such as myself, can travel the 6/7 miles to Cineworld at Chichester and those in the surrounding towns like Chichester and Arundel are unlikely to come just for another multiplex and restaurant development. The town itself will still be unappealing. The parking proposals are ludicrous. The proposals aim to draw more visitors and reduce current parking spaces. This makes no sense one of the perks of Bognor is the easy parking (a selling point for shopping you would think?). Why can’t Arun district council invest in something more imaginative? In the current climate it would be more future proof to invest in local business...Or be more daring. Yes, the Alexandra Theatre is an eyesore and in need of change. I feel even the proposed theatre revamp is not daring enough. Architecture in seaside towns used to be bold, unusual and daring, this is downright boring. It takes no more than ten minutes to Google inspiring architecture for public use and it needn’t cost the earth. Why not run a competition or something similar for fresh youthful ideas for the future, including architecture with function and imagination? There are many quality universities in our country why not use our resources. With the right project could we not make the Bognor Regis seafront a destination in itself? Thanks Catherine”

“Bognor Regis is in need of more quality restaurants, and more employment for younger people”

“Bognor Regis is in need or modernisation and development, so the proposed plans will encourage the public to visit the town”

“Bognor Regis is just fine as it is, ripping the heart out of the town for financial gain is not the answer go back to the drawing board.”

“Bognor Regis is not another inland town it is a sea side resort. Regeneration should take account of its unique position adjacent to the sea Access and parking are issues that have not been considered sufficiently. This type of development is now dated. Visit Chichester and see how the development there is not working in the current economic climate. A study on how these proposals effect exciting businesses in the town should be undertaken. There is currently an excess of student accommodation in the town. The parking adjacent to the Theatre is nearly always nearly full. How can removing this facility benefit the town? Check out Littlehampton, it has successfully regenerated its seafront. Why can we not learn from that example.”
“Bognor Regis is outdated and embarrassing, it would greatly benefit from an entertainment park similar to Chichester Gate.”

“Bognor Regis is really known as a seaside resort with good weather - where is there adequate parking and things to do for young children and families. Lack of good shops in the town will not bring in trade. Butlins manage to fill their hotels, but why do the council think a 80 bed hotel with no room for pool, spa etc would draw people into a cramped noisy sight.”

“Bognor Regis is saturated with residential properties, but not enough space for leisure or activities for the community. It is time for this to change. Let’s make our town more friendly to all.”

“Bognor Regis needs more for the young ones, like a Bowling Alley or Ice skating Rink which to me is more important than a 4-5 cinema. If you are thinking of a hotel and four blocks of residential accommodation Bognor Regis will need bigger shops or department stores, like Primark, M&S, and British Home Stores.”

“Bognor Regis needs this regeneration - the sooner the better.”

“Bognor Regis needs (not just wants) investment to stay alive; otherwise commercially it will stagnate or even die.”

“Bognor Regis needs a bespoke scheme that is individual, provides a special character with unique facilities and amenities to attract visitors to the town”

“Bognor Regis needs a complex where families can go, such as an ice rink or bowling alley, which could incorporate dining and cafes etc. It doesn’t need a cinema complex, there is nothing wrong with the cinema we already have. Was very impressed with my visit to it last week. It’s been nicely decorated, with plenty of leg room.”

“Bognor Regis needs a good restaurant chain. Why do we have to go to Chichester for restaurants like Pazzo Ask. etc These keep the standards we need in Bognor. Only thing we miss, is good restaurants since moving here as you don’t always want to go to Chichester or Arundel. Encourage M & S to open a food shop with small amount of clothes. If they can make a profit in Deal why can’t they in Bognor Regis. It’s a pity you can’t knock down the sky scraper flats and rehouse people in lower buildings, it’s an eyesore for BR and I am sure they would prefer to be nearer the ground. Get Morrison’s to make a decision or get out, why should Bognor R have a shabby supermarket in the town. What must visitors think of the town. Get owners of buildings in town to smarten the frontages up. We have a lovely beach and sea and we do not make use of it, support the huts on the front and encourage visitors.”

“Bognor Regis needs an injection of life through new development like this to keep up to date with the next generation of this town. It needs youthful enthusiasm and to keep its young!! A MARINA IS A MUST!!”

“Bognor Regis needs better quality shops and restaurants and leisure area but not a cinema as we already have one which is fine. A new cinema would force this one to close.”

“Bognor Regis needs big changes - town is dowdy and not inviting at all. I would sooner drive out presently and go elsewhere!”

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“Bognor Regis needs more investment in the existing shopping areas, making it more attractive to visitors and residents. We do not need another cinema or more cafes/restaurants. Why not invest in our lovely cinema and make THAT the attraction along with the Victorian theme of the promenade shelters. Otherwise it is just a mish mash of ideas and styles. More flats/residencies on the Hotham car park will just clutter the area up even more and again, a mish mash of styles thrown together with only possible quick profit in mind- not the overall look and feel of the town. We are not Chichester so should not try to compete, why not expand on the history and style we DO have! We have visited lots of places that have made the most of their local history and built/used tasteful and appropriate buildings that give a sense of the place being special and unique and it does certainly not exclude cafes/restaurants. We have an old railway station that could be made more attractive, a pier, a seafront - there is so much to improve on that we do not need more odds and ends to be put up and lose more of the character of Bognor.”

“Bognor Regis needs MORE parking facilities. Echelon parking may result in one way. Traffic is ridiculous. The present cinema is fine and has character. Tickets are reasonable.”

“Bognor Regis needs more parks and maybe a public pool, no more hotels, multiplex and restaurants.”

“Bognor Regis needs something drastic to improve its current state.”

“Bognor Regis needs this investment to bring the resort into the 21st century. It is a great opportunity to make Bognor the Prime South Coast seaside resort. Arun DC need to be bold and seize this opportunity. The 'NIMBYs' who object to any change should be ignored.”

“Bognor Regis needs to be brought into the 21st century. It lacks appeal as it has suffered from the general decline of traditional seaside towns. Development will be good as long as we don't end up with the disasters Bournemouth has had with its multiplex cinema.”

“Bognor Regis needs to be CLEANER and SAFER if these investments will ever be successful!! Q10 - An ice rink to be included. Q23 - I truly hope the Picturedrome cinema is saved but there needs to be improvement for parking/safer access. Also the railway station is appalling and needs total rethink before other work. Get rid of the alcoholics that frequent the station entrance!!”

“Bognor Regis needs to come out of the 'Dark Ages'. Progress for the visitors who think 'Outside the Box' whilst still catering for the elderly. This will be the best alternative since the demise of the 22nd century pier and marina projects.”

“Bognor Regis needs to move forward, we are stuck behind other seaside towns in the country, we need investment to move forward like. What we DO NOT NEED is a Multiplex Cinema, We have a superb, thriving, cinema in town already. Another cinema would be detrimental to its survival! And remember this is an establishment that was BOUGHT BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN! WE DO NOT need more flats! There are already too many of them in the town centre. If you really want more residential apartments there are far better places you could put them! (Durban Road industrial area is largely empty, demolish the old disused commercial premises and build your flats there!) WE DO NOT NEED Arundel and Littlehampton’s residents deciding what is wanted for OUR TOWN. What happens HERE is NOTHING to do with anyone that DOES NOT LIVE HERE! What YOU MUST DO is LISTEN to what the people of Bognor Regis are telling you. ST MODWEN’S PLAN is flawed, it is unwanted it is driven by greed! Look what they have done to Fareham in Hampshire. The place is a mess! This company should be kicked out of the equation. We DO NOT need more concrete blocks thank you !”

“Bognor Regis is saturated with residential properties, but not enough space for leisure or activities for the community. It is time for this to change. Let’s make our town more friendly to all.”

“Bognor Regis needs more investment in the existing shopping areas, making it more attractive to visitors and residents. We do not need another cinema or more cafes/restaurants. Why not invest in our lovely cinema and make THAT the attraction along with the Victorian theme of the promenade shelters. Otherwise it is just a mish mash of ideas and styles. More flats/residencies on the Hotham car park will just clutter the area up even more and again, a mish mash of styles thrown together with only possible quick profit in mind - not the overall look and feel of the town. We are not Chichester so should not try to compete, why not expand on the history and style we DO have! We have visited lots of places that have made the most of their local history and built/used tasteful and appropriate buildings that give a sense of the place being special and unique and it does certainly not exclude cafes/restaurants. We have an old railway station that could be made more attractive, a pier, a seafront - there is so much to improve on that we do not need more odds and ends to be put up and lose more of the character of Bognor.”

“Bognor Regis needs more for the young ones, like a Bowling Alley or Ice skating Rink which to me is more important than a 4-5 cinema. If you are thinking of a hotel and four blocks of residential accommodation Bognor Regis will need bigger shops or department stores, like Primark, M&S, and British Home Stores.”

“Bognor Regis needs an injection of life through new development like this to keep up to date with the next generation of this town. It needs youthful enthusiasm and to keep its young!! A MARINA IS A MUST!!”

“Bognor Regis needs better quality shops and restaurants and leisure area but not a cinema as we already have one which is fine. A new cinema would force this one to close.”

“Bognor Regis needs big changes - town is dowdy and not inviting at all. I would sooner drive out presently and go elsewhere!”

“Bognor Regis needs MORE investment in its EXISTING infrastructure to make it more attractive, i.e., better shops (at the moment the place is full of Charity or Poundland type outlets) It needs more off street parking and it needs better traffic management, I live in Canada Grove in the town centre and it is clearly far too narrow for continuing two-way traffic. there are frequent jams in the road and the traffic noise is at times horrendous. It needs better and safer access for the large disabled population that lives here. It needs to be attractive to Holidaymakers. The residents have all told you that things like a Skating Rink, Bowling Alley, etc are the attractions we’d
“Bognor Regis should be developed to provide a vibrant place to shop and visit, cafes & restaurants creating work and wealth. Original building of character should be supported i.e. cinema in Canada Grove not demolished. Bognor will not benefit from multi storey residential (age really) development destroying any elements of charm that are left in this traditional seaside resort”

“Bognor Regis should concentrate on developing attractions to enhance the seaside facilities for visitors and residents making use of its natural beauty and perhaps re-instate the pier and provide abundant reasonable car parking.”

“Bognor Regis Town Centre needs a total overhaul. No point building more apartments when we have a dull shopping centre. We have nothing in the town to attract shoppers/visitors other than those visiting Butlins.”

“Bognor Regis Town does not need a multiplex Cinema, or more blocks of flats.”

“Bognor Regis town is falling apart, shops are closing down by the week and being replaced by petty bargain shops or charity shops. We need something modern and exciting for the younger generation and newcomers to the town. All for it!”

“Bognor Regis was once a popular vibrant Victorian fishing town. It's over time lost its mojo. Turn Bognor into a mini Brighton full of culture and arts, live music, and nice dining experiences, fix the pier with and put an attraction on it like the fairground rides instead of along the seafront which makes it look cheap and messy. Bognor does not need any more fast food outlets we are all already fat enough!!! Healthy choices should be more available in the form of nice restaurants and cafes like at Gun Wharf. We do not need another cinema either. Bognor needs tidying up and brought back to life, it's about time money was WELL spent instead of just spent.”

“Bognor Regis would benefit from re-development and investment. We need to try and make it once again a desirable place to visit and by putting a new cinema etc in it would give young people in the area to have more to do.”

“Bognor requires to bring in more holidays and day visits and this I feel will only happen if there is something to come to i.e theatre, good Prom, maybe bowling, skating rink even a re-built pier and parking that is local to the Prom”

“Bognor residents do not have enough say in the development of their own town. Arun District Council has too much involvement and should stick with governing the wider district. St Modwen is strictly a commercial enterprise.”

“Bognor should be left as it is we already have a cinema and numerous places to eat we do not need this improving we already have as much less expense”

“Bognor should exist on its own as it did before the takeover by Arun. The new development proposals would greatly damage the character and appeal of the town as it stands and would also take away parking spaces at a time when parking is a major problem for locals and many more spaces are needed, not less!!”

“Bognor Regis has far too many residential properties, the seafront needs to be brought alive with cafes, restaurants and family areas. We need a reason to come into the town and spend our money, for all the family.”

“Bognor Regis Town Centre very short of open space, few trees of any note and lack of grassed areas for families and children.”

“Bognor Town Council has spent a lot of money making improvements to the Picturedrome cinema. Now we are told the cinema may close if the new development goes ahead.”

“Bognor town is a small town and is becoming overrun by steps. We need a car parking space. Or people will go elsewhere.”

“Bognor town is very dated and yes I agree that charity shops should be there but it’s every other shop at the moment. Needs a bit of TLC and 21st century”

“Bognor urgently need regenerating to encourage High Street names, more restaurants, jobs, affordable housing, independent business, better facilities. Bognor could be a mini Brighton with help!”

“Bognor was promised great things since 1960. The Rex ballroom was a very popular venue and it was pulled down to make way for the wonderful new development which promised everything. In 52 years NOTHING has ever materialised! I often wonder why the local council has such a death wish for the town. It is very depressing. I strongly disapprove of the tiny Alexandra Theatre site being used for student accommodation. This will NOT benefit the people of Bognor in any way. It seems ridiculous that, having renovated the Grade II Listed Building, with ratepayers’ money, that the Council wants to put the Picturedrome out of business. It is very popular, affordable, and enjoyable, and has 2 choices of films. If we want to go to a multiplex cinema we can go to Chichester or Port Solent. Many people will not be able to afford the inflated prices of the proposed multiplex due, in no small part, to the total lack of investment in the area!”

“Bognor would develop from investment and improvements, not if that puts us at risk place like the Picturedrome. Alterations to attract people to the area should be considered such as an ice rink. We have a multiplex cinema in Chichester and do not need another one. Also if the sea front was redeveloped and made more pedestrianised as it is in Brighton that would attract more people”

“Bognor’s main attraction is the sea - all main developments need picture windows overlooking the sea at all levels. The multiplex cinema has a blank wall overlooking the sea - the multiplex in Bournemouth withered and died at a financial loss - the multiplex in Chichester is not doing as well as expected. The Picturedrome is a good cinema and is already providing entertainment that is live on stage in London via the Internet. Bognor needs activities out of the rain [e.g. Ten Pin Bowling] Bognor is well served by supermarkets, but needs an M & S. Hotels in Bognor do not thrive except Butlins. We do not need flats as there is nowhere for people to work.”

“Bognor’s Picturedrome MUST be saved and retained - it is the only cinema families can afford to visit and is an asset both of and for the town. We do NOT need a Multiplex, nor yet more flats that have already taken over the town’s seafront. We have plenty of empty shops that are ripe for development as restaurants, etc., if needed. Parking can be difficult now and I greatly fear there would be a severe reduction in places if this goes ahead. I must also add that I am both surprised and appalled that Arun District Council seem so in favour of this plan - would this still be the case if they were based in the town?”
“Born and bred in Bognor Regis. Q23 - Anything like Bournemouth which has been pulled down like all our lovely buildings we had disastrous for Bognor. Bognor sadly deteriorated over the years.”

“Both adults and children need more leisure facilities, there is not enough swimming times for Adults at Felpham pool as the school has priority. Also not enough court facilities during daytime for badminton. All folk need quality leisure facilities i.e. ice rink, dancing, general moving about.”

“Bowling Alley and Restaurants”

“Bowling alley for the young needed. Facilities for young are essential instead of Pubs, Cafes etc.”

“Bowling alley or Ice rink would be preferred to a 4/5 screen cinema. As we’ve already have a cinema in Bognor and need something different to bring people into the town.”

“Bowling and snooker/pool leisure facilities would be beneficial. An area similar to Chichester City Gate, but without the cinema. We don’t need a new cinema, we already have a very good one in Bognor. It would be useful to improve the train station and surrounding area, including the lovely cinema, to draw more people in. Children’s play areas, water features etc. would all help to draw people in and improve the local economy. It is imperative that we ensure we keep plenty of parking spaces. The current proposal is ridiculous, too many houses / facilities and nowhere to park. Chichester City Gate also suffers from this problem at peak times - don’t make the same mistake in Bognor.”

“Brilliant proposal - long overdue - we need it.”

“Bring another club - Sheiks sucks”

“Bring in a local developer. Cost less, provides more, will take on views of local people.”

“Build a bowling alley. P.S. I know none of this will actually happen you will soon run out of money.”

“Build a few flats, no supermarket, I think we have enough. This is not Great Britain anymore which makes me very sad. This is not Bognor it’s got too many foreigners.”

“Build a harbour”

“Build a new skate park. This one is rubbish. Preferably indoor please.”

“Build an ice rink instead. Don’t build a cinema (we already have one)”

“BUILD DECENT HOTEL: AND FLATS AT HOTHAMTON TO PAY FOR REGENERATION AROUND STATION. KEEP PICTUREDROME, AND REGENERATE REGIS CENTRE MAKING USE OF THE SITUATION OVERLOOKING SEA WITH PERHAPS A RESTAURANT TAKING IN VIEWS. KEEP PARKING AWAY FROM SEAFRONT.”

“Building a cinema would destroy the beloved Picturedrome. We do not need hotels or apartments we have enough tourism. If you build more you might lose more.”

“Building a multiplex would harm the Picturedrome’s future forcing it to close. I think we should be working to preserve the historical fabric of Bognor. The Picturedrome is one of the few remaining pieces of history Bognor has having been open for 100 years. I would like to see the seafront redeveloped but only if it embraces local business and ensures Bognor does not lose its historical routes.”

“Building on both these sites and reducing car parking spaces will definitely deter people coming into Bognor. More residential units need more car parking. More shops, bars and leisure units would also need more parking spaces - NOT LESS.”

“Business’ and residential need to be built without affecting what is already in town”

“But doubtful that level of occupation would make it viable. Reasons:- 1. Royal Norfolk (only existing hotel of any size) is underused even though the owner also controls a company that runs coach tours bringing people to it for one/two nights stays. 2. As no hotel parking ‘budget’ hotel such as Premier Inn, Travel Lodge would not be interested. 3. Nearly all visitors are for a day - not requiring an hotel”

“Butlinks have got 3 hotels. We don’t need more cafes and we don’t need another cinema. Yes we would like the theatre made larger. We need more parking in town not less.”

“BUTLINS should never have been allowed to go ahead. A Marina with all of this would have been far beneficial to Bognor Regis. Our council has destroyed so many good features of Bognor Regis and the town has become run down with only the beach as an attraction. Please provide in line with Worthing, Brighton, Portsmouth .... we could be outstanding .... again !!”

“By having a cinema as the main objective of the proposals, this is therefore making a lot of people opposed to the developments. As yes the development would be great to have in Bognor to bring more money into the town, but at the benefit of losing a historical landmark one that is a key central part of the town (Picturedrome) The cost of tickets at the Picturedrome compared to the prices of a multiplex tickets is completely ridiculous, with many not being able to afford. Why is a cinema a key part of the planning surely an ice rink or a snow dome would be such a better idea, as the nearest ones of these is at least an hour’s drive away. Whereas a multiplex cinema there is already one in Chichester so what is going to be the appeal to come to Bognor. When we have an ice rink or a snow dome there is every reason to come to Bognor. The Picturedrome is a key local place which has a huge impact on the local town. The fact of the matter is the Picturedrome will go under if this new cinema comes in leaving a wonderful historical grade 2 listed building with no purpose, what will happen to this building then. It will be left to rot & decay leaving the proposed cinema an eye sore in which nobody could afford to go to.”

“By having a multiplex cinema the Picturedrome could not compete as big screens will always have the monopoly of new films. Picturedrome provides valuable viewing for those on low incomes - vital. Not nearly enough car parking for proposed development. Another hotel!! Bognor cannot and will not sustain.”

“By providing chain restaurants, cinema, and hotel I feel this will greatly harm the existing current provisions such as the Picturedrome, local Bed and Breakfasts/Hotels, restaurants. Why should we have a carbon copy of what Chi Gate has already got, and which is failing, when we claim to be taking this town forward? These proposals will have a huge detrimental effect on the already failing Bognor Regis town centre, whilst actually avoiding what you are supposedly set out to do - trying to bring it to the forefront of the holiday making British public. There is nothing in this proposal that will attract people to the town, and by reducing the parking by a considerable amount (as per this proposal) this would cause a huge negative effect on people actually being able to go to those attractions should they want to. I understand that in order to get these chain restaurants we may or may not need a multiplex but are these chain restaurants the way forward? Do the existing townsfolk of Bognor have the expendable cash to eat at these restaurants? Are people going to drive past Chichester to come here? I think the answer to these questions is no, as do many hundreds of the local public that I have spoken to. If this is an all or nothing deal then I
vote nothing, but let’s not be silly here, we all know ADC have to supply something as per the governments guidelines, and I wouldn’t be surprised if this wasn’t already a done deal.”

“By putting in a multiplex cinema you force the Picturedrome to close. This cinema offers great value for money and as a family of four allows us the opportunity to visit on a regular basis, whereas multiplex prices are totally unfeasible for a family to enjoy this experience regularly.”

“Cafes, restaurants and bars need to be at a level where you can see the sea. No point having them overlooking the road.”

“Can the addition of shops and cafes be helpful as so many have failed in the past to attract visitors or issues and merit potential. Theatre and leisure facilities would attract visitors with families. We have a lovely seafront more attention should be paid to this asset.”

“Car boot Sunday is needed as is cinema.”

“Car parking appears to suffer at the expense of unnecessary provision of more cafes and residential accommodation.”

“Car parking changes are not surveyed - this is the key issue. The multiplex would attract the more affluent visitors if there was sufficient parking. Locals will prefer to pay £2.50 to see a limited range of films at the Picturedrome than pay £8 at the multiplex. So either way the multiplex will fail. Bognor needs more visitors from the surrounding areas at all times, especially evening and winter. Where are these visitors going to park? Closing through traffic along the promenade, raising the road, having a covered market and providing low cost retail units for local street food and craft vendors would be welcome. The current proposals are a short term benefit for a few but have no long term benefits for the local community.”

“Car Parking is a huge issue in this plan taking away car parking in Bognor Regis will harm the overall retail environment in the heart of the town centre more car parking is needed. In all you are not offering anything that we do not have flats will not regenerate Bognor Regis Town centre. If you look at the amount of residential built in Bognor Regis including Flats our town should be paved in gold. More retail units large enough for the larger stores to be able to move in will help at the moment we do not have the floor space for the larger brands to show an interest. Building a new cinema could provide a white elephant within 2 years on the Regis centre site. It’s quite clear local people are unhappy with this idea and will vote with their feet so why build it. A few ideas below indoor soft play area skate park bowling laser quest It’s important that regeneration takes place Bognor Regis but we must deliver the right plan for the town. At the moment I don’t think this plan is correct for the town as it stands.”

“Car parking is going to be very limited. Due to the financial situation at present, can only see more empty shops and premises and more Charity shops.”

“Car Parking is Often a Problem and it is expensive, the proposals do not seem to enhance parking. Bognor certainly needs some improvement.”

“Car parking would need to be thoroughly investigated as potentially could be an issue. Good quality re-development can only be a good thing for the town otherwise it will continue to decline.”

“Carry out new development ASAP to avoid Bognor Regis dying. Open new shops etc to attract people into area promote new interest here.”

“Certain things like the cinema - the current cinema it’s fine and the prices are brilliant - maybe just the outside needs done. All other things are good and seem reasonable.”

“Certainly a cinema is not required - we already have one. A good class of hotel is really needed - maybe a few pots of paint and a good street / pavement clean up would be start.”

“Chichester already has a multi-screen cinema and bowling. We need more reasonably priced activities for our youth. We need to get them off the streets. Better skate parks and bmx areas. Permit cycling along the prom by way of cycle lanes. An indoor play area that could double up as a laser quest for adults and teens. There is a lot of apathy in Bognor. We need to encourage the people who are choosing to use Chichester back into Bognor. A Primark clothing store would attract different people. A lido near west park.”

“Chichester and Bognor Regis cannot support the volume of restaurants or cinemas in existence. Think of something different for Bognor.”

“Children play area inside and outside not enough for younger children. Don’t want Bognor cinemas to be effected too badly as my family enjoy going there and prices are reasonable. Worried about parking.”

“Cinema - keep and improve image and marketing Theatre - expand to attract more productions Multiplex - this will ruin the town More houses / flats - unnecessary - just greed and profit driving this New ideas - Climatorium - Please contact me for driving this discussion Lido - open and closed - swimming by the pier next to the beach I offer my TV producer / Director cv and equipment to produce a promotional video. Generally think what would attract visitors.”

“Cinema - the current Picturedrome Cinema is more than adequate for the area and provides a very good service, especially as the multiplex in Chichester is currently poorly supported due to price and lack of parking etc. We consider that the existing cinema should be better supported by the ADC as it serves a real need to the community at a very reasonable price. If you were to lose this cinema, as is likely if all the above goes ahead, this would be a travesty. Supermarket - the existing Morrison’s store plus the out of town shops are more than sufficient for the area and having a new in-town outlet would seem excessive. Alexandra Theatre - this has always been poorly supported partly due to the lack of good marketing (advertising). However, many of the productions have been excellent. If however all these extra facilities are created the potential increase in traffic and reduction in car parking spaces will cause a major problem within a limited area. Shops generally - the current poor uptake of the existing shop units [large number of units either empty or turned over to charity type use] would indicate to anybody that there is a major problem in Bognor. The provision of a number of additional units will not resolve this scenario.”

“Cinema and restaurants are a terrible idea, will not attract anyone. Something different such as ice rink, snow dome or concert hall. I don’t mind the flats at Hothamton but make sure to put in a new play area for kids. A green would be nice when the tide is in like Littlehampton’s so people have a place to play that near the beach.”

“Cinema not required together with the hotel. A complete rethink is required on a smaller scale.”

“Cinema proposal will harm the Picturedrome and so will also harm this area of the town. The Picturedrome will be unable to compete with another cinema locally and cannot be used for other purposes due to the fact that it is a grade 2 listed building. Other attractions could be built on the Regis centre site such as bowling alley, ice skating, indoor play area etc. which would allow the development of the pre-existing Picturedrome, in which nearly £1,000,000 has been recently invested. This would be a much better option and would secure the future of the Picturedrome as well as allowing the
development of the Regis centre site. 200 apartments is too many for the Hothamton site, the town already has far too many flats and is already very densely populated."

“Cinema would be competing with Chichester, which has lovely shops and places to eat, it’s very stylish, plus we already have the Picturedrome. We need to be different the town has become tatty and poor, the locals do not have interest in it, maybe it’s because they do not originate from here. There is a lot of crime!! Don’t need more housing, but a small hotel may be good “Lets tidy up Bognor Regis Town First”"

“CINEMA WOULD IMPACT ON PICTUREDROME - WE NEED TO KEEP THIS PART OF OUR HERITAGE. ANOTHER LEISURE USE WOULD BE MORE ACCEPTABLE.”

“Closing road would create chaos in Belmont Street. 80 bed hotel - 80 apartments - clients for theatre and cinema - workers - where would they park!! Look at the empty premises in town - more cafes would close those in the centre - it’s known for 2nd hand and telephone shops. We need a chain store and children’s play areas - the beach is okay in the sun, but rain is more common.”

“Coach park to be used??”

“Come out of Arun and let Bognor Council run itself”

“Coming from a big town myself before moving to Bognor, I can see what damage creating a ‘clone’ town can do. Keep Bognor as a seaside town with small, individual unique businesses, keep local people in work and supply the small man not the one with lots of money”

“Coming out of Theatre at night - not enough parking. Don’t need another cinema.”

“Completely unconvincing!! Been waiting for sensible development of my home town for 50 years!”

“CONCERN RE REDUCTION IN PARKING PROVISION - CONSIDERING THE INCREASE VISITOR POTENTIAL CONCERN RE ADDITIONAL/HIGH RISE APARTMENT BUILDING.”

“Concerned about provision of public parking. Losing vast amount of spaces.”

“Concerns about the amount of parking - the development will clearly increase the number of visitors who will want easy and convenient access to the new facilities.”

“Concerns regarding what will happen to the Picturedrome. This is a cheap alternative for families and has a history.”

“Concerns whether Picturedrome could continue as feel is an iconic building and at £2.50 per seat viable prices - a multiplex would be far more expensive. Will need the extra parking along the seafront.”

“Consider closing the seafront to through traffic or one way system of traffic by opening the High Street to traffic. Rebuild a new state of the art pier - this would attract visitors and business.”

“Considering the number of abandoned residential developments along the south coast, the generally depressed economy and the resulting slowdown of the overall housing market coupled with the lack of availability of mortgage funding, how does Arun come to the conclusion that the sale of the flats proposed will contribute to the funding of this development? This proposal is like every one that has preceded it, ill thought out, the adverse impact on existing businesses not considered and with no coherent funding in place.”

“Convert the Picturedrome into an ice rink.”

“Could do with a music shop”

“Could the Hothamton site have mixed development residential/superstore also a mixture of heights not just 6 story residential development 3 - 4 - 5 story.”

“Could we have details on how the current hotels are drumming up business? After The Wave is there a market for further hotel beds?”

“Could we support any more residents when considering GP facilities and schools etc. would like to see a modernised theatre but would not want to see a multiplex cinema at the expense of the Picturedrome!!! Love the Picturedrome!!! Be nice to see investment that would encourage decent shops, some decent restaurants and a decent establishments/pub for the over 25’s. Some investment in the beautiful buildings we have along the seafront and sort out the pier!!”

“Creative use of the existing space and amenities already existing is the challenge and would benefit the local community but not making more money for developers, if you keep building it will destroy the character of the town, it seems to be about making people spend their money and not enjoying the lovely seaside and facilities.”

“Current proposals are developers dream: - Flats and hotel for sale and cinema + restaurants package also easy to sell. Very little for Bognor residents, nor developing a seaside resort business for future. I would support following: 1. Attractive arts/performing centre - based on Regis Centre. 2. Plaza + seating and cafes + play area - based on Place St Maur 3. Increased parking above existing, with restaurants/retail facing sea at first floor level. 4. Some apartments. 5. EU funding for regeneration of old/dying tourist trade.”

“Cutting parking on the seafront would deter visitors from seafront and town. There are numerous empty shops - providing new would increase an empty main shopping area.”

“Delighted something’s being done about the terrible demise of Bognor - At last”

“Demolish Fitzleet House and replace with something more suitable - it’s an eyesore. 4-5 cinema (+ Hotel) - not likely to be patronised sufficiently. Need to keep original features such as Picturedrome cinema. Need to be careful this is not a soulless development, a marina development would be better."

“Denisor School of Dance is being pushed out of it’s wonderful dance studio in Queensway after over at least 25 years of being there. The proposed new plans for the new cinema are ridiculous- we have a town cinema that is better than anywhere else locally. Having a good permanent ice rink at the Regis Centre site would provide something unique for the area and would provide a different physical activity for all ages.”

“Design of the new Alexandra Theatre is hideous - a pile of boxes. Children would have more imagination.”

"Desperate for parking places. Would love to see swimming pool in plans."

“Despite, the rather vague reassurance that parking would not be a problem (from the VT recorded link) I am concerned that with the number of proposed flats, coupled with the increase in commercial premises, on part of what is already a car park area - then I am concerned that overflow parking will impact on nearby residential roads already congested with parking. Parking control would need to be seriously addressed in nearby residential areas to ensure existing residents can park near to their own homes. Also concerned that the 4 blocks of housing on Hothamton site will change the open nature of the site to a high rise landscape. This would not improve the quality of the area and only bring further congestion to the town centre area.”
“DESTROYING THE SPORTS FACILITIES AT SWANSEA GARDENS WOULD BE A GRAVE ERROR.”

“Development is needed but not too many flats some good class shops not more big super markets a few nice places do not take away parking spaces the sea should be used as a great feature Don’t do away with the Picturedrome”

“Development of these sites is based on a false promise - that the Regis site will encourage vibrancy in a public square - that people will have breakfast and dinner there having spent a night in the new hotel ! I don’t accept the casual relationship between this development and regeneration of Bognor.”

“DO NOT RECEIVE THIS FORM UNTIL 10-12-12  Q20 - OVERALL PROPOSALS - GOOD DEPARTMENTAL STORE BOGNOR REGIS COULD DO WITH A BETTER VARIETY OF QUALITY SHOPS AND DEPARTMENTAL STORE TO CATER FOR ALL AGES, SHAPES AND SIZES. NOT MORE COSTLY HOUSING AND SEASONAL HOUSING.”

“Didn’t know there was a proposal for Hotham site or Queensway only Regis site so find it disturbing to be asked and or on this scale.”

“Disgraceful”

“DISGUSTED YOU WILL BLOCK MY VIEW - SO NOT HAPPY.”

“Dislike all the pictured designs for theatre etc. - much too “square and blocky” to fit in with surroundings.”

“Do away with the market at the Regis Centre. It lets the area down. The type of people that use it are not the type of people that will be using the new bars/cafes and cinema’s anyway we need more Free Parking in the evenings to encourage the use of new bars/cafes and cinema. Anything that encourages people to come here and spend money is good. Bognor has a largely unskilled workforce jobs like shops assistants and service industry so less offices and industrial investment and more retail and hotels are essential to get Bognor moving.”

“Do not ? parking - Chi ? main problem is lack of parking. Not really sure if enough money in Bognor to really support all the new bars / restaurants etc. Queensway’s a dump - can it really be modernised - I wouldn’t want to buy a flat in that area at the moment.”

“Do not believe the entire regeneration is dependent on the proposed cinema. I believe if the right mix of shops, cafe, bars, restaurants and live music venues are offered the regeneration will be viable. The Hothamton site should be used for a shopping mall not residential development.”

“Do not build on the bowling green and tennis courts. Leisure facilities should be retained and better signposted and publicised by the Council.”

“Do not close Picturedrome as this is place in favour of my family going to, also, keeping the top of Bognor busy and not having everything the other end!”

“DO NOT DO IT!”

“DO NOT GET RID OF OUR CINEMA FOR A MULTIPLEX CINEMA - WE DON’T NEED IT FOR PEOPLE CAN’T AFFORD THE PRICES THAT MULTIPLEX CHARGE!!!”

“Do not get rid of Picturedrome bxxxxx!”

“Do not get rid of Picturedrome. Would the apartments be “Social Housing” I have lived in Felpham for most of my life. Moved to Bognor 5 years ago and it is going down every day. Why not let Ms Portas give it a try?”

“Do not let go of the Picturedrome - this should be kept at all costs - it is a fantastic building in this day and age and a great place to take families to. No one wants another cinema in the town so DON’T BUILD ONE - Listen to the public if the place is thriving people will come you do not need bars and cafes all over the place to attract people - Once being a Director of a major Brand that has shops up and down the country I do know what customers want and you have to listen to the public! Please listen to the people of Bognor - they want investment - they want the place revitalised - they want transformation - BUT they don’t want another cinema and listen it is NOT an essential element to the scheme there are other ways to attract the public to the area.

“Do not need a new cinema the one we have is more than enough. We regularly attend the cinema and would not use a multiplex as they are too impersonal.”

“DO NOT NEED AN EXTRA CINEMA, BOGNOR REGIS WOULD BENEFIT FROM UPGRADING OF THE ALEXANDRA THEATRE AS BOTH OF THESE FACILITY’S ARE USED GREATLY.”

“Do not need another cinema we have a lovely one. We need more attractions for visitors to spend their money like a bowling alley or ice rink.”

“Do not need another cinema. If it went ahead as suggested and all these people pour into town where are they parking? How can it even be thought a hotel is viable. Apart from the odd weeks (i.e. Goodwood) am sure the hotels we have are never full. Butlins has cornered the market. If people are to be attracted to the town - the main shopping centre needs to be addressed to attract people and a stop to on street drinking and crowds of people (men) gathering and making your feel uncomfortable.”

“Do not need another cinema. People will not use restaurants. Lots of people don’t like going into Bognor at night - feel unsafe”

“DO NOT NEED TO HAVE A CINEMA WHEN WE HAVE A PERFECTLY ADEQUATE PICTUREDROME. BUT A BOWLPLEX OR ICE SKATING RINK WOULD BE GREAT, OR A SNOWDOME - INDOOR SKIING THERE IS NOTHING SIMILAR IN SURROUNDING AREAS.”

“Do not see the need for a multiplex cinema on the Regis site as we already have a cinema which is perfect for Bognor Regis and very affordable for families plus there is a cinema in Butlins. We have Morrison’s, Tesco and now Sainsbury’s already in and around Bognor so there are plenty of supermarkets already. We need something different to attract people to Bognor Regis not the same as the towns nearby.”

“Do not take away any more parking. Build on the things we already have and get big stores back into the town.”

“Do not want more flats, do not want new cinema. We have the Picturedrome and need something new that will bring in people from outside the area like an ice rink. More flats will not help the town!!”

“Do we really need more housing?? Unless more schools, doctors, dentists were built then more people would surely cause overcrowding. We do not NEED another Cinema the one we have is affordable and caters to most people’s needs. Why can’t we have an ice skating rink which would benefit the town more than another cinema and we certainly don’t need another TESCO’S. If Morrison’s/ Asda were to want the space then that would suit most people too.”

“You want old world charm or another. Q23 - Grandly? Buses will not run late for new cinema - do not stop on front anyway. Open space will create more loitering by E Europeans, spitting on ground, dropping cig-ends, riding clapped out bikes, too much lingering after dark and dossing down - drinking begging etc.”

“Don’t need another cinema, the recent investment in the existing one is great!”
“Don’t take away car parking”
“Don’t agree to a multi cinema or hotels”
“Don’t build a multiplex cinema! The current cinema is lovely and I couldn’t afford the prices of a multiplex.”
“Don’t build another eyesore ask the residents of Bognor Regis what they want and develop a scheme that fits the majority consensus. The architecture should follow a common theme for the town and its historic past and would ideally suit the esplanade grand”

“DON’T DO IT - KEEP PICTUREDROME”

“Don’t do it! Building new things would ruin Bognor!”
“Don’t do it! Don’t kill the cinema!!! We love the cinema! (25 first names supplied)”
“Don’t do it!!”
“Don’t forget it’s a seaside resort, no mention of the pier that needs total renovation. It’s an eyesore to Bognor Regis.”
“Don’t know why another cinema is required - would put the cinema we already have, in a beautiful building, out of business. Need more shops in Bognor - this is why I don’t shop in Bognor.”
“Don’t let Tesco’s in”

“DON’T lose car parking and no extra cinema we don’t want it”
“Don’t lose the Picturedrome. I attended a meeting there to help save it and want it to be preserved as a place of public entertainment. It’s an historical building and you ought to put money into it for restoration rather than plan a modern monstrosity.”
“Don’t mind, but don’t need a new cinema!”
“Don’t need a new cinema as other cinema will close down”
“Don’t need a new cinema! We have one already!”
“Don’t need cinema - want HMV”

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“Don’t shut the cinema down it’s a lovely building and has been decorated lovely”
“Don’t take any notice of the old farts of this town. It’s about time something was done to modernise Bognor Regis. As it stands now it’s a boring place to be living.”
“Don’t take away car parking. Bognor doesn’t need another cinema and it doesn’t need any more flats.”
“Don’t think the proposed cinema is necessary alongside the existing one”
“Don’t think there should be 2 cinemas”
“Don’t touch our cinema! It is great value. Add more clothing shops - e.g. Top Shop, Urban Outfitters, Primark, Republic, Disney shop. Water parks - Ice Skating Rink - Playzone - Bognor is so boring, let young people have more say in Bognor”
“Don’t want a multiplex!!”
“Don’t waste money on statues, we have one in town.”

“Echelon is a level of command or worthiness or a military formation - what does echelon parking mean?”

“ENCOURAGE FARMERS’ MARKETS AND FRENCH MARKETS TO UPGRADE THE TOWN.”
“Ensure the standard of buildings and environment are developed to a high quality standard; “New” development can also be ‘cheap and shoddy’ which will attract nobody to it.”

“Especially keen for development to improve potential for music events as currently we have to go to Portsmouth/Worthing/Brighton.”

“Everything depends on high quality retail and food outlets - unlikely with cinema multiplex. Bognor needs a unique feature to attract visitors and shoppers with high disposable income”

“Everything has been designed by people that do NOT have to live with it once it has been completed.”

“Everything is good news but the Picturedrome (which is great) would lose out if another cinema was built - so I am very opposed to a new cinema.”

“EVERYTHING IS GREAT IN MY OWN OPINION.”

“Everything needs to be very ‘high end’ to ensure attracting a good level of tourism. - Don’t like the idea of more tall buildings - Fitzleet Tower is already an eyesore why would we want more? - Please don’t neglect the rest of the town”

“Excess central residential buildings takes the soul out of the town.”

“Existing business must be considered. A skating rink or bowling alley would be beneficial to the town. Security must be used to prevent. Yob culture”

“Existing cinema is satisfactory. Ice rink would bring jobs & money to the town as there’s not another one within 30 miles. Theatre brings money in needs updating though.”

“Existing local hotels only benefit Butlins - new hotels remove lack of competition.”

“Existing LOCAL traders in Place St. Maur and surrounding area (parade) would be greatly affected by more cafes, etc. This town needs redevelopment of retail facilities, e.g. the encouragement of M & S, Debenhams - there are no decent retailers at present. Also recognition needs to be given to the business Butlins already bring into the town.”

“Facilities for families and young people. Also pleasant areas for older people to have refreshments and chatting. A roller skating/ice rink would be great. An area for a full sized market. Good shops and continental style cafes with summer outside seating.”

“Fail to invest - plan to fail”

“Fairly new to Bognor Regis so not all answers correct. We need to bring in visitors to our wonderful area in and around Bognor, create jobs to decrease number on benefits/alcoholics/drug abusers, get them off their backsides, serve national service to gain respect and decency regarding everyday living and duties necessary to be good neighbours and upright citizens. National service for at least a year will give us back decent, honest, hardworking citizens! Go for it guys!!”

“Liz Clifford - 65 years young full time Scheme Manager at Nyetimber Mill, Pagham Road, Bognor Regis”

“Far too many flats proposed - the area is already bursting with new housing developments and we can’t afford to lose all the car parking. We don’t need another cinema - the current one is perfect for a seaside town and anyone wanting a multiplex only has to drive to Chichester. We should be offering something Chichester hasn’t got in order to entice their residents over here - the best ideas would be centred around the most natural attraction, the sea - a
marina, restaurants/cafes on the prom. Why do we need a multiplex in order to have cafes, bars etc. Surely a more vibrant theatre will provide a substantial footfall.”

“Feel that some of the proposals are not appropriate for Bognor. Not sure aiming “up market” will work for the town. Am also VERY unhappy that the survival of the Picturedrome will be threatened.”

“Feel the Picturedrome issues is side tracking attention away from the future development of other facilities. No reason the Picturedrome shouldn’t remain but not to the detriment of all else.”

“Feel there should be a water park / open air swimming pool - not a cinema, residential development on Clarence Road 3+5 storeys too high.”

“Feel very strongly against a new cinema - we already have the delightful Picturedrome (what a waste of space) We need some quality buildings whatever they are, should lift the profile instead of the tacky markets that are springing up”

“Few years ago I bought a house in Bognor. Changed use into a B and B on the chance Bognor would be upgraded. I have spent a lot of cash. Been a lot of talk about this. Just get on with it, now.”

“Fewer benefit claimants in multi-occupancy properties I am sorry to say”

“Firstly I disagree with the wording of this questionnaire in question 11. To say ‘It is essential to have a cinema there in order to attract restaurants/bars etc.’ is the developer’s opinion and you are trying to mislead the public by putting in this statement. Other options have been a success in other towns. THE RESIDENTS SHOULD BE CHOOSING WHAT IS DEVELOPED IN BOGNOR, NOT THE DEVELOPER. A direct question should have been asked - ‘Do you want another cinema in Bognor?’. Also to imply that 2 cinemas can survive in Bognor is being ridiculous but that is the impression Modwen / ADC are giving. A lady representing the existing cinema said they would end their lease if another cinema was built. I have also seen a leaflet put through my door saying Modwen are going to invest £40 (?) million in Bognor. This also misleads the public. They are only putting money in to make a profit. Other builders would do the same. Lastly this is a big consultation. I think the whole of Bognor’s key leisure / social facilities should have been included. It should include the existing cinema, the possibility of a water sports facility at Butlins etc. I do not see how you can plan piecemeal.”

“Firstly I entirely agree that Bognor definitely needs something seriously done to bring it into the 21st Century and beyond, but it seems to me that the developers should have made their first priority the provision of adequate parking for whatever is subsequently designed, and one does have to wonder about their suitability to carry a basically small development rather than the seemingly much larger schemes that they have recently been involved with for better or worse. To take away nearly 300 parking spaces and then provide more entertainment, several more restaurants, “caffs” and numerous new flats (good attraction to the Council for the best part of £1m additional Council Tax) all of which need MORE parking rather than reductions in the immediate neighbourhood of the various activities, seems to be crass stupidity. We need good QUALITY restaurants and with better ones being at first floor level where local people would be proud and pleased to go and recommend to their friends. Currently there is virtually nothing to attract locals to spend an evening in a restaurant on the Bognor sea front and that needs to be urgently addressed. We need something along the lines of the square at the end of East Street where there are quality restaurants and shops that constantly attract “punters” and whilst there is admittedly a cinema nearby, it is a specialist one and not a multiplex, and it is certainly noticeable that the cinema audiences at the south end of Chichester are not reflected in attendances at the local eating houses. In no way can I see that the present proposals and scheme will bring additional tourists to Bognor since there will be little effectively for them to spend their money and one does have to wonder if the visitors to new hotels at Butlins and eventually to the two or three also proposed for the site ever really do much spending in the town.”

“Firstly I feel question 11 is very badly worded, it basically says if you do not agree with the cinema then nothing else can be considered- surely it would have been better to break the question down. That aside, I feel that a new multiplex cinema would quickly shut the Picturedrome down- it says in the radio interview that an ice rink isn’t possible due to the current climate, I personally given a choice would rather pay a little bit more council tax than have to pay between 7-10 pounds every time I went to the cinema as this would ultimately work out a lot more expensive. The Picturedrome is a fantastic asset in Bognor and allows people to take their children for a trip out without costing an arm and a leg. Also in order to get to Bognor from the majority of outside towns, people would have to travel through or very near to Chichester so surely people will still stop at Chichester for a multiplex whereas there is not an ice rink for miles. I currently know a lot of people who travel from Chichester to Bognor Regis to come to the Picturedrome and they would not do this to come to a multiplex. I strongly feel that this survey is a waste of time- there have been petitions given in to save the Picturedrome which have been ignored and the tone in the current propositions is very much coming across that you have already made up your minds about what is going to happen which I think is inappropriate.”

“Firstly my views are all on saving our existing cinema, to many of our historic building have been knocked down and been replaced by non-profitable and unsightly buildings, two much open space, although can be nice, will all be used for the wrong purposes and will encourage loitering and youths gathering which will result in crime. There is a multiplex cinema in Chichester which is only 6 miles up the road and caters a lot of free parking, Bognor will not be able to supply the parking needed for the amount proposed and will cause people to park outside private residence. We need money injected to up the ante and make the town somewhere people WANT to visit, it looks a slum and extremely run down, it needs to go up market and not like previous regeneration proposals to make it look like a toon town.”

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“Firstly I oppose and object most strongly to the idea of second cinema. I have two children and I do not want to have expensive cinema in competition with the existing, most adequate facility. Much money has been invested in making the existing historic cinema as financially viable as possible, and it more than meets the needs of families purses locally, so feel it would shameful to put such out of business. Secondly, I feel that much more effort should be made to improve the High Street and surrounding area by upgrading the quality of shops/shop fronts by investing in projects to reduce rent to attract independent businesses/ quality markets and investment in the town. Thirdly, I do see the value of having affordable housing available which funds other leisure spaces and upgrades the Regis Centre to be a thriving modern venue which becomes the central venue for Bognor Regis, but the housing must be suitable for local residents not holiday lets or accommodation that is too expensive to sell and ends up being empty for years. We do need better quality cafe -tea houses on the seafront please.”

“Fitzleet House is an eyesore - for miles around! Why not knock it down and redevelop the whole site, and with well designed residential building - NOT the ‘prison’ like stuff being built in local town.”

“Fitzleet Tower is a true eyesore - demolish!! The areas surrounding it i.e. Queensway, back of Morrison’s and the car park are run down and shabby. Too many charity shops and odd shops / restaurants...
on Queensway. A new cinema would be nice, but not at entry prices of £9 like Cineworld in Chichester. I know a few people who use the current Bognor cinema a lot more than Cineworld due to the prices. Mixed views on apartments on seafront. Although the new build on Alexandra will look nice and modern, it will highlight just how shabby the buildings are across the road.”

“Flats and apartments will only attract yet more retired people. Increase in size of theatre extremely disappointing - still not large enough to attract good touring companies and groups. Also, originally 2 first class theatres were pulled down only to be replaced by one small venue. Also, the esplanade was fully used by amateur groups - no provision in new plans.”

“FLATS many owned by people with other homes have ruined Bognor seafront. If you wish to attract visitors you must provide something for them to do. Butlins have shown what is needed to attract holiday visitors. The high cost of homes is not the construction but the land they stand on. An ice rink would attract many supporters.”

“Flats?? more unsold expensive property or greatly needed social housing?? for local people. Surely the £40,000.00 should fund all of it or is it only being generated after sales of the flats is it a case of RIP Bognor Regis”

“For these plans to be successful I think more parking spaces will be needed as the new 60 space car park is much smaller than the existing theatre car park which is already used by shoppers and workers. Will the new hotel have its own parking? Will parking for cinema visitors be free as it is in Chichester? Will the existing Picturedrome be protected by having access to current films? More shops would be good but only if they are affordable to independent retailers and not prohibitively expensive.”

“For years Bognor has declined because of the lack of places for entertainment. Let’s give people a reason to come and enjoy a lovely seaside town.”

“For years Council have made empty promises. All redevelopment goes to Littlehampton. It’s about time money was spent on Bognor and drag it into the 21st Century. With all people that visit Butlins when they come into town centre, there is nothing for them with more shops/bars, hopefully that will attract more people.”

“Forget them just improve what we have remove all that horrible entertainment. Let’s give people a reason to come and enjoy a lovely seaside town.”

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“GET MARKS AND SPENCER’S TO RETURN TO BOGNOR WITH CAR PARKING SPACE. THAT WOULD BE A GREAT ATTRACTION.”

“Get more leisure facilities. Bowling, Swimming, ice skating”

“Get on with it as a matter of urgency. Can the planning process be sped up so that CONSTRUCTION starts in late 2013?”

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“Get rid of cinema!!!”

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“Get rid of some of the ugly buildings in Bognor like the health centre and fire station. They make it look like soviet Russia. I would like a nice swimming pool/spa/health club in Bognor. Thank you”
“Get rid of St Modwen - They have been around sniffing about for too long”

“Get rid of St t Modwen and don’t destroy the parking don’t want a multiplex”

“Get rid of the multiplex”

“Get someone other than St Modwen to redesign the town - someone that knows what BOGNOR RESIDENTS want not what ARUN want.”

“Go away St. Modwen. We are better off as we are.”

“GO BOGNOR”

“Go for it !!!”

“Go to Weston Super Mare to see how a seaside can be improved. start be getting rid of the eastern Europeans and drunks and drug addicts as they all put people off visiting Bognor. as there is more to improving the town than bricks and mortar. sorry if what I said offends but it is the truth, face up to it.”

“God makes all things new!”

“Good development in Bognor Regis area and seaside good view, great history era in Bognor Regis.”

“Good idea. It will bring Bognor Regis into the 21st Century.”

“Good shops - Bars - mores too”

“Got a cinema, don’t need a further one. What about a ski slope or skating rink to attract people from afar. A cinema won’t. Flats do nobody any good only investors not the town. People who visit Bognor want to be entertained.”

“Great idea until I read about flats going up - don’t you think we have enough of them. They have spoilt Bognor Sea Front we need leisure and pleasure for all ages, something instead of flats an ice skating rink something for all ages.”

“Great idea which I would support 100%.”

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“Great to see that further investment in being considered for Bognor town centre, this will no doubt raise the profile of the town and attract more visitors and revenue.”

“Great we need something otherwise we might as well turn the lights out and go home”

“Growth is vital for investment in the future. Only this will promote the economy of Bognor!”

“Guildford is the nearest Ice skating rink. Bognor would benefit such entertainment and draw in crowds from a distance.”

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“Has anyone thought about the traffic problems with this project?”

“Has the "wind tunnel" effect of Queensway been accounted for? We need competition for Butlins. London Road and High Street also need a revamp and we need to attract shops like M & S to return to the town. People go to Chichester/Portsmouth and Worthing to "big" shop. We need to keep people here. We need to spend money to make it, so more free parking to rejuvenate the centre.”

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"Having lived here for 18 months, I can see the need for development. Would a new hotel have a negative impact on existing hotels? Bognor is predominately made up of us elderly which need great consideration. Would parking spaces increase? I am dismayed at how "run down" back of town housing look and would not want to live near there or for our visitors to see this area, can't something be done to improve this area?"

"Having lived in Bognor for the last 41 years I feel it's about time that we as a town, were due for re-development. I have been longing for the talked about proposed Mariner, together with more retail developments, such as an indoor Shopping Mall, incorporating Restaurants, and a general feeling of 'safe' space - such as the Cabot Circus Shopping Mall in Bristol. We as Bognor residents, should be proud to live in such a beautiful area, with access to the beach, The South Downs, and, facilities such as Goodwood and Fontwell racecourses on our door steps. We should also be doing our best to provide additional employment opportunities in the area, such developments would encompass this, starting with jobs for builders, tradesmen whilst the development takes place, then onto retail / catering assistants within the new units, etc. It doesn't take a fool to see that a majority of the residents visit other towns and cities for their shopping requirements, as at the moment, Bognor clearly has nothing to offer. We could benefit from shops such as Primark, and a Department store - such as Debenhams. Bognor is therefore losing a lot of footfall to surrounding Cities, i.e., Chichester, Portsmouth and Brighton - who currently have a great deal more to offer. We should be taking a lead from Butlins, who have clearly invested a great deal of money in the town, and should be doing our best to entertain their guests and encourage repeat visits, rather than settling for Bognor being the brunt of many a joke!"

"Having lived in Bognor Regis for over 50 years I have attended many redevelopment designs, apart from the Alexandra Theatre buildings nothing has ever happened, This design was a disaster from the very beginning, the main asset we have is the beach and seafront, this must be used to the maximum effect. Many beautiful buildings over the last 50 years have been pulled down and replaced by ugly slums. The Picturedrome is a lovely building, I feel if you drop the destruction of this well-loved cinema you may stand more chance of having support from the local people. Please go to City gate the Chichester cinema and see the empty seats, if Chichester cannot fill a multiplex how can Bognor expect to."

"Having lived in Chichester and visited Chichester Gate which has a large multiplex cinema and bowling alley I would say that the cinema has no impact at all on the surrounding restaurants and bar. I have seen lots of restaurants go out of business as have bars as these are not visited along with the cinema. I think that to say without the cinema Bognor would not get the extra bars and restaurants is total rubbish, Bognor doesn't have many decent restaurants to eat out in and I think it needs these without the cinema. I still visit Chichester for a meal out/ evening out as there are no places such as Pizza Express and Prezzo to eat in. These are the kinds of places people want to eat in. It would also be awful to think of the Picturedrome going out of business this is something I really do not want to see happen. Also money should be invested in bringing up all the down beat buildings that are along the seafront, a lick of paint would be enough especially down the pier end of the seafront it looks awful. I do not think Bognor should lose it's only family restaurant, The Regis, please see that this stays!!! With regard to my choice of a supermarket Please do not let this be another Tesco!!! How about moving Morrison's here to make it a bigger and nicer shop?"

"Having looked at the proposal (being a resident of Bognor) I feel that the development would not give us any new facilities, you are basically pitching a new cinema (when we already have an excellent cinema) and a new theatre (when we already have a theatre that to be fair has / is failing) I strongly believe that building a new cinema would put our local cinema out of business, our council should show more respect and pride in our very old and beautiful cinema and protect it. I strongly oppose the building of a multiplex cinema in Bognor Regis. I also feel that this survey is written in a fashion that angles the statements and makes you feel that you are doing something negative if you disagree with the development e.g. options in question 11. Parking for this development is in my opinion is far too small and would cause real problems. I would like to see the council spend money in general on tidying up the town, and making it a nicer place to visit."

"Having looked into many St Modwen's developments, building flats, houses is their priority. Profit, they are only interested in Bognor for profit. If this was such a great opportunity and so marvellous give it to Arundel or Chichester, then see how much ADC would love the proposals. Bognor is a seaside, family resort and only needs small, low cost solutions. Smarten up the Regis Centre outside and in, it' a mess. Stop daytime street drinking, it brings the town down. It doesn't need a lot of brains to see what Bognor needs. Who is benefitting from St. Modwens apart from them and councillors, certainly not the residents of Bognor Regis."

"Having recently moved from Horsham, I am aware of the benefits which come from redevelopment. There was a lot of opposition initially but 10 years down the line the town centre is much more vibrant and there are 2 town centre festivals a year with fair rides and stalls, a French Market over 2 or 3 days once a year and 2 vibrant local markets on a Saturday. If this can happen in Bognor it will be wonderful."

"Having witnessed proposals for the improvement of the town centre area since 1961, I am not optimistic of the outcome of these proposals. The previous redevelopment of the Rex Ballroom site (now Regis Centre) was a disaster on several levels, not least poor architecture - construction. I hope more care will be taken this time as there is an opportunity to provide facilities that the town badly needs. Fitzleet really needs demolishing, but any development should be limited to a maximum of 4 storeys in my opinion."

"HELL YEAH I'LL EVEN HELP BUILD IT. GET RID OF THE PICTUREDROME (ITS **** expletive deleted)."

"Help your local people"

"Hi, the questions did not allow me to specify with which parts I did / didn't agree with. The Regis centre is an asset to the town and should be developed in order to attract touring companies and better shows in order to bring money to the town... This area could then attract people for dinner / evening drinks. There is no money in central Bognor Regis (I'm not sure what the last % count of how many Polish people there are living in Bognor, but these people do not spend their money here, they send it home). The Regis centre area needs to have an Ice Skating rink built here (and restaurants and cafes). The nearest rink is Gosport or Guildford. Ice skating is big money (how many people tune into dancing on ice each week?). This would then attract people from all along the coast to come into Bognor. The only people currently coming into Bognor are those who live there and walk in and on low income (hence why there are so many charity shops), anyone with money would go to Chichester. We do not need a cinema (we have one, which was passionately fought to protect and keep for by many many local people - the auditorium was full on the evening of the meeting). Once again anyone with money would go to Chichester Cineworld - Bognor can be a desolate and frightening place at night due to the change in social and cultural mix over the past 5 years. A rink would be something different that would attract people to want to stay in your 80 room hotel in winter (who wants to come to the seaside in
winter??? Butlins struggles to fill their rooms which is why they have themed weekends in the winter). Dancing on ice celebrities could tour and visit the rink for shows. We could have an ice hockey team... the ideas are endless!! Think out of the box. The south coast is saturated with cinemas. I am happy to discuss my ideas further should you need help. Thanks.”

“Highways are becoming clogged with traffic and much more needs to be done. A park and ride or even two (east & west) might help.”

“Hope it will be kept clean and tidy at all times.”

“Hopefully it will bring prosperity and success to Bognor.”

“Hopefully would bring other retailers and smarten it up. I would not want to see further residential on seafront, but accept we need the apartments to fund developments, so suggest maximising the Hothamton site for residential and using seafront for recreational.”

“Hotel proposed - why not refurbish the 2 seafront hotels we have - they are nice old buildings - developing and improving the pier would be a real feature - high risk flats 6 floors on both sites would be overwhelmingly horrendous - not enough car parking space - Bognor does not need radically modern buildings that are characterless and definitely the Picturedrome should be retained and improved.”

“Hotel should be front line facing sea!! more apartments will help fund front line buildings”

“Hotel should be situated on seafront”

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“Hotel with no sea views? but cinema with sea views! ground floor restaurants with no views, needs to be first floor inadequate parking and traffic management throughout no relationship between key sites of town and no association with seafront promenade. needs more integration with existing facilities. minimum job opportunities likely to be provided and low paid jobs only. outdoor amphitheatre needed for summer music/entertainment and winter skating rink. seafront upgrade needed like Bexhill. Cinema needs to be multi-purpose performance space to attract a variety of events.”

“Hotel would be better sited at front of site with residential behind? Bognor Regis needs an open space to sit and overlook the sea - cannot understand why pedestrianised esplanade was rejected. Could not the leisure area extend over the roadway? Why the obsession with a cinema and such a large one? must be other attractions with potential to draw people in -why is a bowling alley too big for the site? Why not a good exhibition area for art shows or otherwise (with cafes etc.) Wider imagination needed! Dance venue. Hothamton site - Both a car park and residential seem such a waste of such a central site Why not a tree lined open space with a bandstand and perhaps a greenhouse conservatory with exotic plants? Potential future Rox festival site (winter garden). Please relocate the hideous Health Centre (but retain the Lamb Inn. Thank you for the consultation.”

“Hotham Park is the last green area where people can enjoy family life, otherwise just shops and residential area left in Bognor. Queensway does need a facelift and more use - feel this area does need good development. The Regis site also has potential, but not convinced by another cinema and more residential properties.”

“Hothamton car park full all day. We can’t afford to lose it. Going to Felpham in evening often driving on Esplanade. To make restricted traffic flow won’t work people drawing up plans need to spend some time in town to get a feel for how it works.”

“Hothamton car park is always full - to lose it would be to the town detriment. Another supermarket would see the demise of the excellent Morrison’s. The Queensway has 50% empty shops, so 1st priority is to regenerate them. Retain historic Picturedrome and develop space in front of railway station.”

“Hothamton site should be used for retail use only - NO MORE FLATS. Regis Centre site should be for leisure use only, no need for a cinema or hotel. Bognor already has hotels which are underused and also a fine cinema. This scheme brings nothing exciting to the table. No More Flats on the seafront.”

“Hothamton would better be used for BOTH a supermarket and residential. Perhaps with the number of storeys increased to accommodate the supermarket on the bottom.”

“How are developments being funded? Are flats - Council flats or private? If private don’t want them. Obviously not giving £40 million away, how is this being paid back? This will ruin small businesses and cafes in Bognor that are already struggling. Don’t want Bognor to look like just any other seaside town - with a big developer coming in and cloning it. Investment needs to be invested in small local businesses as promised by this government. Bognor wants to retain its character and not look like any other town; we have a good enough cinema which is well priced, no need for new one.”

“How can reducing car parking spaces from 187 to 60 be an improvement? A multiplex cinema is not wanted by residents and efforts should be made to improve the seafront and beach which is a far greater draw to the town than a multiplex would be.”

“How do you expect to fill all the new shops, when many are standing long term empty? What guarantees are there for safety for the public especially at night? From vagrants and undesirables? It will be a great shame to lose the Regis Pub!!”

“How is this regeneration? You will close 1 cinema to open another. I can’t see people coming to Bognor for a cinema so why bother.”

“How many parking spaces will be removed? How many parking spaces will be made / retained? considering 360 new properties. Do the sums add up I have already written about multi storey parking at other sites. I think Block 8 should have outlets - ground floor facing sea.”

“I absolutely fail to see why the development HAS to include a multiplex and so many apartments, whilst losing valuable parking spaces. We have an excellent and much, much cheaper cinema which I use very regularly. The multiplex at Chichester gate is failing, and is far too expensive to visit on a regular basis, so I just do not see how it will benefit Bognor in any way whatsoever. If people really want a multiplex they will drive a few miles to Chichester. If they want to go to the cinema in their home town they will pay an awful lot less and go to the Picturedrome, where they will also not find it a pain to park (I’ve given up and gone home in the past, which is why I NEVER patronise it now!), and not be massively ripped off for food and drink. I additionally fail to see how building more expensive apartment blocks at the expense of already valuable parking spaces will help to attract more tourists to the town. Surely we should be celebrating Bognor as a seaside resort, not making it even more bland, and hiding the sea view behind a monstrosity of a multiplex and that no-one wants or needs, or will patronise on a regular basis.”
“I actually like Bognor Regis as it is. I enjoy driving through it on the way home from work. The reason? Because it is calm, I like the sea and driving beside the promenade with the sea at one side is truly beautiful. During the night, having the dark unspoilt sea horizon is something I value beyond any financial benefits of having more development. In short, I like Bognor Regis the way it is. There are plenty of opportunities for shops and cafes already, and the businesses that are there already need help through making the access to the town easier by improving the flow of traffic and the availability of cheap parking. I do not want my home town modernised into this homogeneous place that people say we should live in. We should be proud of the heritage and character that it has. And there is plenty. If I were to say one thing, I would like to see enhanced policing and a push to tidy the place up. It really is already full of life and has natural charm. Do not compare this town to many industrial towns in the north where they have to spend this sort of money to make the place habitable. It is true that there are pockets of deprivation, but this will not go away by doing this. I love our theatre and would like to see it improved of course. But I can only see it being a temporary gesture and in a few years’ time, a proposal for a change of use. The cinema would be ok if it didn’t have to go where it is. As I said, I like the seafront and I can imagine the chaos the narrowing of the road and the parking along the esplanade would create. The theatre should be the main focus and within it, one or two cinema screens. If it were a combined use building, I think the proposal would be a lot more palatable. I also think 5 screens is excessive. We already have a smaller cinema which I would hate to see go to the wall, but I fear the situation of a new cinema would ruin any prospects for this long established business. A supermarket is actually quite a good idea. This really would improve the town - Morrison’s is excellent, and would be complimented by another player in the market. I think this would draw in far more people than the proposed development - local people. A hotel might be a good idea and I am not opposed to one in principal although I fear that the situation of it is far too close to the waterfront.”

“I agree some minor development would benefit the area in general, but no to cinema, yes to more small cafes and eateries. A town Square for Hothamton would be great, but more residential development is not a good idea as the parking needed for residents is already poor. Why bother regenerating area when there’s nowhere to park if you do go there, and most parking spaces these days are so tight for modern vehicles it makes visiting a nightmare. It would be better to focus on improving and expanding car parking areas and making them really cheap so that people can visit, or creating out of town park and ride schemes available. London Rd Car Park is desperately in need of complete renovation, so is Hothamton, why not invest in these? The Alexandra Theatre is in a great location, just needs a facelift. If the Council wants to make money and savings, vacate the Town Hall to have all staff in Civic Centre L.ton and let the Town Hall be made into restaurant and commercial premises.”

“I agree that Bognor is in need of regeneration, but not at the cost of existing businesses such as the Picturedrome, which is not only a beautiful grade 2 listed building but also provides an affordable service for many families who would not be able to afford the prices of a larger multiplex cinema.”

“I agree that some more cafe/restaurants etc would be good, but the cinema would be a huge mistake. The picture Rome, which we go to frequently, would suffer. It is a beautiful old cinema, and should be preserved as a land Mark of Bognor town centre. The introduction of another cinema would affect the picture dromedary success greatly.”

“I agree with the new cinema project [same prices as present] and I would like Fitzlees Tower to be smaller”

“I agree with the new cinema project”

“I agree with the redevelopment of Bognor and facilities as they are greatly required, however there needs to be restaurants such as Prezzo, Cafe Rouge or similar and an Ice Rink, as this would benefit all ages and would also attract the public to the cafes at all times of the year.”

“I agree with the regeneration of the town and surrounding areas but I don’t think we should sacrifice the existing cinema which offers great value for money. If a high priced cinema came to town and the old one closed, I just would not go to the cinema again because I refuse to pay the prices. Having two small children growing up in the area it would be nice for everyone to have a town they are proud to come from and a good mix of facilities.”

“I am a Bognor resident, however I visit Chichester for all my shopping and social trips. I think Bognor needs to offer a lot more.”

“I am a business owner in the town centre - I am very unhappy regarding this. More flats would damage the town! No to a cinema - no to flats - just entertainment only! Q16 - more parking required”

“I am a regular visitor to Bognor town centre and I am very disappointed with the proposals here. I feel that too much emphasis has been given to apartments and not enough thought put in to the facilities provided alongside. We already have a lovely unique cinema in our town why are we trying to put it out of business? The ticket prices at the Picturedrome at the weekend, are a third of the price of those at the Multiplex in Chichester!!! This is a lot of money to a family enjoying an afternoon or evening out. There are numerous other ideas for leisure facilities and I feel it is very short sighted of ADC to have let St Modwen railroad them in to a Multiplex and high rise flats that we do not need. I do wholeheartedly support regeneration in Bognor Regis but I feel that it needs to be right for the town not just an engine for a developer to make money.”

“I am against a multiplex cinema - I believe it will kill the cinema already in town. To bring money into the town we should be building something that isn’t available in nearby towns to bring residents in from other areas. To improve Bognor community for example Ice Rink / Go Carts for these types of activities you have to travel over 30mins to get to them.”

“I am against lack of parking. I am very much against another cinema and against another Supermarket, charge Butlins more to raise money.”

“I am against the construction of a new cinema in Bognor.”

“I am against the multiplex because it jeopardises the Picturedrome which is an asset to Bognor and the whole area”

“I am against the new cinema complex as I think the current Bognor cinema is great and is reasonably priced.”

“I AM ALL FOR BOGNOR MOVING FORWARD BUT HAVE SOME CONCERNS OVER PARKING ISSUES. POSSIBLY AN UNDERGROUND CAR PARK COULD BE INCORPORATED WITHIN THE SCHEME.”

“I am all for new development. Would be good to have cafes etc that stay open later. especially in the summer. But very against have a new cinema. If anyone wants to go to see all the latest movies etc then they can go to Chichester to see them. I can’t afford to go very often, hence why I want to keep Bognor Cinema.”

“I am all for new restaurants for the Regis Centre proposal, however I don’t think we need another cinema. Picturedrome is perfect for Bognor: We use it and we refuse to pay extortionate prices at
Chichester cinema. I feel Bognor would benefit from an indoor ice skating. The nearest is Gosport! This would also give families another option for Birthday parties.”

“I am appalled that yet again, another council is desperate to build a new ‘complex’ including cinema etc. The Picturedrome cinema is friendly, affordable and is a part of Bognor that should not be changed. I dislike going to Chichester Gate Cineworld complex for the reason that it is so expensive and I actually like helping a local towns business stay afloat. The housing is going to be built to house more people who don’t have jobs, and of course to house immigrants. How about using some money to make improvements to the rest of the town first before building on top of it.”

“I am at a loss to understand why the council feels a new cinema is needed in Bognor. The Picturedrome serves the local community very well: providing affordable entertainment to families, many of whom would not be able to afford the luxury. Whilst I appreciate rejuvenation is essential to keep any town moving forward, and to ensure you attract tourists. Allowing a new cinema to be built, and thus effectively destroying the Picturedrome seems to be ludicrous.”

“I am aware of the multiplex proposal but I feel it would be a retrograde step and increase costs of going to the pictures. I like the Picturedrome. I appreciate the need for change but feel it is at the expense of other amenities. The total lack of parking for visitors to the flats, hotels and new multiplex are unrealistic and would cause problems for anyone trying to go there as well as there are far too few places. Bognor needs a new realistic parking proposal with a car park on site if it is to succeed with space for hundreds not tens of cars. Fees also need to be low to get people in to Bognor to spend or else they won’t bother coming in”

“I am certainly not against change and believe that Bognor would benefit from money spent in rejuvenating the town centre and facilities. However I think that this would be more beneficial if more thought was put into the town centre shopping area itself. I am particularly against the proposal for a multiplex cinema which I believe would end the future of the current Picturedrome. This is one of the many things which I feel gives Bognor Regis a special individuality that is becoming scarce and if lost will be very difficult to regain. I am in favour of some of the proposals to update the Regis centre (this is set in a great location near the sea front and if redeveloped correctly and in-keeping with the surrounding area would certainly help the local economy). As one of the options stated previously in this survey an open air market would be good idea without changing the town’s identity, along with children’s play areas. After the building of the housing estate near the Royal Oak pub and other housing developments in Felpham I do not feel further building would help Bognor Regis.”

“I am concerned about the potential loss of the Picturedrome that has recently been refurbished. The Picturedrome is used by many people, including myself, regularly. A multi-screen cinema will do nothing to help the town & I do not see that it’s an essential format and are simply coming to Bognor Regis to make a carbon copy of what they’ve done elsewhere. The trouble is that this little town is NOT like other places and that really, really HAS to be taken in consideration. The Chichester Gate complex should be enough warning that small West Sussex towns don’t need these kind of complexes. There is simply not the interest in them. The prices in the cinema there are outrageous! I went to The Picturedrome in Bognor Regis (which, incidentally will be put out of business by any new cinema complex) and got my whole family in, plus sweets/drinks/popcorn for less than two adult tickets would have cost in Chi Gate. And the place was packed! Bognor Regis is not an affluent town; people cannot afford to pay these prices! We do not need any more chain restaurants (which is exactly what will be done)”
placed in the Alexandra Theatre space; these companies already have enough places to make their millions from. We do not need any more housing right there either; there are still many, many houses for sale in the recent developments in Rose Green and both sites on the Chichester Road, as they were not as successful as hoped. We do not need a modern looking seafront; we want to retain the heritage of the town and, whilst regeneration is needed, it HAS to be in keeping with the older style buildings that made Bognor become Bognor Regis! Have a look at the University site, which has regenerated successfully and sympathetically to the original buildings. I am most concerned about more high rise buildings appearing; the Fitzleet site is an eyesore that can be seen from miles away as it is. We absolutely DO NOT want a bundle of them! If anyone does actually read these comments and really cares about what 'the people think', listen up... Please, please, please rethink these absurd proposals, for the good of the future of this town. We do not want or need this extreme regeneration."

"I am fed up the Arun DC banging on about the new cinema complex. Bognor just needs to look at Chichester Gate to see what an eyesore these things are. It is a ghost town and badly designed. I also resent the lies being spread that the town can support two cinemas. The Picturedrome, which is highly valued by the community would not be able to compete to get the best films first. If this development goes ahead against the wishes of the people of Bognor(everyone I talk to is against it) then the integrity of the all the councillors should be called into question. The question around the cinema is also badly worded, suggesting that you can’t have the bars/restaurants without the cinema. There are already bars and restaurants that are struggling so we don’t need anymore."

"I am greatly concerned about losing Bognor’s current cinema. This is a place all families can afford to go to even in these hard times. A new multi chain cinema will be harmful to the survival of the picture dome & ultimately the end of cinema accessible to all!"

"I am greatly for a better theatre providing this does not greatly increase in price of tickets. However the building of a new cinema complex I am against as the reason we all use Bognor Picturedrome is for its locality and cheap tickets, also the feel and look of the cinema. This new cinema would no doubt be along the lines of the Cinegate in Chichester which costs a FORTUNE to see a film! it’s too costly in times when money is hard. I am for the hotel, cafe and bars to increase tourism. This new design should not be just about tourism but actually bringing some "worth" for RESIDENTS to Bognor as we have nothing of entertainment. i.e. no bowling alleys, skating etc. We don’t need more hotels we need entertainment! PLEASE listen to the actual RESIDENTS OF Bognor for the younger generation to have some fun locally. Not just tourism and selling of flats to people who have money! It will soon be like other areas and be just for the affluent people, we need this change for tourism and “real” people who need some fun in their lives and happy children who want to grow up and live in Bognor, not just get out when they become of age!"

"I AM GREATLY OPPOSED TO THE SALE OF SWANSEA GARDENS (A LOVELY GREEN SITE) TO PAY FOR ITEMS WE DO NOT REQUIRE IN THE TOWN."

"I am in favour of getting regeneration of Bognor Regis started - I am not in favour of any high-rise apartments - 6 storeys is too high. I think Fitzleet House is an eyesore and personally would like to see it demolished altogether, although I realise this is not feasible. Also the Place St. Maur is dingy and in need of some TLC while we await the progress of this regeneration scheme. I wish you good luck and hope it goes ahead, albeit with some amendments - Don’t like the market!"

"I am in favour of improving facilities in Bognor for residents and visitors - For decades Arun have focused all positive development on Littlehampton, ignoring Bognor other than to allow the demolition of any building with architectural merit. Bognor needs far more investment than this to resuscitate it as an attractive holiday town. I therefore welcome proposals to invest in public facilities, but strongly object to the proposal to install an unwanted multi-screen cinema. The Picturedrome is currently a major attraction of local people into Bognor due to its low prices compared to multiplex chains. We live in Eastergate and, after years of whining Bognor, have been driven back there by the ridiculous prices of the cinema in Chichester. This has led us to spend money in other areas of Bognor that we would not otherwise have done. A multiplex cinema in Bognor would close the Picturedrome, at which point hundreds of families like ours living in the areas adjacent to Bognor will stop going there altogether and reluctantly return to using Chichester for everything, including the cinema. Please take this seriously: Living where we do we know that residents of the satellite villages prefer to pretend Bognor doesn’t exist - don’t kill off it’s only chance to attract these people there."

"I am in favour of the Regis site proposals and would love a new cinema my concerns are of parking, by building on two car parks where are the cars that park there now going to go? Also these developments will in turn create the need for more parking not less. Otherwise I am happy for the redevelopment of the Regis site to take place and only wish it could be done sooner rather than later."

"I am in large in favour of Economic Regeneration: as long as the Picturedrome cinema STAYS! Also can you reassure me of a road system to cope with a much larger volume of Traffic."

"I am insulted that you use the slogan, Your Town, Your Future, Your say..... You are clearly telling us what you want to do! The local public have clearly stated that a cinema is not wanted and the fact that you feel the need to justify it in the proposal indicates that you know public feeling. The wording tells me that I should accept a cinema or get no development. The aim of a bigger plan like an ice rink etc is to bring people into Bognor from the surrounding areas, thus regenerating the whole town and not only the areas that can hold flats! I completely understand that St. Modwen is not a charity thus regenerating the whole town and not only the areas that can hold flats! I completely understand that St. Modwen is not a charity and that their pay off is in the accommodation, I am not against that at all. But, we have a cinema and for those that want more choice or those who have the budget to go, Chichester is only 5 miles away. If ADC want to help out the folk of Littlehampton through the back door by putting a cinema closer for them, then build it in Littlehampton! Building a cinema in a town that does not want it is lazy planning. If my choice is to accept a cinema in order to get restaurants or get nothing then I choose to continue to visit the very affordable Picturedrome and I will continue to eat out in Chichester and I will also continue to put my money into the Guildford Spectrum....a council who obviously had some vision!! This consultation has rummled on for years and I dare say it will go a few more until you get the answers that you are looking for, for good luck with your Iamax, Cineworld or whichever, I will not be using it and I will not finance my children to either, purely because it is my town, it is my family’s future but it was not our say!"

"I am not a BR resident but do enjoy the Picturedrome which is my family’s future but it was not our say!"

"I am not against change though my only concern in creating more residential properties would be the shortage of school places and jobs in the area. I am however definitely against the cinema. It would kill off the Picturedrome which people have fought hard to save. I could not afford to attend a multiplex cinema and if I wanted to go to one Chichester is only up the road. It’s a shame that couldn't be something more original that would bring people from
considered developments. This monstrous development would be cottages and other buildings of character in previously ill-is doomed as Bognor has already lost virtually all the old seafront "I am opposed to any development that would impact on the young people/children of Bognor." support the Picturedrome and have some other activities provided as it is leading." should support. I am very disappointed in the wording of this survey something Bognor can be proud of and as the local authority you
meetings and effort put in to saving it. It will not be able to compete with a large multiplex outbidding it for new releases etc and will be a tragic loss as part of Bognor’s history and mine.” “I am not in favour of these proposals because: 1. If a new development attracts more people we will need more parking spaces, not less, and cutting spaces at the Hothamton car park will affect the shops in the north end of town. Echelon parking is dangerous and making the Esplanade one way means one traffic in the High street, cutting off the London Road from the beach area more than it is already. 2. The 200 student flats should be built nearer to the college using the land between the campus and Felpham Way). Then you could put a single block of 80 flats next to the Fitzleat House tower block, and have no flats on the Regis site. This would leave most of the Hothamton car parking spaces intact. 3. Another idea might be to offer Morrison’s the Hothamton site to develop as their new store, complete with multi-storey parking and flats on top. This would free up the existing Morrison’s land for further development at a later date. Indeed, the land could be used as a temporary car park for the time being (they did this in Portsmouth when the Tricorn Centre was demolished). 4. There are no seaside attractions in the Regis site plans. Most visitors will have cinemas in or near their home towns and won’t be coming to the seaside to go to the pictures. This prime site should contain entertainment for all i.e. indoor and outdoor areas to sit, eat, drink and enjoy the seaside views. A soft play area, infant play area, laser tag, bowling alley, roller rink, and a covered outside area for seaside events would be more appropriate. The buildings on the site should be built one floor up leaving the ground level for car parking. This also allows a better view of the sea over the Promenade from those buildings. Any hotel should face the sea not Belmont Street and be above the other facilities. No flats. I know there are people in the town who would love to work with St Modwen to help come up with some modifications to these proposals which would give us the attractions the town needs on the front without reducing the developer’s profit.” “I am not totally against a redevelopment programme, but fell the amount of flats proposed to be too many. Also I have grave worries on the parking facilities, most people need parking as near to the shops as possible. We do have quite an elderly population in the area.” “I am opposed overall to the developments as they require a new cinema complex and relatively high rise residential housing at Hothamton.” “I am opposed to a multiplex cinema, as this would destroy the future of the Picturedrome. I believe the model of an affordable cinema (which the multiplex would not be) an amazing building is something Bognor can be proud of and as the local authority you should support. I am very disappointed in the wording of this survey as it is leading.” “I am opposed to another cinema in the town as I think we should support the Picturedrome and have some other activities provided for the young people/children of Bognor.” “I am opposed to any development that would impact on the continued existence of the Picturedrome Cinema; it is a lovely old building of real architectural merit which probably means it’s future is doomed as Bognor has already lost virtually all the old seafront cottages and other buildings of character in previously ill-considered developments. This monstrous development would be the end of Bognor as a relatively pleasant seaside town, these proposals are out of scale, unsympathetic and grandiose - why is Bognor determined to completely obliterate all traces of its history?” “I am opposed to the proposal for a multiplex cinema on which all the other developments appear to depend.” “I am over 80 and little disabled - no blue badge of course and to come to Bognor I have to drive. Parking is not good now and will be impossible for me as in your plan. Also I do not go to the cinema nor eat out (I’m alone) so most of your proposals are irrelevant - and is a new hotel really a viable proposition? Also, we have far too many supermarkets in the area, another would be stupid.” “I am particularly concerned about the proposed cinema, firstly it will lead to the eventual closure of the Picturedrome, a facility that serves the town well, has architectural value and represents value for money to both townspeople alike. I understand how the construction of the cinema is part and parcel of the new development but in my view it’s too high a price. I urge the council to return to the drawing board. The sea front should be about bars, restaurants and open spaces, cinemas belong out of town where sufficient parking can be provided. The proposed scheme reduces parking, not increase to accommodate the film goers or visitors. Which by the way will be a problem for the town not Arun Council or the Operator. It should also be noted that the area is well served by cinemas in Chichester, Bognor, Littlehampton & further afield. So in summary, I would ask my elected councillors to think again, the imperative is that the residents of Bognor get what they want, not a compromise that will have to be lived with for the next 50 years. If you want to see what we will end up with, look at the Kingswest in Brighton, quite simply this is not what I want for my town. Thank you for arranging the consultation Regards, Mike” “I am puzzled as to how St Modwen will make a return on their investment or is there a hidden agenda? Butlins are already well established in Bognor with their new hotels has the competition been factored in to?” “I am really adamant that we should keep our cinema and not have a multiplex, which I know that I could not afford to use frequently. And more flats really!!!!! We haven’t got the infrastructure to support these plans.” “I am really against the development of a new cinema in Bognor as I believe the Picturedrome is great value for money but also I prefer to go to a cinema that has character and charm and the Picturedrome is one of the few cinemas left that do. It is well maintained and architecturally beautiful which enhances the experience, that many modern cinemas fail to achieve. To say that a cinema is needed to bring in business for restaurants is unfair as City Gates in Chichester that has Cineworld has had restaurants fail and still has 2 large empty units, that have been unoccupied for some time.” “I am really disappointed to see that with regards to the cinema proposals, it seems we have to have the cinemas to be able to proceed with anything else. Why is it that only cinemas can generate bars/cafes etc? Why can an ice rink not do this? Bognor would really benefit from having something really different to neighbouring towns and a cinema complex is not the answer in my opinion. We have the Picturedrome which is very much a part of Bognor and should remain so for many years to come. An activity like ice skating will be far more beneficial than sitting in a dark room for at least 2 hours eating popcorn and chocolate!” “I am really opposed to a cinema complex in Bognor and feel that this would harm the existing town cinema. Can we not think of an Chichester and other surrounding areas to us. I know that excuses were made as to why only a cinema was viable but an ice rink laser quest or bowling are also great attractions or create a theatre large enough to host bigger performances to rival the mayflower etc. It is just frustrating to know that the Picturedrome will be lost after the meetings and effort put in to saving it. It will not be able to compete with a large multiplex outbidding it for new releases etc and will be a tragic loss as part of Bognor’s history and mine.”
alternative such as Bowling or similar. Also if you want to attract people you need to ensure plenty of parking spaces are available.”

“I am sceptical whether there will be enough parking for Bognor residents and holiday tourists. It is not clear in this pamphlet whether “The Esplanade” road will be closed or partially closed. If the road is closed so no traffic can go either way, I would not support the scheme.”

“I am sorry that the multiplex is seen as an essential part of this development, as I feel that Bognor needs much more imaginative solution that no-one else in the area has - e.g. covered area for outside type restaurants, performance areas - Ice Rink in the winter.”

“I am strongly against the building of the cinema. The only reason we come to Bognor is to go to the Picturedrome. There excellent prices draw us to Bognor for quite a way away when we stay in Littlehampton and then we spend our money in the cafe and shops in town. If the Picturedrome went bust, as it would if you build a big multiplex, we would not come to Bognor at all and the town will not benefit from our money of that of others who think similarly.”

“I am strongly against the development of a multiplex cinema - there is one available at Chichester. We should support and develop the tradition and history of the Picturedrome cinema, incorporating it into other proposed developments. We need music, not a second cinema!”

“I am strongly opposed to any new cinema project as the town has already got a perfectly good one, and I can’t see any benefit building another. I think it would be a good idea to improve the Alexander Theatre, more seating would help to stage more popular up-market shows and with the right promotion I think this would be very successful.”

“I am supporting”

“I am supportive of the need for investment and increased leisure/cultural opportunities within the town, however with all the best will in the world I am sceptical as to whether or not there will be enough interest from your average town centre resident to make such facilities viable and sustainable. I think there are other more attractive alternative locations within the district that people outside of Bognor who have the money will choose to visit. I would love to think that on a warm summers evening alfresco dining in Bognor Regis by the Alexandra Theatre would be an attractive option but I just cannot see it given the obvious deprivation and other social issues within the town.”

“I am sure that if development goes ahead more people including myself will use Bognor Regis”

“I am told by a close relative who takes police emergency calls that Bognor has some problems around anti-social behaviour / drink-fuelled violence. (We have moved to Aldwick recently). Whilst I support re-generation of the area and certainly daytime / evening facilities such as leisure and cafes, there is risk of creating greater opportunity for problems with more bars. The financial claims appear weak and unsupported with evidence. I think it would help the case if Arun council cited other towns where similar projects have been developed and give us the opportunity to evaluate and compare. The Picturedrome is superb, but it should not over-ride benefits on a number of levels. I would regret its closure if that happened, perhaps some of the funding should be made available to ensure its viability.”

“I am totally against a multiplex cinema, why can’t it be an ice rink, or similar for young people, or indeed all age groups. The Picturedrome is brilliant and not too costly in these severe economic times, enabling families to go out cheaply. Cineworld in Chichester is only a car ride away if one wants to go but is very costly. Is there some sort of tie up with St Modwen and whoever runs the proposed multiplex? Time and time again people have said no to a multiplex cinema PLEASE LISTEN!!!”

“I am totally against another cinema in Bognor, as it would mean the demise of the Picturedrome- one of the last remaining attractive old buildings in Bognor. The Council in the past has destroyed the Theatre Royal(a Georgian building), the Rex Ballroom and the Esplanade Theatre and then erected the monstrosity of the Regis Centre. An extremely ugly building, built on the sea-front, with no sea views!! Only ADC could do this to Bognor! I am against more residential flats which would greatly reduce the already inadequate parking in Bognor. What is the purpose of attracting more people to Bognor, if they can’t park?”

“I AM TOTALLY AGAINST CLOSING DOWN OF THE PICTUREDROME CINEMA IN BOGNOR REGIS- THEREFORE ME AND THE REST OF MY FAMILY WHO LIVE IN BOGNOR REGIS DO NOT WISH TO HAVE AN OVERPRICED CINEWORLD IN BOGNOR, THIS WILL NOT BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY AT ALL!”

“I am totally opposed to a new larger cinema for the town of Bognor Regis. Everyone should support the Picturedrome. Bognor is very lucky to have such a unique building as a cinema and it is far better than a new, modern one. Going to the Picturedrome is an experience with atmosphere. The sound system and seating have just been upgraded and it offers exceptional value for money which would not be found in a brand new cinema. If a new cinema opened it would take the business away from the Picturedrome which would not be able to compete. The new cinema would be given the latest films and would obviously have to charge much more.”

“I am totally opposed to all that you want to do as it will affect the town as it is at the moment, the old saying is IF IT AIN'T BROKE DON'T TRY TO FIX IT.”

“I am totally opposed to the idea of a new cinema. Bognor already has a well-run cinema showing new releases and transmissions of live events. For a much smaller sum the Picturedrome could be tastefully refurbished in style and will be successful. A new venue will kill its trade and leave the Council with a dead listed building. In the new development the last thing needed is a number of white elephants as has happened in so many towns.”

“I am totally opposed to the plans for the development of the Regis Centre. For a small site it is much too dense but my reason for objecting is the unrealistic provision of parking. Presumably as you intend to extend the Alexandra Theatre you lose confidence that 450 people might visit and at the same time there is the cinema audience to consider, a hotel of 80 rooms, most of those visitors are unlikely to come by train, three floors of residential use over the restaurants, the visitors to the restaurants and No 9 on the plan where you do not indicate that there will be underground parking. To cope with all these people you are proposing 60 parking places plus some in the esplanade. It is completely unrealistic and far from attracting people to Bognor the nightmare experience of trying to find somewhere to park will also almost certainly ensure that they will not return.”

“I am totally opposed to this scheme if by this development going ahead will mean will lose the Picturedrome.”

“I am very against a cinema complex. The Picturedrome is ample. Our teenagers need somewhere they can go to i.e. Bowling Alley / Skating Rink.”

“I am very concerned about parking within easy access to theatre and cinema. I would be very unhappy if the Picturedrome cinema...
closed which I use frequently. If I want to go to a sterile multiplex I go to Chichester or would go to the new one proposed at Worthing”

“I am very concerned about the fact that you are so set on having a large multi-screen cinema when the town has a very good and very affordable one already. What the town need is entertainment for residents and holidaymakers that does not already exists locally”

“I AM VERY CONCERNED HOW THIS WILL AFFECT THE PICTUREDROME. I CAN NOT UNDERSTAND WHY SHOPS, RESTAURANTS AND BARS WOULD NOT ALONE ATTRACT PEOPLE TO THIS SITE, BUT YOU STATE THAT A CINEMA IS NEEDED TO ATTRACT PEOPLE. IN CHICHESTER I NEVER EAT IN THE RESTAURANTS OR BARS BEFORE OR AFTER THE CINEMA, I ALWAYS VISIT THESE AREAS ON SEPARATE OCCASIONS.”

“I am very keen for improvements to be made to the town and in general like the proposals. However I definitely do not want the Picturedrome to be lost; it is a popular and historic venue and therefore should be retained and supported. Any proposals for redevelopment should consider retaining the character of old Bognor Regis - the station, Reynolds building and Picturedrome form an important part of this and saving those should be key. St Modwen do have the town over a barrel by saying that a new cinema has to be included in the plans otherwise they will pull out! If we have a cinema and bars and restaurants at the Regis Centre site my concern is that we run the risk of simply becoming yet another manufactured, bland place that attracts heavy drinkers on Friday and Saturday nights! Please Arun, maximise our heritage instead!”

“I am very much in support of the existing cinema in Bognor Regis”

“I am very passionate about improving Bognor Regis, there is so much potential and I think the Alexandra Theatre proposal would be an amazing improvement particularly on the restaurant front HOWEVER have you thought about replacing the theatre with another theatre- as I am very concerned about the well fare of the much loved Picturedrome. Unless you could strike a compromise and suggest that the Picturedrome just shows classics such as gone with the wind or grease, which will enhance the already unique character of the place. Perhaps a bowling alley/or imax type cinema which would be more unique as I still feel people of West Sussex would travel to well established Cineworld in Chichester. However if another cinema is the ONLY way to attract restaurants then I would rather that as I think it is extremely important to boost Bognor’s reputation and utilise the seaside. Underground parking-despite being so expensive could be a space and aesthetic space solution? Or have you thought about extending the complex outwards and creating a miniature Marina which would gain capital- or have that near the BRYC? Overall I think good Al fresco dining and GOOD architecture is the key. Please don’t hesitate to contact me as I am full of many more ideas, I am a young person that very much cares for the future of Bognor!”

“I am very UNHAPPY with the quite closed questioning around the new cinema and the statement that a cinema is essential to attracting new dining and bars. I can think of several areas locally that have alfresco dining and bars that DO NOT have a cinema attached to it. This is quite inappropriate use of a survey and gives no consideration to other types of entertainment that could offer a similar foot-fall. I think, a regenerated theatre, Bowling Alley, High Quality Amusement Arcade or Children Soft Play Zone etc.  I wish to register my interest in our local town - but would prefer to see a less skewed survey making specific reference to the issue of a cinema. As you mention that this survey has been conducted in accordance with the Market Research Code of Conduct, I would draw you attention to section B.50 of that code. “…Members must comply with reasonable requests to make available to anyone the technical information necessary to assess the validity of any published findings from a project…” To that end, I would like someone to contact me with regard to the statements around the essential requirement for a new cinema. How this has been determined and also what other alternatives have been considered - and how these alternatives have been assessed for also attracting cafes, shops and alfresco dining. My email address is : XXXXX@yahoo.co.uk  I await with interest the information.”

“I am very worried about the lack of parking which would result in the proposed current form - we have to park to use the planned facilities. DO NOT IGNORE THIS. PARKING IS ESSENTIAL OR NO-ONE WILL VISIT.”

“I and my partner think these proposals would greatly benefit our town (Bognor Regis).”

“I and probably 80% of residents Bognor Regis realise that there should be some re-development to bring our seafront town into the 21st century. having looked at these latest plans I am quite shocked at the complete disregard for Bognor Regis and its residents. It just seems like a money making exercise, but not specifically on behalf of the council, who seem to have rose tinted glasses on, if they approve this. The planned flats & apartments are really not required on the Hothamton car park. There are many flats in Queensway which are made from concrete and cover a vast area. Looking at them, I would estimate at least half of these are empty. Overpriced, cold & damp - people are not able to afford to heat them in the winter. We have a perfectly adequate cinema. The facilities already in Bognor are not used to their fullest capacity. Why does the council think that just because there are new restaurants, cafes, cinema and other buildings here, people will want to visit more? Why would we need a new large hotel when the Royal Norfolk struggles and many other hotels have closed. There are 3 hotels in the Butlins complex. The plans submitted completely delete our parking areas - there cannot be redevelopment without suitable parking. There are not sufficient parking areas now especially for the people who live and work in Bognor. People who live in Queensway very often have to park up to half a mile away from their homes. There is so much space around Bognor that is either empty or derelict that these areas should be attended to first. I have the following alternative suggestions to put forward: There is an empty / derelict building at the end of Durban Road opposite social housing - it covers a large plot of land - this has been empty and unused for many years. I am sure this could be utilised for the student flats as this is close to the college as the proposed block in the town. There would be sufficient space there for parking. There is also a fairly large area in the vicinity of the Bognor Regis roundabout in the form of a large boarded up house, which is also near the college. We do not need another supermarket in Bognor town centre. We already have Morrison’s, who are poised to redevelop their own site - we have Iceland in the town also, with Tesco and Sainsbury’s just outside. ADC would do better to try and fill the existing rapidly emptying shop premises before making further empty properties to fill with no revenue. If the council took down those awful concrete building in Queensway and redeveloped that land, they would not be taking our precious parking spaces - all the current shops could be re-housed in new units and there could be sufficient flats and apartments over. If the Regis Centre was given a facelift this would be ideal for our small town. Bognor is not large enough to have a multiples cinema or large theatre with no parking. Chichester & Port Solent’s multiplex cinemas are built on a separate business park with parking and Bognor’s would be best built in the vicinity of Tesco / Sainsbury’s with separate allocated parking or even in Durban Road utilising some of the empty / derelict buildings along there. The proposed development has not been thought out well at all. The council would be better actively trying to get the empty buildings filled in
order to extra revenue and look further afield to place flats, cinema and theatre. Doing this would facilitate extra jobs and parking to go with them. Alternatively, if the council does not need the revenue and has that much spare money to invest, they should resurface all of the pavements and roads in the surrounding area that have holes and make them safe.”

“I appreciate that St Modwens need to sell all the apartments to fund the construction of these regeneration projects but the current slump in the housing market and loss of parking spaces make these proposals needing a re-think. It also appears that the proposals are “fait accompli” with no regard for the general public’s wishes for a skating rink or bowling alley instead of a multiplex cinema”

“I ask where all the visitors to the proposed multi screen cinema and restaurants are going to park. You are providing 60 spaces plus other parking along the sea front, but this surely isn’t going to be enough. During the occasional hot summer day, parking along the sea front is a premium. The Picturedrome needs to be given the chance to survive. The cost for a family to visit the multi screens is extortionate and lots of local families will be unable to have this treat if the Picturedrome is unable to offer is reasonable charges. Chichester gate has been unable to sustain a full quota of restaurants, on my last visit there were vacant premises, so why should Bognor be able to sustain this”

“I attended an exhibition today for staff at the Civic Centre and I now have very real concerns that the whole consultation process has been flawed and coercive. We were told at the event that with a multiplex cinema there is interest from approximately 16 national bars/cafes/restaurants but that this reduces to only approximately 6 without an anchor cinema. THIS IS COMPLETELY AT ODDS WITH THE PRINTED MATERIALS, WEB INFO AND QUESTIONNAIRE, which all state that a cinema “is essential to attract a cluster of restaurants, bars and/or cafes to this site”. I would suggest that had people been given the option on the questionnaire to choose “no cinema and a smaller development of bars, restaurants etc.” that the outcome might be very different indeed. Cllr Mrs Brown has gone on record as saying that no decisions have been made yet, but it would appear that a decision to have a multiplex cinema on the Regis Centre site is a foregone conclusion. We were also told that bowling alleys will only go where a cinema is. Why could the scale of a proposed cinema not be reduced from 4-5 screens to 3-4 screens and utilise the space to add a bowling alley seeing as this is a facility much mooted by Bognor Residents as something they want. I won’t pretend I don’t also have concerns about the possible future of the Picturedrome if a multiplex comes to town. I currently drive to Bognor from Littlehampton to use the cinema because it is inexpensive and has character. I would imagine the reason a number of the Bognor population are concerned about its future is owing to the fact they can entertain their children at much lower prices than at a big National chain cinema. Bognor is a poor town, as are parts of its surroundings. It seems like a ridiculous idea to challenge a small, independent business which offers inexpensive entertainment to the competition of a National chain which is, in all reality, likely to put it out of business. I know it’s argued that small independent cinemas can coexist with National chains, but there is already an excellent Art House cinema in Chichester and I doubt the Picturedrome could retain enough custom with second-dibs on main releases and only some independent films to remain viable. There is the [acknowledged] parking issues to be considered - with 200 apartments on the Hothamton site and the notion that an improved Regis Centre/Alexandra theatre site will attract more visitors the parking consideration is way too short. To say that there is underutilised parking elsewhere seems quite ridiculous - I was at a show recently at the Alexandra Theatre and the vast majority of audience members were older/less agile. Many looked like they’d struggled to get to the door from the adjacent parking. Goodness only knows what they’d look like if they had to walk down the high street from Fitzelee! People expect to be able to park near a venue and/or their home. Losing the majority of existing ground level parking at both Hothamton and the Regis Centre and putting a few diagonal spaces on the seafront will not satisfy demand. It would also be interesting to know what proportion of the proposed accommodation is for social housing (if any). It appears from the response at the display that none will be? How does this benefit the people of Bognor who are most in Housing need? Will a ghetto be built with s106 money somewhere on the outskirts of town? I think there needs to be some serious thought put into the future revisions to the proposals and to the way in which information is presented. I think the Council needs to be open and honest about what is/isn’t a foregone conclusion and the actual possibilities.”

“I believe any development will be beneficial to the residents of Bognor as its High Street is dead. However I am against building Hotham site as it is great site for children, especially those of poorer parents who cannot afford a costly day out!”

“I believe more rides on the seafront are essential.”

“I believe regeneration for Bognor town is essential - I do not believe that a multiplex cinema is the only option that can incorporate this in the Regis site - all suggestions acceptable bar the cinema - I am sure an ice rink will be a fantastic addition to the site and I will not support the 40 million regeneration if that is the only way we can have it - the Picturedrome is our cinema and we are happy with it - if a multiplex cinema is the only thing we can have to complete the package then I would rather we don’t have anything. Chichester is a prime example of a failed multiplex - why should we have an unwanted multiplex - why can’t we have an ice rink. There isn’t one for miles around - I for one would use the facility regularly”

“I believe some re-generation will benefit Bognor, but we do not need a cinema complex - the town has a perfectly good cinema. What is wrong with a Bowling Alley to enhance the activities to visitors and residents of Bognor. Children’s Play areas and some nice restaurants / cafes are what is needed. More attention will have to be paid to extra parking.”

“I believe that BR needs more multinatinal stores (i.e.) M&S, BHS etc. Make a day at the seaside so people come back.”

“I believe that even though it would help in some way, could attract negative attention.”

“I believe that it is ridiculous to state that the whole of the ‘Regis Centre’ scheme revolves around a multi-screen cinema. I regularly travel to Milton Keynes to use the snowdome. It is nearly always fully booked and there is nothing like this on the south coast. Once I am in Milton Keynes I stay for the weekend and shop/go to restaurants and bars, thus bringing Milton Keynes further income. I do not understand that a snowdome has been rejected as Arun ‘believes’ that it wouldn’t pay for itself. Surely ADC should be supporting the Picturedrome - the cinema already in place in our town centre. If necessary I would travel to Chichester (less than 7 miles away) to a multiplex. Has anyone bothered to ask what the footfall there is as it is rarely half full? I really don’t believe that Bognor and Chichester have enough cinema goers to support both multiplexes, and no-one from Littlehampton will bother as it is far easier transport-wise for those residents to travel to Worthing. So, when the one in Bognor goes bust, what then? I suggest ADC go back to the drawing board and think up a sensible plan for Bognor with a proper consultation of ALL the residents by ballot to each home, not just catching a few that may be visiting the town centre this weekend”
"I believe that the current use of the building housing the Picturedrome should be changed as Bognor does not need the old cinema facility once the new one is open. Perhaps, given its unique location regarding transport access, it could be redeveloped as a conference centre/business centre which would complement the proposals for Bognor becoming more business centric, perhaps it could also be used for amateur dramatic productions and hire for other private functions. I fully support the proposals to modernise Bognor as it won’t last forever on the ‘grey pound’, I also like the idea of ‘Al Fresco’ dining, but given the vagaries of our weather perhaps the use of an atrium should also be considered as this would allow the restaurant businesses to thrive regardless of the weather/time of day/time of year."

"I believe that the development will encourage further investment in Bognor and that if we lose this opportunity, the chance to improve Bognor may disappear forever. I hear a lot of negative comments about the development and negative voices often get heard above the positive ones. I think you should make it a little easier for people who support the development to do this, otherwise the negative voices may prevail."

"I believe that the Picturedrome provides an excellent facility and increases the attractiveness of Bognor Regis to both residents and outsiders. If a multiplex was put in, it would surely mean the closure of the Picturedrome and competing against Chichester, Worthing and Portsmouth, I do not believe that a multiplex long term survival is credible, which would leave Bognor Regis with no cinema facilities at all. The Picturedrome has a record of survival and this therefore is a much more realistic option to provide ongoing cinematic facilities for the Bognor Regis and wider population."

"I believe that the proposed changes will greatly benefit Bognor Regis as a whole, however I have two reservations: 1. Will we retain sufficient parking space to accommodate an increased number of visitors and shoppers. 2. Most importantly to me and many of my friends and neighbours; We wish to retain the Picturedrome, which will then continue to give a real choice to locals who to wish to visit a cinema only and it will also provide healthy competition. I do not believe that this will have any significant impact on the new cinema or the bars, cafes and restaurants. We will no doubt frequent them all at some time, however we need to keep the historic Picturedrome as part of our heritage. Nostalgia apart, it provides a real service to the local community at a reasonable price."

"I believe that these development plans should they go ahead would mean the end of the Alexandra theatre as it is. This is the only reason I and several of my friends and relatives visit Bognor. If you lose this cinema and replace with yet another over priced multi-screen complex, than I and most people know will have no reason to visit the town. I come now for the atmosphere of the current cinema and I love its historic look. If this was to go then I don’t see what Bognor would have to offer me to entice me to visit, as already stated the cinema is my only reason for visiting and I usually go at least weekly! I usually go with friends/family and we usually treat ourselves to fish and chips in the take away around the corner. If I wanted a multi-screen cinema I would simply go to either Portsmouth or Chichester, both nearer to me than Bognor. I have to add that I don't think I have ever been to the Alexandra theatre, and seen it almost empty and I go at different times of the day, on a few occasions I have had to per book as it gets so busy you might not get in otherwise! On the other hand I have been to both Portsmouth and Chichester and quite frequently been either the only one there or one of a few, so I find it hard to believe that a multiplex cinema encourages people to visit towns. Usually they're too pricey and discourage people, I have been telling everyone I see about the very reasonable little cinema in Bognor and quite a few have visited on my recommendation and loved it! Although I have nothing against updating the high street to encourage more shops etc, I do have objections to any proposal that threatens the beautiful Alexandra theatre, this I believe should be left as it is, and I feel that given its popularity there would be few that disagree."

"I believe the cafes, bars, pubs, hotels and restaurants in town are struggling already and have enough competition as it is without adding more. There is already a lot of empty units in the town maybe some investment in these would make more sense."

"I believe the entire plan should be shelved until there is an economic upturn and someone can invest properly in Bognor Regis. The Seafort one is our last open space and if we lose it to residential development now it is lost forever. The scheme has not been well thought out or designed and will in my opinion be a disaster for the town and will become a white elephant that no-one wants and a derelict development on the seafront will do further damage to the town. Chichester Gate is a prime example of a multiplex site with restaurants which has not worked and the area already looks run down. Please do not do this to our town"

"I believe the Picturedrome is a Listed building (or should be) and I sincerely hope it is not overruled."

"I believe the proposal is extremely short sighted in suggesting that only a multiplex cinema will draw the demand for restaurants. The town already has a successful and much loved cinema and will not support an expensive multiplex. There is nowhere near enough demand in Bognor for a 400 seat theatre. What Bognor needs is more houses and more incentives to get shops to come back to the town centre. Decent parking is surely key to this. A multiplex cinema will be just another empty shell within a couple of years and then the restaurants will leave too. We’ll end up with yet another MacDonald’s no doubt."

"I believe the setup within Bognor town centre and surrounding areas is of good structure and of a very friendly atmosphere. I do not agree with plans for a multiplex cinema and restaurants as it would destroy other local shops business and take the character out of the town."

"I believe there are enough large supermarkets in the area - more would take trade away from the shopkeepers operating in Bognor; people are attracted to Bognor for its character and if you remove the unique mix of shops, cafes and the cinema currently in situ, you will turn the town into just another soulless centre which will encourage visits occasionally but destroy loyalty to the town as is. I agree with investment into the Regis centre and some accommodation; a multiplex cinema will immediately price out of the market a large proportion of Bognor residents and visitors currently visiting the town centre. £8 for a drink and a box of popcorn is a criminal price to pay. You need to focus on optimising the unique charms of the town and making it an affordable regular destination. I hope you listen to the views of those who take the time to fill in this questionnaire and do not ignore public opinion."

"I believe this questionnaire includes a significant number of biased and incomplete questions which mean that your data are very unreliable. While you might be following Code of Conduct for confidentiality etc, you are not following best practice in collection of meaningful data in the first place."

"I believe we do need to invest in Bognor but I think we need to invest in something we haven’t already got. Why have a multiplex when we’ve already got a lovely cinema, where people can go and watch the latest films for a fraction of the price compared with the price of tickets at the nearest multiplex. I’m not sure the people of Bognor would be able to go to the cinema as often if they had to pay multiplex prices. Why can we not have bowling or an ice skating
rinks, not quite sure why Bognor council is intent on having a cinema there is other things apart from a cinema that would attract people into Bognor, we need something others towns haven’t got.”

“I believe we need to have better shops in the town centre such as Marks and Spencer and a decent department store. The proposed developments may have a superficial effect but will not make any real difference. This plan is just to get the apartments built, nothing else.”

“I broadly support development on the Hothamton site, whether it is residential, retail, leisure or mixed use but I oppose development in the area of the Regis Centre. I support the improvements of the Alexander Theatre, it is important to encourage the arts, but the proposed additional buildings are too much. We don’t need another multiplex cinema, these proposals would be better placed on out of town site so that we can retain open space around the seafront. For too long Bognor Regis has been losing the Victorian splendour that is still encouraged and celebrated in Brighton and Worthing. Please, please, please don’t develop our seafront (learn from the fiasco with the Bournemouth Imax).”

“I came to this town in 1994 and it has always been the same thing. Redevelop this, redevelop that, build a marina, don’t build a marina, and NOTHING EVER GETS DONE!! Bognor is now just a poor relation to Littlehampton which has had millions spent on it. Perhaps Bognor should be amalgamated with Littlehampton and then we might get some results.”

“I can see the benefit of more flats and eating / bar below but we have a very good cinema and for you to build a new multi-screen would be the death of this much loved picture house, So NO to New cinema. There are other things which could be built instead such as bowling complex, indoor carting something that we do NOT already have. Why do councils try to take away the history of a place???”

“I can see the importance of bringing in the cinema, but still concerned for our existing one and wish an alternative attraction could be sorted [to make Bognor different. More flats and attracting more visitors, but the car park spaces stay around the same level can’t be right and visitors need more info as they come into town as to where to park”

“I can speak for a good half of the youth in Bognor - we don’t want another cinema or cafes because we have enough of them already and all it will do is put a lot of good people out of jobs.”

“I cannot accept these proposals as they stand for the following reasons: 1. We cannot afford to lose any parking spaces on either site and in fact we will need more. Also, I don’t think echelon parking is viable or safe. 2. The 200 student flats should be build next to the College - (there is plenty of empty land between the campus and Felpham Way). You could then build say one block of 80 flats adjacent to the Fitzleet tower block, retaining most of the car park and have no flats on the Regis site. 3. Another idea might be to offer Morrison’s the Hothamton site to develop as their new store, complete with multi-storey parking and flats on top. This would free up the existing Morrison’s’ land for further development. Indeed this land could, be used as a temporary car park for the time being (they did this in Portsmouth when the Tricorn Centre was demolished). 4. There are no seaside attractions planned for the Regis site. Visitors have multiplexes in or near their home towns and don’t come to the seaside to visit a cinema. This prime site should contain entertainment for all i.e. indoor and outdoor areas to sit, eat, drink and enjoy the seaside views, a soft play area, infant play area, laser tag, bowling alley, roller rink, and a covered outside area for seaside events. The ground floor of the whole development should be a car park. Any hotel should face the sea, not Belmont Street, and be above the other facilities. No flats. Finally there are many people in this town who would love to work with St Modwen, to help come up with a modified, viable scheme which will still make St Modwen a profit but leave us with a seaside town fit for purpose.”

“I cannot answer Q22 with one tick. The proposed development would both greatly harm Bognor Regis (by damaging the Picturedrome viability)and benefit the town by (by bringing more people in). Similarly I cannot tick any of the items in Q11 but have given my opinion* While I have not specifically opposed the parking proposals I am very concerned that inadequate provision is allowed for the proposed addition to visitors to the town. * Why has there been no examination of alternatives to a cinema (e.g. ice rink)?”

“I cannot see any benefit to building a multiplex (mini plex) cinema when the town already has a cinema which would be unable to compete with a new cinema. I have concerns that the proposed hotel would not have sufficient parking and which would probably have to use the public spaces which would leave none for visitors to the town and locals. Concerns also regarding traffic flow along the seafront.”

“I cannot see how the number or proposed flats and removal of parking spaces can improve Bognor Regis. I see more cars and so more parking problems, the Dr’s are not equipped enough to cope with the scale of new housing nor are the schools and other amenities. The multiplex cinema will be too expensive for most local residents to afford, and will put the local cinema out of business.”

“I cannot see how you can presume that if a multiplex was not provided how the range of place to eat with bars and restaurants would be affected. This is a baseless and biased question. We already have a great cinema in the town which is perfectly adequate without providing yet another characterless site similar to that of Chichester. I want to see Bognor Regis as unique and different and not simply another faceless town. I want to see additional leisure attractions not ones to replace what we already have. How is that going to improve the area. This shows a lack of imagination and innovation.”

“I cannot see how you can propose extra hotel, theatre, cafes, bars etc. and cut down on parking, not to mention the extra residential capacity. It’s not rocket science that people will leave if they cannot park to use beach/shops/cinema”

“I cannot support the proposed development, which I consider quite inappropriate for a small seaside town. The loss of so many public parking places would be a disaster and a deterrent to visitors - 200 new flats, an 80 bedroom hotel! and all that is proposed is echelon parking along a one-way esplanade.”

“I can’t see the point in building a new cinema when we have one already in the town that is perfectly acceptable, cheaper than all the awful multiplex* and full of character and charm! Surely a bowling alley or leisure centre would be a better idea?”

“I can’t see why Morrison’s can’t expand into their car park as it is nearly empty all the time since they started charging £2. If they move to new site another empty shop in Bognor.”

“I completely DISAGREE with having a cinema complex. Why duplicate an already existing facility? The benefits of the Picturedrome are well documented-as a family we use it but would not pay multiplex prices. It is very lacking in vision on the councils part-create something new that would attract more people into Bognor and keep prospective restaurant chains happy. Off the top of my head- try a bowling alley, ice rink, snow dome. I’m sure looking at other seaside towns you could get some ideas. What about something innovative similar to black pools comedy carpet etc etc.”

“I completely support the new proposals for the Bognor Regis regeneration - we really need to increase the footfall in our town”
“I consider the plans for the Hothamton site ghastly. We already have a reasonable car park and playground and pretty garden! All would be spoiled.”

“I DEFINITELY OPPOSE THE BUILDING OF A MULTIPLEX CINEMA - AS A FAMILY WE WOULD FIND IT TOO EXPENSIVE - WE ARE VERY HAPPY WITH THE PICTUREDROME CINEMA WHICH IS AFFORDABLE & VERY PLEASANT TO VISIT! WE NEVER VISIT CINEWORLD IN CHICHESTER AS WITH 5 OF US IT OUTSIDE OUR BUDGET. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY YOU ARE NOT TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO UTILISE THE BUILDING FOR ALTERNATIVE ENTERTAINMENT USES RATHER THAN PUSHING ON WITH THE BORING MULTIPLEX IDEA. BOGNOR IS CRYING OUT FOR AN ALL WEATHER INDOOR CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA MAYBE INCORPORATING FAMILY BOWLING THIS WOULD STILL COMPLIMENT THE RESTAURANTS & BARS. IT WOULD BE GREAT IF YOU WOULD THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX - LET BOGNOR KEEP THE PICTUREDROME WHICH IS LOVED & PROVIDED SOMETHING NEW!”

“I desperately want the Picturedrome to be saved. Everyone there has worked so hard to make it a success and it is excellent value for money. A 4/5 screen cinema is totally unnecessary.”

“I didn’t understand 90% of the questions”

“I disagree with the assumption that a cinema on the Regis site is essential, Littlehampton has been regenerated without one and we already have a thriving cinema with character and affordable to all. Maybe this is the charm of attracting people to Bognor rather than a new cinema. The revised theatre would support restaurants etc. The scale of the flats on Hothamton should be no taller than existing buildings in that area, or the larger one nr Fitzleet. These discussions about regenerating Bognor have gone on for far too long, and where has the money gone from Sainsbury’s investment?? Maybe the site outside railway needs to be redeveloped, as not inviting for people arriving.”

“I do believe that the town needs smartening/tidying up - there are far too many empty shops and if the plan goes ahead there will be even more empty shops in the main shopping high street and arcade. It will put the Picturedrome out of business too which is a wonderful venue which we use on a regular basis. The town does need a lot of smartening up but please we do not want to lose the Picturedrome!”

“I do feel we should not lose the Picturedrome Bognor Regis has lost too many of its old buildings already. The improvements for the Theatre are good, the flats will they be affordable for locals? but we do not need a multiplex cinema. Let’s celebrate Bognor Regis as a theatre. It will put the Picturedrome out of business too which is a wonderful venue which we use on a regular basis. The town does need a lot of smartening up but please we do not want to lose the Picturedrome!”

“I do not accept the argument that an ice skating rink in place of a multiplex cinema is not a viable financial alternative - the nearest one to here is in Gosport and so a new local one would attract custom from the neighbouring towns to Bognor also. Since there is nothing else like it in Bognor it would be a great alternative for young people especially to have something to do in the evenings. I also find it outrageous that a major reason for wanting to include the cinema is to attract ‘bars and restaurants’ - this is a time of severe economic difficulties for many and you seriously expect people to spend even more of what little they have in some faux-pas bar before then spending upwards of £9 on a multiplex ticket? THAT is financially unviable in my view. The Picturedrome is a success not only because it is local to those without a car but because it offers great value for money. I also am concerned about the proposal to make the esplanade road a one way system to allow the replacement of parking spaces which have been built over - it is a major thoroughfare and I would love to know exactly where traffic heading in the opposite direction will be diverted to, especially since the High Street is pedestrianised. Overall I am very dissatisfied with the proposals, it seems like a lot of development over a lot of car parks for one thing, and most of it will be expensive bars / hotels / cinemas / apartments which again I'm not sure the average resident of Bognor will have much use for. You'd be better off getting St. Modwen to invest in restoring the pier before it ends up like Brighton’s.”

“I do not agree that more housing in Bognor town would bring any benefit to it at all. Also if you are proposing all of this where do you seriously think the cars are going to be parked, as you are taking away parking spaces, providing less and then expecting more people to live and visit the area. Where do you propose cars to park that normally use the Hothamton car park, Fitzleet multi-story is on some occasions almost full and also closes in the evening? The car parking along the Esplanade seems downright dangerous with cars reversing in and out onto a main road which will cause delays, blocked views of the road and a potential increase of pedestrians aimlessly walking in the road. Also have you actually given any thought as to the increased volume of traffic that this proposal will cause on the already clogged up roads of Bognor Regis. So we will probably have gridlock before the national average! I also do not understand why there is the option of either a cinema along with restaurants, bars, etc. or none at all as I believe that an ice skating rink would attract enough people to support this kind of commerce. Where are the nearest cinemas? We already have one and Chichester is only several miles down the road! Where is the nearest ice rink? To my knowledge it is in Gosport, Hampshire, which must be a round trip of about 58 miles! I do not agree with any of the proposals made.”

“I do not agree with the assertion that a multiplex/miniplex cinema is essential for the development to be viable.”

“I do not approve of the cinema - I want more effort to go into trying to source an alternative large leisure facility - keep the Picturedrome. Traffic flow along the seafront must not be restricted. This will cut Bognor in two.”

“I do not believe a multiplex is necessary to attract restaurants (and I would have preferred a question with more options quite frankly). Also, a multiplex will seriously endanger the future of the Picturedrome because, in an effort to draw in viewers to their expensive investment, major films will be distributed preferentially to the multiplex. At the moment, Bognor Regis has a friendly cinema which is affordable for kids to visit and watch, not all but a good selection of, the best new films. If the multiplex goes ahead, the Picturedrome will die, leaving Bognor with one more faceless leisure "destination" which costs a fortune to visit and puts nothing back in to the community. Summer tourists may spend the money to visit a multiplex, but locals won’t. Those that can afford to will continue to visit the larger multiplex in Chichester anyway. Whatever the plans for redeveloping Bognor Regis, it ought to concentrate on supporting small, local businesses who put back in to the local area.”

“I do not believe a multi-screen cinema is beneficial to Bognor Regis. It will not draw trade from the surrounding areas, as Cineworld is sufficient, and many of us adore the Picturedrome which would be destroyed by a multi-screen cinema. The council would be wise to examine what the area is lacking, such as an ice rink or lazerquest as this would be much more likely to draw trade to the town. Furthermore, if there were better shops and restaurant chains in the town there would be more customers likely to visit.”

“I do not believe a new cinema would contrive to attract enough custom in the long term due to increased use of downloading films. The restaurants in City gate in Chichester - lots have closed down. I would like to see a public space with fountains, public seating, street
performers, tourist information and a few stalls, bars, cafes. I want to keep the Picturedrome”

“I do not believe for one moment a Bowling Alley or Ice Rink would not financially pay for themselves. What we need to remember is that Bognor is full of young families and not just pensioners. I feel a Bowling Alley or Ice Rink would be a great addition to the town. Once the work has been completed what we need is extra police or security in these areas so they do not become a hang out for children, drunks or drug users just to hang out like the top of the high street or the park opposite the doctors in town.”

“I do not believe that a cinema is the only option. I feel that an alternative leisure activity would be financially viable. People do not go out to dinner and discover they just have to watch a film to complete the evening! Many people can go to eat and enjoy the view/conversation. Likewise, people will not leave the bars and head straight for a film. Many will go on to a club - I know, as I do! I have regularly used the existing Bognor Cinema since I was 7 years old and would be very sad if it was to close due to a larger cinema close by. It is a lovely building and many people feel this way. However, I would welcome the scheme with an alternative leisure activity as it would greatly improve the town.”

“I do not believe that as a seaside town the biggest thing on Bognor sea front should be a multiplex cinema. It will destroy the future of the Picturedrome and the ticket price to see a film will like the one in Chichester, be ridiculously high. Also like theirs, the car park will not be big enough to accommodate the amount of cars that will be used to go to it, the bars & the hotel, but unlike Chichester, the existing car park is used by shoppers and if people can’t park to shop they will go elsewhere and where will that leave the regeneration of Bognor! With the outside developers raking it in, while Bognor’s town centre goes to pot.”

“I do not believe that Bognor Regis needs another cinema. Bognor already has a highly successful smaller cinema which meets the demands of the local population. There is no demand for a new multiplex cinema. The Picturedrome shows all of the latest films, at regular times at good prices! A new multiplex would offer the same films but at a higher price. If a new multiplex were to open, it would kill off the beautiful cinema we already have. The majority of residents and students I have spoken to have all said that they do not see the point in opening a new cinema. The Picturedrome already provides all that we need and a new multiplex cinema would be a waste of money. The money should be better spent creating a large events hall. So far, there are no decent, modern and large facilities in Bognor Regis to hold any events of any kind. As an events management student, I can see the demand for a decent venue in the area for local people to hire and use. It could be used for parties, as a pop up gallery, a theatre area, a conference room, and a place to hold large events. Another viable alternative would be to use the space of the Regis Centre / Alexandra Theatre to create an ice rink. Currently the closest ice rink to Bognor Regis is in Worthing, which is sixteen miles away. There is a demand for an ice rink and I believe it would be very popular. Bognor Regis currently is nicknamed “Gods waiting room”. However, even though we have a large population of elderly residents, we also have a large population of young people and students, who feel like they are being ignored and their voices are not being heard. The majority of young people who group up in Bognor Regis or attend university here often leave once they have completed their education, as they believe there is no market here for them or for their skills. However Bognor Regis has so much untapped potential. If you (the council) listened to the young people of this town, you would find that many of us are passionate about regenerating Bognor Regis in a sustainable way which will not result in the closure of more small businesses (The Picturedrome will close if you insist on opening an unwanted multiplex cinema), or mean that more people feel that they must leave because their needs are not being provided for. Please, listen to the voices of the people and Bognor Regis will thrive.”

“I do not believe you would find an audience for extended seating in the Alexandra Theatre, having tried on one occasion to arrange an event myself and having attended several events with small audiences - it would be a waste of money. This survey does not comment on the possible closure of the Esplanade to traffic without a viable alternative route. This would be a total nightmare for traffic. I see nothing about the library, which is one of its most valuable resources. If you compare Bognor and Littlehampton, the development of L. has been much more sensitive with few high buildings and the retention of the character of the place. Bognor is already dominated by huge blocks of flats which only afford sea views to the occupants and block out the pleasure to everyone else. It does not need massive revamping but sensible and more cost effective adaptation - and is a crazy project during a recession.”

“I do not feel that a multi-plex cinema is the only idea that has been accepted. We have a wonderful cinema already and a multi-plex at Chichester, one will out do the other. This, no benefit at all. An ice rink or something different in the area will attract people from afar. Think about it guys!”

“I do not feel the development proposals are required in the Town Centre. I very much support the current Bognor Cinema and do not agree with plans that will affect the business in an adverse manner. More flats, restaurants and less parking is not a priority for the town centre in my opinion.”

“I DO NOT LIKE BEING FORCED TO ACCEPT THE Bognor Regis centre site with a multiplex cinema, we already have the Picturedrome and a picture house at the Regis Centre. What is going to happen to the Picturedrome if you go ahead with this proposal. With the new cafes, restaurants etc going in to the new centre how is this going to affect the other local business. You say you will keep the car park at the side of the Regis but you are making it smaller and taking the other one away at Hothamton.”

“I do not like the idea of a supermarket, in my opinion it would be more desirable with cafes, bars etc, there are other supermarkets locally such as Tesco Sainsbury’s & Morrisons”

“I do not like the idea of another cinema in Bognor Regis. We already have a cinema so the town would greatly benefit from a different attraction like a Bowling Alley or an Ice Skating Rink. I know my family and friends would definitely use those facilities at least twice a month whereas the cinema we wouldn’t.”

“I do not like the proposals to do away with car parks. If you want to shop in Bognor where are we going to park? Save Swansea Gardens, we do not want a green space to go it will cause chaos at Waterloo Square with our 300 bowlers there.”

“I do not live locally, but come to the area regularly on holiday and always visit the cinema. It is part of our heritage (and good value)and it would be terrible if it had to close as a result of another multiplex opening.”

“I do not mind a new cinema long as the Picturedrome stays”

“I do not see that a multiscreen cinema is needed to attract bars and restaurants to the Alexandra Theatre site. The Picturedrome is a wonderful relic of the past and must be retained. Once we have a multiscreen cinema we will see massively hiked pricing to subsidize all the films nobody goes to see.”

“I do not see the attraction of a multi cinema complex when there is the Picturedrome, going by the prices that the other multi-cinemas charge it costs about $35 for a family to see a film, I would not pay...
these prices and would not use the cinema. The town needs better shops to attract people into the town centre and different leisure activities that families and teenagers can use at affordable prices. Many of the new houses built on the outskirts of Bognor have yet to be sold so I do not feel any more accommodation is needed. The town does need new restaurants and bars and more facilities for teenagers. If another supermarket was to be built it should be an Asda store."

"I do not see why a development like this cannot be sustained without a Cinema, Bognor Already has a cinema and DOES NOT need another"

"I do not think another supermarket will benefit Bognor Regis. We need housing and this area does not appear to flood as other surrounding areas do. Allowing Morrisons to expand is the only other suggestion I would make. Really like the plans for the Regis site."

"I do not think Bognor needs another cinema and would prefer some other activity such as bowling and/or ice rink as do not want the existing cinema to be forced to close as they provide a good quality and inexpensive venue for all the town’s residents."

"I do not think enough parking for cars as this facility is essential."

"I do not think these plans should go ahead, as they will result in the closure of the Picturedrome, which is a beloved part of our town and I would be very dissatisfied to lose it."

"I do not think these plans should go ahead, the plans would result in the closure of the Picturedrome cinema. The Picturedrome cinema is very popular cinema, its affordable. The new cinema will not be affordable."

"I do not think we need to have a cinema complex as there is a famous old cinema in place all ready. What we need is something like an ice skating rink - with surrounding cafes etc - somewhere where people can do something active."

"I do not understand how it will benefit Bognor to have another cinema when we are more than adequately satisfied by existing premises in Bognor, Chichester and Butlins. It smacks of profiteering by developers especially as once completed there will be nowhere for our hundreds of ‘new visitors’ to the cinema and theatre to park. It is inconceivable that Joe Public will travel to Bognor by public transport for an evening out. Look at Cineworld in Chichester or the Festival theatre, both have huge car parks and that is why they are attractive to visitors. Bognor needs an unique attraction that will draw people because they cannot get it elsewhere nearby, perhaps ice skating, roller skating or ‘grown up’ evening venues with cabaret and fine dining both of which are non-existent in Bognor."

"I do not want a new cinema, we don’t need one and I want to keep the Picturedrome, we also do not need more flats what Bognor needs is more and better shops not what is no offer. Also where is every one going to park? there is not Parking. Please do not let this go ahead it will be the end for Bognor Regis"

"I do not want the Picturedrome removed. We do not need a multi cinema in Bognor as there is one in Chichester. Our cinema is part of our history, a fantastic building, provides all the films need and is great value for money. As a parent I find it way too expensive to go to Chichester cinema and always try to go to Bognor as do most of my friends and family."

"I do not want to lose the Picturedrome and don’t feel we need a new cinema. We would lose the Picturedrome as a consequence. There is insufficient parking for town centre visitors in the proposals. It’s at a premium at present and the loss will affect all traders existing and new."

"I do not want to lose the Picturedrome, I do not want a new Cinema we need something Different if I wanted Multiplex Cinema I could go to Chichester, we need something new and more shops. Also where is the parking. It’s total bullshit to say we have more then we need, no we don’t we need more as it is let alone if we expect more people to the town. This plan is terrible and will kill Bognor you should tell St Modwen to take their plan and stick it were the sun don’t shine!!"

"I DO Not want to see any development that excludes the Picturedrome or sees its demise. We cannot afford to lose any parking spaces, rather we need to increase the numbers"

"I do think more should be done to invest in the facilities Bognor already has, upgrading the pier, making the seafront better maybe look at what other seaside towns have done to improve. Stop ploughing money into the Alexandra theatre, it has never been sustainable and probably never will be what is the point in putting yet more public money into it?! Maybe work in partnership with Butlins rather than against each other, Butlins are ploughing millions into their development yet when you leave the complex there is nothing for anyone to do in Bognor after 6pm, all the pubs are shabby, the pier is a mess. People need a family area to go, stuff to do on a day out. Butlins bring in thousands of visitors to the area and yet there is nothing for them to spend their money on in Bognor!"

"I don’t think we actually make benefit of what Bognor has to offer. The town needs to have some investment and sometimes you just have to go ahead and do it rather than ask for everyone’s opinion. The more opinion you ask for the more problems you invite. The talking has gone on long enough just go ahead and build it. Then sort out Littlehampton"

"I don’t believe that a cinema plus more bars, cafes, (probably chains) will be right for Bognor - we need the make the best of what we already have - one way along the seafront to provide extra parking - where is the other way traffic going to go? Please no more flats on the seafront. How can the town support another supermarket? Bognor needs to attract more slightly up-market retail e.g. Next - could they be offered lower rates to get them started? The profusion of poor quality retailers is embarrassing."

"I don’t believe there are valid reasons for a new cinema. How can you state that its inclusion is essential to encourage cafes shops etc. You only have to look at the Chichester Leisure site which has several empty units to see that the statement is invalid.""
"I don't live in Bognor, but do come to the Picturedrome few times a year. I think it would be very sad to get rid of such a lovely and old building, me and my husband come all the way from Guildford Surrey to the pictures because we find it is value for money and inside so roomy and seats are great really snug :-) which you don't get in the large cinemas now. Also we think you would be getting rid of a bit of history which is sad."

"I don't see either proposals benefiting Bognor. Currently (and for the last 20 years) there doesn't seem to be a firm idea of what the identity of Bognor should be. Until there is a firm idea of how Bognor should look and feel then any kind of development will continue to make a mess of different designs buildings & areas. Should Bognor be modern or traditional? The seafront has lost a lot of the traditional seafront houses and original theatre. Roads are inadequate along with town parking. The high street is grey and filled with charity and pound shops which doesn't entice real shoppers in. Personally speaking Bognor needs to concentrate getting decent roads as long gone are the days of finding skilled. Work here and try to entice the commuters here. Direct links to London as well - it's a missed opportunity. Get the identity and roads right them start improving Bognor - it and its residents have been waiting a VERY long time. I don't see revamping the seafront area a benefit at this time. PS Having the meetings when most people are at work rather negative and sly - it won't help the general attitude towards ADC or this proposal!"

"I don't think a Hotel is viable as there are already three large ones at Butlins and we do not get enough visitors who stay here. The cinema may draw people in but they will not stay in the town as there is nothing in the town for visitors. I would like to see you apply to the lottery fund for a grant to buy and reinstate the pier to its former glory and so provide a real visitor attraction."

"I don't think a multiplex is wanted by most people. Why not give the public a chance to vote for the things they want - think would benefit the town. A water park/swimming centre, etc."

"I don't think a multi-screen cinema is viable or necessary. It would destroy the Picturedrome which should be developed and encouraged. Other forms of entertainment could be considered which would still attract the restaurants and bars, e.g. bowling."

"I don't think Bognor needs an expensive multiplex cinema, a new hotel or more flats on the sea front. I support the Picturedrome continuing as our cinema. I would like to see the sea front road closed to traffic and something done about the state of the pier."

"I don't think bringing in a new cinema would help the community at all, as the cinemas are expensive. If we cannot fill our cinema that we have (at only £2.50 a ticket)what chance would the new ones have. I don't know what the answer is (wish I did)."

"I don't think it needs any more hotels or residential accommodation but I think the other ideas could be quite good."

"I don't think it's a good idea."

"I don't think that a multiplex cinema (complex) will encourage people to visit the town. Which is what we need. We need to refurb the theatre, but look at other ways to encourage visitors. Something different to other places!"

"I don't think the focus is on the right areas. We have a cinema, we have cafes and we have places for people to stay. This development would therefore damage what we have rather than improve. The focus needs to be on regenerating the high street, this would bring people away from it making the situation worse. I also do not appreciate the wording of this survey. Hiding contentious issues behind what they "would attract" is a cheap way of not hearing what you don't want to hear. People are passionate about Bognor, that is why they want to protect our assets. After all it is the individual and unique elements which will attract people, not the same faceless amenities as every other town. Elements like the theatre and public performance would be a benefit as we don't have that but I think something new needs to be looked at for the other uses. Bowling, pool hall, laser quest etc..."

"I don't think the proposals will bring any more people into Bognor they are dull and boring. A concern also is the reduction of parking spaces which would deter anyone using the proposed multiplex, restaurants etc. If all we are going to get is blocks of flats, a supermarket and a multiplex cinema (when we already have a cinema) what is the point. Bognor is a seaside town and we should be providing a reason for visitors to come to Bognor not just giving them what every other town has. I would like to see a cafe/restaurant overlooking the sea, a theatre of a suitable size to attract live performers and shows and a welcoming environment surrounding the theatre where visitors would feel safe to visit in the evening. The Hothamton site should be opened up to draw visitors in and the existing Queensway a facelift to attract new shops. Come on Bognor, we have waited so long for this promised regeneration let's make it is something to be proud of not just bung up a few flats and give us another Tesco. The seafront is our best asset let's make the most of it."

"I don't think this is good because I think Bognor is good as it is. I think it's fine."

"I don't think we need another hotel as it would take away business from the existing hotels we already have, we also need to encourage young people to take an interest in their town and should have things like a bowling alley and an ice rink."

"I don't understand how traffic will flow through the town? If the rest of the road layout around the town is not significantly improved with the loss of the esplanade I'm sure you will lose a significant amount of support."

"I DON'T WANT THE CINEMA, THERE IS ALREADY ONE IN BOGNOR!"

"I don't want the cinemas, don't want more flats or to lose parking spaces, don't want St Modwen!"

"I don't want to lose children’s play area at Hothamton site. We need more, efficient parking. Seriously concerned that outside teams of contractors will be used to build instead of using local people. Very concerned about the standard of proposal - don't want cheap, tacky buildings, only well-built attractive sites. The biggest concern is noise and the disturbance to local people from visitors."

"I ENJOY GOING TO THE PICTUREDROME, AND I WOULD NOT THINK ANOTHER LARGER CINEMA WOULD BENEFIT US AT ALL."

"I fear that this investment would give us things we don't want and not give us what we do want."

"I feel a cinema is not required but would completely support a ten pin bowling alley, an ice rink or any other leisure facilities for residents and visitors. Also the return of many high street shops to the town e.g. Body Shop, Thornton’s, M&S and BHS."

"I feel an investment should be made into the Picturedrome Cinema. Why fund a brand new cinema when we have a lovely cinema there already. Surely you could invest in this cinema giving it more disabled access, parking etc. We do not need a new cinema when there is a large cinema complex in Chichester anyway? The Picturedrome is always under threat of closure, this would be a final nail in their coffin. Please reconsider this. Surely you could open something different in the complex. Bowling? Ice skating? This would be wonderful because there is nothing nearby. It would also promote fitness."
“I feel any development of a cinema would lead to the closure of the Picturedrome (or fail). This would be a great loss to the area.”

“I feel Arun Council should not be using St Modwen they should put the whole idea back out to tender because I am sure there is definitely another company out there who will provide a much better idea of how to keep Bognor as a proper sea-side town instead of a too modern tinsel town. We do not need another cinema we have a very good one already and as for cafes and restaurants we already have enough in London Road, the Arcade, High Street, Queensway Buitlins so more is a really stupid idea . What we need is the Town centre to be made more attractive and put a shopping mall and encourage companies like Marks & Spencer , British Home Stores to come to Bognor . The pier is a disgrace and certainly no advert for Bognor, I’m sure the council could exert some pressure on the owners to do something with it to make it more appealing to visitors to Bognor. Also the outdoor Market, what a joke suggest someone takes a trip to Gosport to see what a proper market looks like.”

“I feel Bognor is a town serving many outlying towns and villages (some affluent) it does not cater well at the moment most people preferring to drive to Chichester. Bognor has many natural advantages in terms of location/surrounding and a significant investment such as the one proposed would enable Bognor to fulfil its potential - a lovely vibrant attractive town would attract both locals and significantly boost tourist trade, it would also positively affect property prices of its catchment area, provide more ideas - generally making Bognor and surrounding a more affluent attractive place to live/visit”

“I feel Bognor needs a lot more decent shops to attract more people.”

“I feel extremely angry that a new cinema is being considered as although our local cinema isn’t up to a multi cinema standard the prices are affordable especially for the teenagers . Surely a bowling alley or an ice rink would be better so that children and families have somewhere to go.”

“I feel in the rush to modernise our town we lose sight of its history. There are certain aspects that are part of the town’s heritage and should be cherished and used in a positive way. So much has been already been lost of the town’s heritage and care must be taken as any further loss would drag Bognor towards resembling any number of English seaside towns. More care should be made in positively harnessing what makes Bognor stand out amongst the crowd & not just throwing loads of money at the problem and succeeding in only in making more like all the others. It is possible for the old to coexist with the new. It just takes thought? p.s. The Picturedrome must stay!”

“I feel is inappropriate to have two cinemas in the town. The Picturedrome has spent a lot of money refurbishing its cinema, if there is another cinema the Picturedrome would inevitably close down. I feel we don’t need any more hotels Bognor has got plenty already”

“I feel it would be a shame to let Bognor seafront end up looking just like so many other towns in the south, with rows of big hotels and blocks of flats, with very little public green space. The people who live in these buildings then complain when the noise of the fairground troubles them. It should be kept as a public space for special occasions. There are far too many empty retail outlets in the town at the moment, so building more of them seems pointless.”

“I feel St. Modwen and ADC are not listening to the electorate. Bognor does not need another cinema especially with reduce parking. Parking need for improved theatre which is desperately needed and attached cafes / restaurants. Parking needs increasing at reasonable prices, but also more free spaces.”

“I feel that a physical activity unit would be more crowd pulling to visitors to Bognor on wet days. We already have a cinema. Bowling, roller skating rink or ice skating rink, ball pool or indoor adventure playground would be useful to local people as well as getting used by tourists in the high season when English weather prevents beach use. We need to encourage youth of today to be more physically active and not sitting down watching more TV on a big screen.”

“I feel that building a multiplex cinema at the Regis Centre would not benefit the town much, as there is already a cinema here. To attract a higher number of people from outside of town, it would be better to invest in a venue such as a bowling alley or an ice skating rink.”

“I feel that instead of bringing these new developments to Bognor Regis you should be focusing on helping current independent business’s survive, it’s difficult enough for them in this current climate let alone bringing in big competition. What will happen to these local business once your plans go in to place? they will slowly lose any custom they do have and will be forced to close down, if I’m not wrong I thought it was meant to be helping people be a success in these hard times not making their lives harder! why would we need a multiplex cinema when we already have the Picturedrome? who would want to pay £9 a ticket to see a movie when you can go to the Picturedrome and only pay £3.50 at peak times and £2.50 at non-peak! which is a huge difference let alone the prices of snacks and drinks in a multiplex which are extortionate. and as for getting rid of the car parks, there is a lack of parking as it is, I know this from personal experience, I am a local resident and struggle every day to find parking because of lack of resident parking spaces there is know where near enough spaces for the amount of residents. and after 5pm these spaces are filled with non-residents visiting the bingo hall! if you take a trip along London Road and Sudley Road after 6 you will see the madness! cars are even parked along the double yellow lines. I live in town above one of the shops and have the chore every evening of trying to find parking and 9 times out of 10 have to park in the car park near the library which is hell if I have done a big food shop. how about providing more parking instead of getting rid of it! why on earth would we want another supermarket?! we now have Tesco, Sainsbury’s and Morrisons do we really need more than that?!”

“I feel that the extra hotel beds would be a draw to the town, while another supermarket would turn it into Super Regis on sea - I feel that such a development would bankrupt what few little shops there are left in the town.”

“I feel that the local cinema needs to be supported but we need to update the Regis Centre. This would allow other companies to blossom.”

“I feel that the people of Bognor Regis should be listened to more. Arun have, in my opinion, decided long ago what they want on these sites. Just look at this so called consultation. Right at the start they tell us that without a cinema it can’t be done anyway. Very open and consultative! This is nothing more than a mish mash of ideas based around the supposed need for a multiplex cinema. Good lord at the last public consultation I attended, about 5 years ago now I guess, the chap from St Modwen stated that putting a kids paddling pool on the sea front would give Bognor Regis a 'wow factor'. I honestly don’t think he ever understood why we all thought it was so funny! Let me ask you, do you really think that any of these plans will bring more people into Bognor Regis for a day/night out? Why do you not even review the ludicrous situation of the High Street? Now you want to make the Esplanade 'One Way'. I doubt any of you actually
live/work/shop in Bognor Regis or you would not even ask these questions."

"I FEEL THAT THE PROPOSED "IMPROVEMENTS" WOULD SPOIL THE SEAFRONT IN ALL WAYS. INCREASING THE NUMBER OF FLATS WOULD REQUIRE ALL INCREASE IN RESOURCES E.G. HEALTH CENTRE. BOGNOR REGIS HAS A CINEMA WHICH IS A PLEASURE TO USE. WE ARE NOT BIG ENOUGH FOR AN UGLY MULTIPLEX. THE PLANS FOR THE ROAD IS ALSO TO THE DETRIMENT OF RESIDENTS AND VISITORS."

"I feel that the town could certainly benefit from the new plans. However, I would prefer to keep The Picturedrome cinema and look at alternative options other than a multiplex cinema e.g. Bowling alley or skating. We must nurture a theatre in Bognor Regis and this means putting effort into marketing. We recently went to a show that was extremely good but only half full and you could not see see poster around the town, a great shame."

"I feel that there is a very narrow minded approach to the development of the site. We do not need to repeat what is already failing in Chichester here in Bognor I spend more times in Chichester because of the restaurants and shopping but refuse to go to the movie theatre there because of cost hence we support the local theatre. Why not add a skating rink that would bring people too Bognor from other areas. Look at what has happened at the Havant arts centre or better still The Berry great arts spaces that bring in performance groups that support community interests as well as education establishments which we need here"

"I feel that this has the look of a 'done deal', whatever the people of Bognor Regis say. We are being told that a cinema is an absolute requirement despite the objections of those who point out that we already have a cinema in the Picturedrome. There is also precious little information about the future uses of the theatre - what kind of shows are envisaged, what surveys have been done to identify potential demand? Similarly with the restaurants - are any operators likely to be interested? Have any expressed interest?"

"I feel that to have less parking spaces near the seafront would be detrimental to the town. There is already a cafe which has closed down in the Arcade so do we need more cafes. There are hundreds of new properties being built in the area already - do we really need more and if they don't sell the whole plan will not succeed."

"I feel that with all the extra housing, the traffic will be a nightmare"

"I feel the development of a multiplex cinema would severely affect the operation of the existing cinema. Both our family (ranging from large families, WE SHOULD SUPPORT THIS. THE TOWN ALREADY HAS ENOUGH FLATS WE NEED MORE LEISURE AND SHOP DEVELOPMENT."

"I feel this a waste of time money and resources, there a too few jobs in Bognor Regis so how can all this extra housing help those desperately seeking work? And to think this may result in the loss of a landmark like the Picturedrome? I have been visiting this cinema for well over 25 years and now I take my children there to see films... it’s outrageous to think we need a multiplex in a small seaside town, considering there is a ten screen multiplex just 6 miles down the road in the city of Chichester, I am furious that this has even been proposed!!"

"I feel this town needs to be improved, more friendly perhaps, but it has adequate shops in town on the whole. ??????? "A better music store i.e. HMV would be welcome."

"I feel very lucky and proud to live in Bognor even though it is ridiculed slightly on TV. it’s lovely to live near the sea and lovely surrounding countryside. In these times of austerity we all need to be resourceful and self-sufficient and take advantage of our assets. I believe Butlins have lead the way with new hotels, new flats along the seafront have brought contemporary architecture to the town. Chichester have a superb theatre and Bognor deserve a modern theatre to be proud of also for a seaside tourist town a new cinema is great. It’s always sad to see old buildings disused, the Picturedrome has been great for the town and is a big part of town’s history and people’s memories but Bognor can grow and take advantage of our beautiful coast location. the developers building flats, this is good as apparently a shortage of affordable housing. wouldn’t be happy if developers were making a huge profit would rather they have small profit and pump money into town as too much greed in this world. Over the last couple of years no one can deny the high street has lost several quality shops is full of mobile shops/E shops/empty shops so in my mind the town needs to adapt and can be a trendy place to live or visit. good luck hope it all works out for Bognor."

"I feel very strongly that no more building should be done in Bognor, one of the reasons I visit the town as often as I do is because of the wonderful Picturedrome Cinema, which is very affordable and for the old world charm this town provides, leave it alone please!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

"I feel we have a very good cinema in Bognor and multiscreen in Chi. If I visit the seafront I would expect seaside style entertainment or activities such as ice skating not an expensive cinema that is not needed. Would enjoy themed restaurants/diners such as 70’s style for instance."

"I find it difficult to comment on some of the proposals because the information provided does not always appear to be substantiated by real evidence: there are some examples of ‘assertions’ rather than
evidently based facts. For example it does not seem clear whether the statements about cinema attendance are based on a significant evidence base or on a small surveyed sample. However, I strongly believe that improvements are required to the town centre, where shopping facilities are, at present, rather limited and there is little to encourage non-residents, as well as locals (!), to come to the town for anything other than small scale non-food shopping. (I realise that supermarket provision is now improving, albeit it not in the town centre itself). I have concerns about the implications within the proposals for the number of available parking spaces. While there are statements about the intention (or is it 'hope')? to develop parking spaces along the sea front road, this seems to be entirely dependent on the decisions which would need to be made by the County Council. If this is correct and if the decisions have not yet been made, then I feel that it is disingenuous to float this possibility without having obtained some assurance from the CC. I welcome the current arrangements for free parking within the town, but think it essential to ensure that parking is convenient and modestly priced if people are to be encouraged to visit the town instead of going to other nearby centres. To relate the issue of parking to the proposed new cinemas, I am uncertain whether people would travel to the proposed new venue if parking is inconvenient when the multiplex cinema in Chichester has a good level of on-site parking.”

“I find it impossible to view these proposals uncynically. I have been a Bognor resident for 50 years and accordingly have witnessed many changes during this period; unfortunately, mainly to the detriment of the inhabitants of Bognor. I can recall many wonderful buildings which enhanced the general ambience of the area that have not been demolished or removed, for instance, the flint built St Johns Church in London Road - replaced by the W H Smith/Boots buildings which are totally lacking in any character, the boating pool in the Queensway, the Kursall buildings which included a Cinema and Night Club as well as many shops and have been replaced by the ugly cowshed of a building occupied by the Alexandra Theatre and the adjacent "market". I accept and embrace change but in the last 50 years in Bognor have seen nothing to get excited about. My gut feeling is that this proposal is being driven by commercial gain with no thought at all as to the benefit of the area despite the hype. As an ex-businessman I have no issue with commercial gain but I do have strong feelings regarding the morality of how one makes a profit and I don't feel that the benefit of the populace of the area is even a consideration. I would like to think that I haven't wasted my time in responding to this research but am now of an age to realise that cynicism is considered to be par for the course for the ageing members of our population and therefore is to be ignored and as such I am prepared to accept that this missive may be destined for the recycling bin.”

“I find it interesting that a one way esplanade with 60 parking spaces. What is the total loss of Parking spaces at Alexandra and Hothamton. What is the required numbers of parking spaces required for all the flats proposed.”

“I find it ridiculous to say that you can’t have a bowling alley without a cinema, a new cinema which people in Bognor Regis could not afford to go to would mean the closure of the Picturedrome, the new restraints and cafe’s proposed would not survive the existing ones are struggling as it is! but as always I’m sure Arun District Council will do what you want as it seems to be run by people who don’t live in Bognor Regis and who never listen to what local people want!! Arun District Council does what it wants without a thought for the local community!!”

“I find some of these questions very biased and no space is given for individual comment when the restricted possible answers are not accurate or appropriate. Bognor has a historic and regal link and should retain the character of the town and not spoil the impact of the sea front. An enhanced larger size theatre on the seafront is an excellent idea - in a building that has some class, not a rectangular box. A multiplex is a bad idea - they are always impersonal and not well managed with the only visible staff apparently disinterested youngsters who don’t know the first thing about the hospitality industry. That is unless the manager of the Picturedrome cinema is also closely involved in managing both outlets to preserve the personal nature that we currently enjoy in Bognor and ensure that the films featured and satellite events do not compete and conflict with each venue. The questionnaire asks if I have attended a consultation - I intend to but this option was not provided.”

“I firmly believe there are major issues with foreign drunks in the town centre which will need to be dealt with before you can attract visitors. I have lived in Bognor for 41 years and rarely enter town because of the influx of these drunks who we are paying for.”

“I FULLY support a NEW CINEMA but could it have “fake” windows with mirror-glass to reflect the sea & sky? A blank wall looking out to sea seems such a waste of this wonderful site. The buildings on the sea-front need to look as ATTRACTIVE as possible and I believe they should also be pale in colour to reflect the light and perhaps complement the beautiful Esplanade Grande. However, I really don’t like the density of flats (or a supermarket) on the Hothamton site so cannot support the proposals for this site at all. I think it would be better to retain the parking that is available there at present.”

“I fully support the Picturedrome cinema and would not want this going. Although I do not see a multiplex being able to compete with the prices at the Picturedrome. I come from Chichester to watch films there as I can then afford to go more often. There must be full support for the Picturedrome as part of this development.”

“I fully support the proposal to invest in Bognor with the following comments 1. Essential that it is architecturally high standard - can you use architects who did Littlehampton front - it should be award winning 2. It must be well serviced and maintained - St Modwen should have a contractual responsibility for this. The last redevelopment around the Alexandra looks tatty - one reason being that it has been allowed to degrade - it could actually look better right now. Place St Maur is neglected - as a good example take a look at the statue at the bottom of London Road - seriously, would you say that enhances Bognor’s appearance? - it may have been OK to start with but now it is horribly tatty and neglected. 3. £40M seems a very low amount for all that is proposed - again it would be better to do less to a high standard (or spend more) than spread thin with a cheap and nasty outcome. 4. Something needs to be planned for the Picturedrome - you can’t just ignore it and let it waste away - it will eventually end up closed and boarded up (and add to the tattiness of the railway station booking room and area). Let’s be realistic - the multiplex will kill it - times change and people do want Multiplexes I’m in favour of the Multiplex. So why can’t the Picturedrome be included in the plans as a bowling alley, small theatre, museum or some other attraction - get St Modwen to take responsibility for that as well, they must have some ideas (and the railway station cafe/booking office too come to that) 5. Hotel with 80 bedrooms seems small. It must be desirable to attract Conferences and Business Meetings - 80 people including organisers and other hotel users isn’t many for a Conference. Again I’m strongly in favour of this great initiative by Arun Council - well done! I would support bigger plans - e.g. Marina if anyone could be found to develop that. There doesn’t seem to be much evidence of Butlins helping Bognor much - they seem to try to keep all the tourists inside their gates and are clearly making money with another brand new hotel. As times are hard shouldn’t a tougher line be taken with them - does it need tougher negotiators who can get some win/wins? I’m sure they would support anything that helps them as
well as Bognor - after all they are businessmen and businesswomen. Has this been discussed with them? Maybe you should publish what Butlins do for Bognor (or not do) under Freedom of Information - maybe there could be a tripartite development with St Modwen and Butlins. I hope this helps! I'm happy to be consulted father or come to meetings. Sincere good luck with this, it will need determination. Regards Ken Morris PS I missed your consultation on Council Tax but in the context of regenerating Bognor I'm against removing the discount on second homes. There are a lot of small holiday bungalows that bring in money to Bognor and removing the discount may give a short term gain but is long term folly as people can buy holiday homes elsewhere with bigger council tax discounts - and since they use less that 90% of council services this is just penalising people for no reason.”

“I GO TO THE PICTUREDROME CINEMA A LOT AND SO DO ALL MY FRIENDS AND I THINK THAT IT IS A VERY GOOD CINEMA AND BOGNOR DOES NOT NEED ANOTHER ONE. ALSO I DO NOT THINK THAT THE PROPOSED NEW CINEMA WILL BRING IN ENOUGH PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THE RESTAURANTS THAT ARE PLANNED AS THERE IS ALREADY A BIG CINEMA IN CHICHESTER ANYWAY.”

“I have a little book shop in the High Street - I park regularly in the Hothamton Car Park and RELY on visitors during the summer to keep me paying the rent (Arun) and rates (Arun). If no parking - no people - - no business! Its common sense - you will get empty shops, no good building more if what we have are not fully let! A waste of time & money. This all started in the 1960’s and is still not settled!”

“I have always supported a scheme whereby the Hothamton site subsidises the leisure components of the Regis Centre site but we need more than just flats. An M & S or Waitrose food store of the size and type on motorway services stations (i.e. not a supermarket) would fit nicely onto the site”

“I HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO VARIOUS PEOPLE CRITICISING HAVING A NEW CINEMA COMPLEX AS WELL AS THE OLD PICTURE HOUSE. ALSO IN THE PROPOSAL TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING ALEXANDRA THEATRE. THE ANSWER OF COURSE WOULD BE TO MOVE THE ALEX TO THE EXISTING PICTURE HOUSE AND HAVING THE NEW MULTIPLEX PICTURE HOUSE BEING BUILT ON THE OLD THEATRE SITE ETC.”

“I have been told that a multicompex cinema will be built on the site of the Regis Centre, if this is true, then I think it would be a waste of tax payers’ money, 1, Chichester already has this, it is very expensive, and people here in Bognor haven’t the funds to spend £7.00 for each person, net alone pay for a family. This multicompex with 4 screens will die on its feet, just like the multi cinema in Bournemouth.....No one will be able to afford to pay the prices..... why waste tax payers money on a dead project before it’s even built.... 2, The Town has its own Cinema already, (The Picturedrome,) it shows all the latest films, and families can afford the prices. It’s a beautiful building and part of Bognor’s heritage. Why destroy another building.. My Mother worked at the Picturedrome in the 1950’s.. she worked there for 15 years... 3, we do not need a bowling alley, this was promised to us many years ago, and now Chichester has it, swimming pool, chi has it.... apart from the one we waited nearly 30 years for up southway... which was promised when my brothers went to school in the 1950’s. I was born in Bognor in 1957 and have seen the promise’s from the council come and go. years ago we’re promised with plans of a bowling alley, a swimming pool, an ice skating rink with a cafe, and nothing has ever been put into practice... For once give the children and teenagers something to do somewhere to go, an ice skating rink, inline and roller skating rink, with a cafe a chance to meet up and keep off the streets... Our town is dying on its feet, it may be too late for me, who has seen the destruction of the town over the past 50 years, Stop promising and do something for a change... But a multi cinema isn’t the answer!!!! “’KEEP OUR PICTUREDROME SAFE”’

“I have been trying to get on the Bognor Health Centre for over ten years. Where are all these new residents going to get medical and dental care? At first the 200 apartments were for students and 4 blocks of accommodation. It sounds more like a “back door” and “underhanded” way of dumping even more drug addicts and alcoholics from east of the Arun river. No thanks we’ve got more than enough. If the proposals do go ahead, why not put a crematorium on the site? This will save a lot of time!! The Esplanade is part of the public road and has not been bought by the Arun Dictatorship Committee for private use!”

“I have concerns that the popularity of the development would be too great for the amount of car parking shown on the plans. There are a lot of new leisure type proposals for the town and people will still need somewhere to park - the existing provision won’t be enough. The views from the hotel and cafe/restaurants have not been considered and do not take the best feature of the ‘seafront’ into account. Could rearrange to maximise benefit.”

“I have grown up in Bognor. It was a lovely little Victorian seaside town, not much more than a fishing village. Since Arun took over it has turned the town into a version of Brighton. These proposals will kill off Bognor completely, none of its previous appeal will remain. We have more crime now than ever, and this will just encourage more. Please leave Bognor alone! If you want to do some good, restore Bognor to the lovely place it once was, not make it a clone of other places.”

“I have huge concerns about St Modwen’s desire to turn us into a facsimile of everywhere else. They do not have a good track record and have already destroyed several towns. We are a seaside town, we should be thinking outside the box and celebrating that. St Modwens and are dreary and unimaginative and go nothing to represent Bognor Regis or its residents.”

“I have just moved to the area some 6 months ago and I can tell you, having lived in a number of places in the UK that Bognor is one of the most neglected and depressing places I have seen. There are no real leisure facilities, no decent shops nor any decent restaurants. Nothing tempts me to visit or part with any of my money. It is full of tat shops and charity shops and little else. So like most people I know I head for Chichester and spend my money there. This is obviously not good for local businesses. Why people object to this redevelopment is beyond me - they obviously have nothing to compare it with. For me the redevelopment is crucial to future survival of the town and to prevent Bognor becoming a ‘sink’ town in permanent decline. Personally, I would like to see a high speed rail link to London and redevelopment of the station.”

“I have just taken over the lease of a small seaside shop opposite the Alexandra Theatre (Pic a Brac). The proposed plans means that there will be no footfall past my (or the cafe next door) business. Last time St Modwen showed proposed plans they were not even aware of the two businesses on Maur Des Fosses! I would like an open space outside my shop NO trees.”

“I HAVE KNOWN BOGNOR REGIS ALL MY LIFE. I WAS BORN IN CHICHESTER - I AM 89. BOGNOR USED TO HAVE SOME LOVELY BUILDINGS WHICH COUNCILS OVER THE YEARS HAVE DESTROYED. (WHAT HITLER DIDN’T THE COUNCIL OVER THE YEARS HAVE). PLEASE WE DO NOT NEED ANOTHER CINEMA. THE BAPTIST CHURCH WAS FIRST SAVED AT THE TOP OF THE PILLION OVER 100 YEARS AGO AND THERE IS LESS LISTING TO THAT BUILDING. WE NEED A BOWLING ALLEY EVEN I HAVE TO GO TO CHICHESTER TO PLAY AND THE YOUNG PEOPLE NEED A SKATING RINK. THERE USED TO BE A ROLLER SKATING RINK HERE YEARS AGO. UNFORTUNATELY IT WAS
LEVELLED DOWN AND WAS IN THE FITZLEET CAR PARK. PLEASE DON’T SPOIL THE SEA FRONT WITH FLATS TOO.”

“I have lived here all my life and have seen many changes over the years, many of which have taken the charm and character out of our town. There are empty new homes in this area which developers are unable to sell so we do not need more housing. The Picturedrome cinema is part of our heritage and should be cherished and preserved, it offers good, safe entertainment for your youngsters at a reasonable price. We need to encourage larger stores to come to our town to bring it back to life. Instead we see more charity shops and cafes that are dotted amongst empty shops with beggars or drunken polish men in the doorways. We certainly do not need more public seating as already we cannot use the Shelters along the prom as they are full of polish and Lithuanians drinking during the day, I am tired of having to explain to my two young sons why they are there and in Aldwick road outside the off licence and along at Silverstone Ave crossroads benches too. This used to be a lovely area to live in but it no longer feels safe. The Regis centre site is an eyesore and has never fitted in with the style of the town. However, that said we do not need a cinema as we have one already and one in Butlins and in Chichester. We do need something to occupy our teens and families and a roller rink or ice rink would give the town something Chichester does not have. We could involve the youngsters in an ice hockey team to draw them into the community rather than ostracise them. We could have an outdoor theatre area for summer to get them involved in street arts and performing, we need to do something to make Bognor an up and coming place rather than the ghost town full of immigrants that it has become. Make Bognor the proud place it once was and give it some style. Littlehampton has come a long way and that was always worse than Bognor now it is smart. Could we encourage a Seafire Centre here perhaps? Pottery painting workshops for holiday makers on wet days, soft play areas for toddlers. Look to the Isle of Wight to be inspired and make it work for everyone, young and old, local or holidaymakers. In winter give locals concessions if they pay a one off fee or make after school clubs, but please no more housing!”

“I have lived here nearly all my life and Bognor is just dying…it looks tatty, cheap and run down. I fully support the proposed changes as we need to get away from being the no hope town into somewhere people want to go and residents are proud to live. At this moment in time decision makers need to do something to make Bognor an up and coming place rather than the ghost town full of immigrants that it has become. Make Bognor the proud place it once was and give it some style. Littlehampton has come a long way and that was always worse than Bognor now it is smart. Could we encourage a Seafire Centre here perhaps? Pottery painting workshops for holiday makers on wet days, soft play areas for toddlers. Look to the Isle of Wight to be inspired and make it work for everyone, young and old, local or holidaymakers. In winter give locals concessions if they pay a one off fee or make after school clubs, but please no more housing!”

“I have lived in Bognor Regis all my life. It is a poor town, but a local hub for local families so I believe what you are proposing would swamp the town in summertime and DESTROY our town.”

“I have lived in Bognor and the surrounding area all my life and since I can remember they have been going to develop Bognor it hasn’t happened yet so I won’t hold my breath”

“I have lived in Bognor most of my life and tried to have a say about all the proposals presented in the past. Each time it seems a proposal may go through that is acceptable it doesn’t happen. The focus in my opinion should be on rebranding Bognor, looking at what image we want Bognor to have, not just slapping a big expensive cinema in town that may draw in more affluent people but will alienate local residents and families that can’t afford the cinema. People that holiday at Butlins and in local hotels and B&B’s need to know what Bognor’s unique selling point is. If I go to Brighton I know I will go to the lanes and find unique arty or creative items, if I go to Arundel I will find antiques and small relaxing cafes. My view is a Cinema and restaurants may add business in the evening, and is likely to add more drinkers to the streets but it doesn’t make people come on a day out to Bognor, or entice people to leave the Butlins site and come into town. If you holiday in Bognor you are not going to think of going to the Cinema. If there was more shops (not charity shops - unless they can match the image of the area, rather than looking like charity shops, and definitely not off licences and bookmakers or mobile phone shops) that met a criteria for a themed area and cafe’s dotted between these shops with seating space outside then this will draw in people and make Bognor a town to visit for shopping, as well as relaxing, if the square between the cafe’s and shops had evening entertainment people can watch the entertainment from the cafes.”

“I have lived in Bognor on and off since I was born 40 years ago; and as a continuous resident for the last five years, I feel I know the town well. I have seen nothing done to maintain the town in 22+ years apart from the railings being taken away as the sea defences had to be raised and seafront board walk being tarmacked around 20 years ago. Even my wife feels who’s only been here a short time in comparison says it’s a lot of ‘hot air’ and talk and that nothing will be done to save Bognor Regis and in the end the town will just die. I would love to see change, I have seen too many people move out of Bognor in search of work, better places to live as they and I feel the town has gotten too run down and has nothing to offer them anymore. The pier has been an embarrassment to the town since it partly burned down in the 80’s. It cannot be left out of any regeneration plans for the town. What good is a seaside town without a restored and prosperous pier? Regeneration would be a good thing for Bognor Regis, but it must be done in a balanced way. We cannot just leave things as they are and rely on Butlins as the town’s only draw. Bring it back to the glory days of when the Royal family would spend time here and the town actually deserved the title ‘Regis’ It doesn’t deserve it now.”

“I have lived in Bognor Regis all my life, many schemes have been put forward over the years, but nothing ever gets done, it is all just talk!! Why should this scheme be any different?”

“I have lived in Bognor Regis all my life. It seems that the proposals are mainly to the benefit of developers. There will be reduced car parking spaces in the town once the residential areas are built. The appearance of the renovated Regis Centre looks a bit boxy and uninspiring. The arcade to the beach is a good idea and the improved public space around the Regis Centre is beneficial. I am not against investment for our town if it adds diversity and interesting things to see or do. I do not believe we need another cinema when the Picturedrome offers value for money in a building with historical significance to the town. I get the feeling that the Regis Centre development is being pushed through to benefit a cinema chain. Surely it would be beneficial to be brave and have a novel attraction which does not exist locally. I would be prepared to sell off areas of car parking space for apartments/hotels in order to pay for something different, like an ice rink for example. If it is not viable without the new cinema multiplex then please drop the scheme. There is a multiplex just down the road in Chichester gate.”

“I have lived in Bognor Regis for 50 years and have watched the town deteriorate in many ways. The proposed development is wrong, a cinema and more eating places would not help to change the image. The Picturedrome is more than adequate; it is one of the most attractive buildings left after the wholesale demolition in 1960 - 70s. A theatre dedicated to drama, etc. and a bowling alley are needed.”

“I have lived in Tenerife & Portugal both countries over built thinking it would generate more tourism. Now tourism has slowed thus leaving hotels & restaurants half empty. My advice don’t try to generate too much as people now have so many choices. During the summer months Bognor enjoys events put on @ weekends this brings in people from outlying areas generating financial reward for businesses. A more open glass fronted restaurant (glassed) and
regenerate theatre would be beneficial. But flats no put this in outlying areas. An underground car park would benefit (if it doesn’t ﬂood).”

“I have no objection to a new cinema and believe that as a private business the Picturedrome should have to compete in an open market. At present I go to the cinema in Chichester as it has adjacent eating facilities, but I would prefer to spend this money in Bognor. I think the Picturedrome building could be used as a conference centre as it is next to the station and I think this end of town also needs some form of regeneration. I believe the existing 16 storey block on the Hotham site is totally out of character with the town and is an eyesore – could it be demolished and lower housing blocks built in its place? I would not wish to see any buildings higher than those on the current seafront. Bognor has the chance to dramatically improve it from a run down pleasant town to a modern seaside resort and I hope the regeneration goes ahead.”

“I have no problem with the regeneration of the town, Bognor has needed money put into it for years now. But I feel that losing the Picturedrome would be a great shame and take the heart out of Bognor Regis x:( So much money has been used to bring the cinema up to date already. It’s a historic building please please keep it. Thank you”

“I have not followed the proposals carefully, expecting to be able to get to one of the meetings which I was unable to do, due to sickness and subsequent change of work pattern. However, I have looked carefully at the concerns regarding the future of The Picturedrome in the event of a Multiplex Cinema being sited, and I do not consider there would be enough call for this to continue in use. If that is so, it means that, in effect, you are ploughing £ into one end of the town, to see the other end die out. That cannot be good for the town. I think the developers are ‘holding us to ransom’ by stating that the multiplex has to be part of the package. I suggest there is no call for it and will be very disappointed if they get their way in this matter.”

“I have not seen any plans of any kind apart from a flyer about the Bognor cinema (saveourcinema). I want to keep cinema as it is a part of Bognor, and stop losing things that have made the town what it is for years. The Regis site does need improving badly. Not losing any current green areas.”

“I have opposed the parking proposals because only 60 spaces are proposed - far fewer than at present. Echelon parking on the Esplanade is only viable with one-way trafﬁc which is unacceptable (there is no permanently viable alternative). We should expect more cars, not less, given the planned inﬂux of residents and visitors. I propose a large car park below street level which should provide ample parking within easy reach of the town centre, the new leisure facilities and the sea front. Basement parking did feature in the previous proposals so it is feasible.”

“I have reservations on yet more housing. We already have new builds in the area, mainly unsold. I would like Bognor to retain its character and not become yet another town the same as others. Please leave the Picturedrome alone!”

“I have said before any development should start by rebuilding the pier back to its old size get rid the nightclub you could get a lot of the things proposed in the new plans on and around the pier we recently spent a weekend in Bournemouth the pier was humming with people lovely sandy beach the restaurants were busy it’s a seaside town not a city wake up Bognor this development is all about St Modwen- Arun council and most of all money will they care if this development went ahead and went tits up were would Bognor end up then.”

“I have serious doubts about a regeneration scheme, the success of which hinges solely on a multiplex cinema. I realise that Bognor needs to have some form of development but I cannot think of any alternative scheme that may be as successful and also be publically accepted. I am concerned about the loss of parking space, when the proposed scheme calls for additional space.”

“I have three comments: 1 - I don’t support the principle of building a cinema. I recognise that the plans have been put forward on the basis that a cinema is a must-have, but I feel that the Picturedrome cinema (and its prices) are one of the best assets Bognor has currently, and it seems narrow-minded to propose that a new cinema complex is the ONLY way to regenerate Bognor. 2 - The best designed part of the new plans is the wrap around the theatre with a new arcade. 3 - The worst designed part is the new public square. I don’t believe anyone would use it as a meeting place or leisure space, since it will be surrounded on three sides by buildings, with no cafes or restaurants except around the corner of the theatre. People will choose to congregate around the theatre instead.”

“I have three concerns – 1. There should be equivalent or more parking available at a reasonable, ﬂexible rate throughout the day and evening. Arun already receives large revenue from parking in Bognor so this aspect needs careful thought and action. At present it does not appear to offer sufﬁcient parking, especially as development of the Morrisons car park is still a possibility. 2. Comprehensive review of the whole of the trafﬁc ﬂow within the centre of Bognor Regis needs consideration and discussion with locals, the police and other interested parties. If trafﬁc on the sea front is to be one way then this is probably a good time to make real changes to way vehicles and pedestrians move around this area. 3. The height of the block of ﬂats on the seafront is too high. The building height should be similar to those already between the pier and Butlins. I look forward to seeing the speciﬁc plans for the design of the building proposed on the Regis site. It would be a pleasant surprise if the architecture of the Town Hall could be reﬂected in some way in the new building design.”

“I hope more young to mid age people comment. It seems like the majority of people who are against development are of an older age (who would not be interested in cinemas bars/rest. etc) it the younger people that need to decide there are the ones who need to live with it!! also the people visiting the town IE holiday makers they need something to whilst here i.e. cinema bars restaurants or they will go elsewhere .......we cannot live in the past old buildings have their place but new developments can live in harmony please lets develop Bognor and compete with other resorts with cinemas bars restaurants........”

“I hope that Picturedrome doesn’t get shut down because it is cheap enough for us to go to. Nandos would be good.”

“I hope that road infrastructure will be completed before these proposals take place as it’s a grind getting into town or Chichester from this area and the Picturedrome remains”

“I hope that the Picturedrome will still be able to survive but I doubt it, maybe a bowling alley instead of multiplex cinema”

“I hope the old cinema will still remain open.”

“I hope there will be provision for disabled people like me.”

“I hope this development is built well, looks good and is maintained to a high standard. The present situation is old, shabby and not inviting. We would like nice eating places in Bognor! And places for young people to use.”

“I just hope it happens this time or is it just another waste of thousands of pounds as last time when priority was scrapped. Don’t
like gun to head re multi-screen but would like to see the theatre extended but more not less parking would be and is now required.”

“LIKE BOGNOR REGIS IT HAS EVERYTHING I NEED, IT DOES NOT NEED THIS CHANGE, THE PICTUREDROME IS GREAT VALUE AND SO GOOD TO VISIT, I REFUSE TO PAY CHICHESTER PRICES, WE SHOULD NOT LOSE THIS GREAT PLACE”

“I like the cinema but I think we need a new cluster of shops and cafes. Don’t get rid of the cinema because it is nearby and cheap.”

“I like the idea for the theatre and am happy about it”

“I like the idea of all of the proposed changes, but I’d still like the cinema to be cheap and an affordable price”

“I like the ideas, especially saving the theatre, instead of a cinema why not a bowling alley or a number of other leisure activities, The town has a perfectly acceptable cinema, more than perfect, it has history, I along with many of my friends have going there for over 20 years, it is comfortable, shows a wide variety of films, I cannot believe that the council wants to throw this away. I am aware you need something to attract the crowds but I feel a bowling alley would be far better and more wanted or a snooker club, I really hope that the public will be listened to on this occasion, Please save our cinema”

“I live extremely close to the proposed development sites and am entirely in favour of a development benefitting the younger working people. I currently travel to Chichester to spend my money in their cinema / leisure complex as I see no value in paying to go to an out of date cinema showing a very limited choice of films. Younger working people are increasingly driven out of Bognor Regis, and West Sussex as a whole as elderly populations grow and continue to dictate what the young (who are the ones with larger disposable income) can and cannot have in their area. I greatly look forward to a development of a cinema / bars / restaurants as well as more modern accommodation so that I do not need to spend my money elsewhere. Regeneration in Bognor Regis is dependent on more money being spent in shops etc, and this can only happen if at least some of these areas are targeted towards people who have disposable income.”

“I live in goring and come to Bognor now and then, if you build this hideous monstrosity I won’t be coming anymore. I like the seafront as it is and I like being able to park, as for the theatre, a few extra seats won’t change it for the better it gets exactly the same acts as the theatres in Worthing do. We are already getting a giant vue in Worthing and there is a Cineworld at Chichester, I come specially for the lovely old Picturedrome and if you build a multiplex it will shut down same as the dome will if they build the vue. Stop ruining the town for goodness sake. DO you want everyone to go elsewhere?”

“I live in Queensway it is always a parking nightmare. To lose all the spaces would make me have to move away from the town. 200 flats there is ridiculous it is already overcrowded.”

“I live in town and the above proposal will harm the town.”

“I live the other side of Bognor and would be devastated to lose the Picturedrome as an activity centre to Bognor - I come to Bognor because of the Picturedrome, I have friends as far away as Horndean and Catherington who travel to Bognor to the cinema. You will lose all that revenue if you open a multiplex cinema as people from this side of Chichester will travel to Chichester or Portsmouth. Children under 7 are not advised to watch 3d films, the Picturedrome always has films available in 2d for younger children to visit. I appreciate that a cinema would draw restaurants and cafe’s to the area, but how about something a little more unusual, an ice-rink perhaps, then you would attract people from all around rather than just the local environ. We travel to Gosport from Chidham to skate and when I was younger would travel to Southampton to skate from Yapton? An ice rink would certainly be an attraction that would give Bognor an edge - that would give business a reason to set up eateries in the development. A multiplex cinema is a short sighted approach in my opinion and may turn out to be a white elephant? But are you already in the pay of one of the large cinema chains???”

“I loathe Bognor Town Centre. It’s crying out for redevelopment. If a Marks & Spencer was brought to Town Centre other good quality shops would follow.”

“I love our small cinema. It’s far better than the big ones. I go there at least one a mouth sometimes twice. Would hate to see it come to an end. Do not want to see a new cinema etc.”

“I love the cinema. We can afford as a family to use it a lot. Its got great character and history we don’t want to c it go”

“I LOVE THE PICTUREDROME XXXXXXXXXX”

“I moved to Bognor Regis 40 years ago and have seen so many changes in my own home town of Southampton and the Docks over the past years where I was born and raised. You cannot stop change and large companies desire to build and improve an area. Progress is good as they say, and it is coming to Bognor Regis now that everything is in place to make it happen. Also, for 40 years, I have used the Picturedrome and I have a very great affection for the fantastic building. So, please, please, ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL, find a way around the concerns of the Multiplex and keep the brilliant Bognor Picturedrome.”

“I note that extra parking is provided on the seafront road and refers to alternative route for through traffic but with no detail as last time. Q11 - There is no proof that a cinema is essential and the alternative answers are accordingly biased and have not been answered. Q23 - The addition of 280 flats and say 500 people will add to an already overburdened infrastructure. The loss of car parking spaces and gross over development of a small site is absurd. To expect visitors to the cinema to walk to the multi storey car park at night with the security implications make it unattractive; compare to Chichester, a large car park at ground level, free and adjacent. It should be noted that the main ticket office is usually closed now and poses the question - If Chichester cinema has financial problems what chance has a Bognor one got? Bournemouth Plans to knock their multi-plex down. Listen to the people and brief another developer”

“I note this is promoted as “regeneration”. Actually it’s nothing more than an opportunity for a property company - St Modwen - to make money. I can’t see it bringing in new people to Bognor and if they come for the cinema that’s all they will do. To truly attract new visitors we need something totally different - e.g. rebuild the pier to a high standard or have something like an ice rink. From what I read this has been thrown out because it won’t attract the restaurants and is too big for the site - well, try and work round it. An ice rink can be used for ice shows, for establishing a local ice hockey team which plays in a league and attracts supporters from outside. Well marketed, and with nothing similar for miles around, viability should ensue (even Butlins guests might well decide to use it). Whatever, more imagination is required if such huge sums of money are to be spent. Something else that concerns me is the impression given that not going ahead will create a doomsday scenario for Bognor. “Can we afford to turn down £40 million spent on our town?” is asked. The answer to that is “yes” if we’re simply doing it because the money is there. I’m very concerned that the open feel along the seafront will be lost forever, particularly with a building placed right in front of the Town Hall which will no longer be easily visible from the promenade. Also, all too commonly these days there’s mention of jobs being created and whilst that’s important it should not feature as a selling point for the development. To truly
"regenerate" Bognor needs to attract visitors who spend more than a couple of hours and want to come back. These plans won't achieve that.

"I object to any proposal that this based on a new multiscreen cinema, for 2 reasons:- 1. a seafront site is no place for a cinema. 2. It will kill the Picturedrome, one of the very few remaining features of historic Bognor, as an active space. The proposals ignore traffic implications - before sites are developed these need to be addressed, particularly implications for free access east and west of the town."

"I object to phrasing of Q11 and strongly disagree with the premise of no cinema no bars/cafes etc. The Picturedrome is one of the BEST assets of Bognor and should be protected and valued. A new miniplex cinema is not needed and would be certain to put the wonderful success of the Picturedrome into demise. Look at Margate and what the Turner Gallery has achieved - Bognor’s vision should aim high and in a more creative direction. The current proposals resemble a dull but modern shopping precinct. If the regeneration included dynamic, brave architecture that could potentially win awards - that could really put Bognor on the map. A larger public square is VITAL as the heart of the town. Markets, festivals & events can bring income into the town and benefit residents, visitors and tourists."

"I only use Bognor as it is cheap for shopping and the cinema is too. If these proposals were to go ahead I would find no reason to come to Bognor as it would be the same as going anywhere else."

"I oppose a cinema given that we have the Picturedrome, buy adding another cinema you would put the Picturedrome & the surrounding area into special measures by reducing traffic to that area. The proposals given highlight 80 apartments on the Regis Centre site & a further 200 apartments on the Hothamton site which would generate a minimum of a further 560 town-centre residents. Bognor Regis requires an environment that would keep its current residents shopping, eating, drinking & being entertained in, as currently 80% of its residents stay in or shop, eat, drink, & entertained in other towns. The road infrastructure, parking & parking costs are already against Bognor Regis, so how a minimum of a further 280 residential car’s fit into you proposal is laughable. I also QUESTION why our towns regeneration & your pressure in your wording that we have to agree a new cinema to then have cafes, bars & alike, so which cinema has already paid you for their wording that we have to agree a new cinema to then have cafes, bars & alike, so which cinema has already paid you for their interest? How a cinema complex will complement our current bars & alike, so which cinema has already paid you for their interest? How a cinema complex will complement our current bars & cafes etc. The Picturedrome is one of the BEST assets of Bognor and should be protected and valued. A new miniplex cinema is not needed and would be certain to put the wonderful success of the Picturedrome into demise. Look at Margate and what the Turner Gallery has achieved - Bognor’s vision should aim high and in a more creative direction. The current proposals resemble a dull but modern shopping precinct. If the regeneration included dynamic, brave architecture that could potentially win awards - that could really put Bognor on the map. A larger public square is VITAL as the heart of the town. Markets, festivals & events can bring income into the town and benefit residents, visitors and tourists."

"I personally believe that the inclusion for development retail plus leisure wise is essential to gain recognition to the area along with financial gain. However, exclusion for vast amount of residential buildings should be applied due to overpopulated tourism, although job seekers will need accommodation"

"A multiscreen cinema facility exists in Chichester so there is no unique selling point in having another in close proximity. It will face competition for custom, whereas a unique (ice rink / bowling alley) facility is certain to attract visitors from outside the area. We already have a very suitable and well established cinema so a new multiscreen will not be giving visitors or residents anything extra or ‘special’ to enjoy or benefit from."

"I Oppose Losing the Esplanade Theatre Which was Successful. The Alexandra Theatre is a White Elephant. I Support the Picturedrome Cinema. Fitzleas House is an Eyesore. No More High Rises Please!"

"I own a shop on Bognor high street so don’t want new commercial areas being focussed on and ruining my trade."

"I own Heather’s Cafe in Place St Maur. More outdoor seating and more cafes would NOT help my business. I need no more competition - however the space should be used more i.e. do not relocate the market. The traders benefit enormously from holiday makers, as I do. Keep the market there on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Introduce other activities on the remaining days. The space does need tidying up, resurfacing, water features, play area, would be great."

"I own Treval Guest House right opposite the Regis centre site - I built up a very successful business and spent hundreds of thousands of pounds making it and now ADC want to ruin it all with these proposals. I am not happy at all - I have no future or say on town with this"

"I personally believe that this would be much needed custom especially for the locals and would certainly bring in a lot more holiday makers who would certainly visit year after year or even just weekends away to come here as very near to London the same as Brighton who have much more there and get a lot more visitors about time Bognor had some of that. There is nothing welcoming to Bognor seafront whatsoever. I understand the majority of people living in Bognor are pensioners which they are more than likely going to be the people who have time on their hands to put their comments forward. Our children’s generation at the moment have nothing here as they get older they would probably move away for work and social life as nothing here for them. I believe this will improve their future for the next generation. They would benefit from this very much. At the moment there is nothing to attract new people to visit Bognor only Butlins and a lot of people would rather prefer staying in a hotel where there is life going on. There are no visitors in Bognor in the winter with this come rain or shine I really do think they would not care about the weather and come visit either way therefore spending a lot of money here. Relating to the Picturedrome in Bognor not a lot of funds needs to be spent just more organisation common sense really. Move the toilets to the end to the building so you do not have children running through the middle of the film whilst trying to watch it. Someone there in the room to watch no one is running around or messing about or especially talking. People pay to watch the film not listen to someone talking. Cleaning done properly not someone standing there with a black bag whilst you walk out of the film. Even to cover this cost the price were i.e. £3.00/£3.50 to see a film they would still therefore spending a lot of money here."

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will make people think twice. Anyway that is my thoughts on the matter.”

“I PERSONALLY THINK THAT BOGNOR REGIS COULD DO WITHOUT A NEW CINEMA, BUT COULD INSTEAD HAVE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BOGNOR REGIS SKATE PARK BECAUSE IT IS VERY SMALL AND RUN DOWN AND COULD DO WITH MONEY INVESTED IN IT INSTEAD OF A NEW CINEMA.”

“I presume that at the present time the Council own all the land included within the development proposal. Reference is made to the fact that the improvements to the Regis Theatre would be paid for through the value generated by the development on the Hothamton site. In all of the literature it is not clear as to who will ultimately hold the freehold of the land on which all this development is proposed to take place. In discussions with a Director of St Modwen at the presentation on the 24th November, I was given the impression that St Modwen would hold it. I therefore assume that the Council is proposing to sell or gift the land to St Modwen. Perhaps the Council would clarify the exact basis on which this proposal is put forward. It is clear from the discussions I had, this proposal is at an early stage despite the time taken to get to this point, it seems to me it has not really been thought through. In addition to the Residential development with its self-contained parking on the Regis Centre Site, it is proposed to increase the capacity of the Theatre to approx. 450 seats to make it more economically attractive to promoters and so increase its utilisation. In addition a 4/5 screen Multiplex Cinema with a capacity of approximately 500 seats and Restaurants / Bars to cater for the potential customers, as well as an 80 room Hotel which would not have dedicated parking. The demand for car parking if all venues are utilised to 50% capacity could be in excess of 500 cars, and what is the provision – 60 spaces on site and echelon parking along the sites Esplanade frontage (all pay and display) assuming a one-way system. This is without the normal demand for parking during the summer months from people who wish to use the beach and other facilities. In Chichester there is a Multiplex Cinema, Bowling Alley and Restaurants on a separate site with Free Parking which is well used from mid-day onwards each day but in the last year a number of the Restaurants have closed. I know this proposal is different, but I do not see any detail within it that makes it easy for potential users, in fact if it is difficult to find parking close to the facilities, people will not use them. Whilst there may be other underutilised car parks within the town they are not in the immediate vicinity. The introduction of a one-way system and its routing around the town could not be explained, so its effect on other areas of the town cannot be assessed. The development of the Hothamton site seems vague, it is shown as residential with shared parking (both residential and public), yet could include shops/commercial/leisure premises at ground level. Its use for a supermarket is also a possibility although when questioned on this I was told that it was a convenience store. The inclusion of any commercial use within this redevelopment is questionable as a number of units in Queensway have been vacant for a long time. There is no need for a convenience store as there is a Tesco Express nearby. If it is to be developed for Residential use then it should have adequate self-contained parking facilities, any public parking should be away from the residential development to minimise potential disturbance late at night by people returning from the Picturedrome, Pubs and Restaurants. There is also mention of part of the site being used for specialised Student Accommodation if this is to be the case then it needs to be separate from the other Residential development, so as to avoid the problem experienced in other towns, of noise from student parties and activities. The introduction of a Multiplex and associated Restaurants may enhance the Sea Front but it is likely to have an impact on other areas of the town. There is concern regarding the viability of the Picturedrome (a listed building with apparently little scope for alternative use) and there would also be an impact on the existing restaurants and cafes in the surrounding area. We have all seen how the presence of large supermarkets on the outskirts of town with free parking has impacted on the town centre, and there must now be concern as to whether the Morisons development will ever go ahead. If the Council wants to regenerate what is a struggling old town centre it needs to ensure that there is a reason for local people to come into town on at least a weekly basis and that is to do their weekly shopping with free parking (2-3 hours). The spinoff is that people will then spend some time and money in the other retailers in the centre of town. The Morisons is too small and from another era, its replacement is urgently needed if the Council is to save the town centre, and they should concentrate their efforts on achieving this as soon as possible. In Bishop’s Stortford they have a modern large Sainsbury’s in the town centre that links to the main shopping street which has a street market at weekends and a wide range of shops. They also have multi-storey car parking adjacent to the supermarket. There is a Tesco and another Sainsbury’s Supermarket on the outskirts of town, but the presence of the larger store in the centre of town brings people in. It appears to me that what is proposed, whilst from a physical appearance point of view may be a better fit than the earlier proposal, its commercial success is doubtful because the ancillary facilities required are not being provided. The Council need to make some assessment of the impact on other businesses in the town of this development, as we have seen the impact of out of town centre supermarkets and their effect on the town centre. We do not what to accelerate the blight.”

“I rarely go to Bognor town, I prefer to shop and hang out in Chichester. Bognor so needs this revamp.”

“I really agree with the fact that Bognor Regis needs investment. I like the idea of developing the theatre and bringing in cafes bar etc and affordable housing. But I do not agree with the cinema, the cinema that is there is brilliant, affordable, cultural and brings people that would not normal go to Bognor to Bognor. It is in the centre of town so those people have to go through the town to get there, it brings people in. Why not help out the cinema that is already there rather than build a new one. Develop Bognor Regis, but without the a new cinema. Keep the cinema that is already there.”

“I really don't mind what you do to develop Bognor Regis town centre, as long as we can KEEP our existing Picturedrome cinema! Modern 'Multiplex' cinemas have no character or aesthetic appeal - goodness knows Bognor needs to keep whatever character it has! The Picturedrome is a key focal point as you enter the town, highlighting its history and heritage, and offering cheap cinema tickets in a classic, traditional setting - PLEASE DON'T JEOPARDISE THIS.”

“I really feel Bognor needs this redevelopment/injection. I have to say I really don’t want to lose our cinema and I do not feel that bars, restaurants will only be attracted if a cinema came, surely bowling would have the same effect. It definitely needs the shopping area to be improved and would be lovely to see some decent shops come to or back to the centre and some exciting new cafes/interests along the promenade. Would be great to see the proposed cycle track for families to use and facilities for youngsters growing up as not an awful lot for them in Bognor at present.”

“I really object to the possibility of losing The Picturedrome - a wonderful, historic, well used cinema”

“I relocated to Aldwick two years ago. I think Bognor Regis is a disgrace, a dilapidated, neglected town, I am all for development and think it would encourage many new visitors and a much better class of people.”
“I remain concerned about the impact of change in traffic flow on businesses - the Aldwick Road area.”

“I see car parking as an issue and there needs to be sufficient parking to support the sites. The current proposals see a reduction in the number of spaces available yet the increase in residential and leisure provisions on the sites will create the need for more parking. If parking is insufficient people are less likely to come and use the new facilities and it will have a detrimental affect elsewhere in the town. Sufficient parking must be provided within the town which is easily accessible and clearly signed.”

“I see no benefit in the proposals; all these facilities are available in Chichester and other nearby towns. I don’t think it would bring visitors in. We need to be more creative. Water sports facilities, seashore cafes, indoor play areas, ice rink etc.”

“I see the proposals as a pure money making scheme for the developers and who want to visit a seaside town with limiting access to the road displaying the sea side.”

“I spend a lot of time in Munich and how they create their residential areas should be an inspiration to us, they have 6 story residential buildings and create a centralised area that includes cafe, restaurants, markets, art, multi cultural cinema, (without the multiplex prices) play areas, pretty much everything you have proposed, however the way they do it, it creates a community, day and night, and a safe environment, with it all being pedestrianized and with a sense of space, despite the fact that you are enclosed by the apartments. It is a nice place to be. However they have a fantastic bus/tram service and everywhere has cycle paths, which you need to include in your plans in order to help the success.”

“I STILL SAY REGENERATE OUR PIER. IT WOULD BE SACRILEGE TO BUILD ON THE HOTHAM PARK GREEN SPACE.”

“I strongly believe Picturedrome is a valued and brilliant attraction for Bognor and new developments should not include a cinema but other leisure activities .its old and beautiful but most importantly cheap so we can enjoy films without exorbitant prices .please don’t take this away”

“I strongly disagree with a multiplex, this would ruin our affordable Picturedrome and if the people of Bognor want rip off cinema they can travel to Chichester. This loss of the Picturedrome would deprive our community, some of which can ill afford multiplex prices, of an affordable family facility. Please please listen to the majority of our community and provide us with something that will attract people to the area, to spend in our area and not provide a white elephant, available everywhere else. We recently visited Gosport ice rink, although dated, had a great value, energetic family day out. They have all sorts of themed events, kids/adult parties, Halloween, disco nights, ice hockey club etc etc. Why oh why can you not consider that for Bognor? With no competition from Gosport to Crawley surely this would attract a huge number of visitors from a wide area. And as for shops, restaurants cafes bars only being attracted by a multiplex who is going to use these after spending all their money on overinflated cinema tickets? We need a huge, unique pull to get people into the area not just Bognor residents to use these facilities. I really hope and pray you can provide us with a long lasting positive addition to our town. Our future is in your hands.”

“I strongly disagree with the proposals and feel that the only one benefiting is the council”

“I strongly object to any multiplex cinema in the town. Very happy with Picturedrome and their prices!”

“I strongly oppose provision of a cinema in any development as it would take business away from the PICTUREDROME which serves Bognor admirably. It is a listed building which would be unsuitable for any other use and left empty would surely become derelict. Also, the proposals on offer, if implemented, will severely reduce the amount of car parking. This must remain at least at its current level to protect town centre trade. If diminished, it will tempt more people to use out of town retail sites.”

“I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE CREATION OF A MULTI SCREEN CINEMA, THERE IS ONE IN CHICHESTER AND OUR PICTUREDROME IS A FANTASTIC FACILITY WHICH IS AN ASSET TO THIS TOWN. THE YOUNGER PEOPLE OF THIS TOWN NEED AN ICE RINK, BOWLING ALLEY OR SNOW DOME. THE ICE RINK IF USED TO ITS FULL POTENTIAL COULD CREATE OUR OWN ICE HOCKEY TEAM, THEREFORE HOLDING MATCHES AT HOME WHICH WOULD BRING MORE PEOPLE INTO THE TOWN. THIS WOULD ALSO HAVE THE OPTION OF HOLDING SKATING COMPETITIONS, BIGGER AND BETTER EVENTS. THE BEST ICE RINK NEAR HERE IS IN GUILDFORD (NOT THAT CLOSE REALLY)SO THERE IS A LARGE AREA OF PEOPLE WHICH WOULD THEN BE ATTRACTED INTO THE TOWN. OUR TOWN COUNCIL HAVE BEEN ASKING THE SAME QUESTIONS AND GETTING THE SAME ANSWERS FROM THE RESIDENTS OF THIS TOWN AND SURROUNDING AREAS FOR OVER 20 YEARS. WE DO NOT WANT A MULTI SCREEN CINEMA, WE WANT SOMETHING WITH THE POTENTIAL TO GIVE OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN SOMETHING TO FOCUS ON, TO GIVE OPPORTUNITY AND A CHANCE TO BE GOOD AT SOMETHING, A CINEMA DOES NOT OFFER THIS, AN ICE RINK, BOWLING ALLEY OR SNOW DOME DO.”

“I SUGGEST YOU EXPLAIN TO THE RATEPAYERS THAT THIS WILL RESULT IN A GOOD IMPACT ON THE AMOUNT OF COUNCIL TAX RECEIPTS, AS ADDED RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES MUST INCREASE THE TOTAL INCOME FOR THE COUNCIL BUDGET WHICH COULD EITHER REDUCE THE AMOUNT NEEDED FROM EXISTING RATEPAYERS OR GIVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR INCREASING THE COUNCIL BUDGET SO THAT SERVICES COULD BE IMPROVED. BUT ONLY IF THIS SCHEME IS APPROVED AND DEVELOPED. TELL THE RATEPAYER AND THIS MAY HELP TO MAKE THEM MORE POSITIVE.”

“I suggest you look at ‘IMAX’ fiasco on Bournemouth sea front and see how that may reflect on these proposals. I like Bognor Regis as it is and my family & visitors agree. Don’t kill off ‘Picturedrome’ or car parking”

“I support most of the suggestions made in this document but have HUGE OBJECTIONS to multiplex cinema. We already have 2 screen cinema in Bognor which is well attended. We do not need something we already have, we need something NEW to bring in people from adjacent towns and villages and involve local young people - no mention has been made of an INDOOR SKATEBOARD PARK for instance. If a multiplex was built the Picturedrome would not last for long and what use would then be made of a Grade II listed building - more flats???? PLEASE LISTEN TO WHAT THE PEOPLE OF BOGNOR WANT - WE LIVE HERE, YOU DON’T - THANK YOU.”

“I support plans to improve on the Regis centre site, but am very against the idea of a large cinema there. We already have a wonderful cinema, and most local people feel real affection for the more personal feeling of the Picturedrome. A venue for live music,
with bars and restaurants might be more unusual, and locally beneficial.”

“I support the Picturedrome as the town’s cinema and if you build a multi-plex one at the Regis Centre site the Picturedrome will not be able to compete and close. Some other facilities like a bowling alley or swimming pool would be better on the Regis Centre site and we should keep a theatre there. There are already too many blocks of flats along the sea front in Bognor.”

“I support the Picturedrome cinema and do not want a new cinema in complex in Bognor Regis”

“I support the redevelopment of the Regis Centre but to be used as a centre for the arts not to replace and in fact destroy local business. I feel strongly that a multiplex cinema would be a mistake and would only attract further fast food outlets of which we have a plethora already. A multiplex would bring with it elevated prices which the average family would not be able to afford and would reduce the choice already available. we have a multiplex in nearby Chichester for those that wish to pay inflated prices whilst in Bognor we have a jewel of a cinema which is not only reasonably priced it is also a noted listed building rich in local history. Bognor needs a well-run and well-funded centre for the Arts to make theatre and live music in all its forms accessible to the public, we would like cafe’s and bars that provide a choice other than fast food, we need to provide something that other local towns don’t already provide giving people a reason to visit our once lovely but now sadly tired looking town. Please don’t underestimate the local people, we want culture and vibrancy and opportunities for our children to experience these things, please don’t dumb us down with multiplexes, Mc Donalds and supermarkets...think Brighton or Southsea please let this be an opportunity for real change, not more of the same."

“I support the redevelopment proposed and feel that this regeneration project is essential to prevent Bognor Regis becoming a ghost town, in terms of its town centre. I would like to see provision for cyclists included in the proposals, for example the ability to cycle safely along all of the promenade to access the seafront site, plus adequate and appropriate cycle storage. Cars are not the only form of transport. I have deep concerns over the proposal for a multiplex cinema on the seafront. Not only for blocking the view of the promenade but the presupposition that this is the only mechanism for attracting people to bars and cafes on that site. I frequent visit a cinema but not because there is a bar or cafe nearby. If I want to go to a bar or cafe, I will do so regardless of what other amenities are around it. I would like to see consideration for the pedestrian journey being improved (encouraged) from the railway station down to the seafront, so that people are funnelled through the shopping area. If the Regis site is to be redeveloped through bars and cafes etc, consideration should be given to the rest of the town area in relation to the Mary Portas review. Enabling more community activities to take place in the pedestrian shopping area could be a better use for this area, especially if there was a roofed area for weather-proof activities/live entertainment. I’d also question why the Town Hall building needs to house the various District and Town Council functions/services. If these were moved into the central town area they would not only be more accessible to customers but also free up a building for alternative uses - short term space for developing small commercial business/social enterprises?"

“I support the Regis Centre as a theatre and also the Picturedrome as our cinema.”

“I support the scheme, though without detailed designs I am undecided as to whether the Alexandra Theatre can be made an attractive venue. It is currently an eyesore, and perhaps should be removed altogether and something else rebuilt”

“I swear to God I will strap myself to the Picturedrome. Don’t get my mum’s final wish. We enjoyed family outings at the Picturedrome cinema but don’t get a new cinema either!”

“I think a 4-5 screen cinema would bring great ??? to Bognor Regis, although more tourist (rather than residential) approach would be more appropriate.”

“I think a cinema and more leisure centres would decrease the inactivity of the youth and would provide them with a positive thing to do instead of ‘hanging around’ on streets.”

“I think a cinema needs to keep in mind price and look at those that Picturedrome offer. Too much residential buildings - need more attractions and fewer houses.”

“I think a leisure centre would be very good and would benefit Bognor a lot.”

“I think a multi-screen cinema would be detrimental, Bognor Regis already has a cinema with more character and atmosphere and this would suffer leading to negative impact on this area of the town. The car parking proposed is insufficient for development (would people park elsewhere in town and walk to this area?). Traffic flow through the town and impact of any changes needs further consideration and approval. Regarding the theatre there used to be other facilities which could not be sustained, are proposals viable now? There are already several hotels is another one necessary and how would it impact on existing ones?”

“I think an ice rink, live music, restaurants, a quality supermarket such as M & S would help to bring people and therefore money to the area, but building a multiplex cinema would damage and eventually close the Picturedrome which I do not want to happen. There is a multiplex cinema in Chichester, also there is a cinema in Butlins. Bognor needs to be updated and good shopping centre is needed. I have three children, 16, 15 and 9. There is very little for them to do in the area. You need to think of the young people, the locals and tourists.”

“I think anything to improve the town regeneration must be encouraged however the current town and shops are so limited we need to appeal to more high street chains to encourage people use Bognor Town. I have lived in Bognor Regis all my life and the decline of the town has been ongoing for years. The main shops are charity shops and most people go to Chichester if they need anything rather than using the limited shops in Bognor. Another huge concern to people is the large number of Eastern Europeans in the town which has put local residents off using the town to eat and drink as they are visible drinking in town during the day which is very unappealing for families and at night appear aggressive and intimidating. If the future of the town is to improve then the fundamentals need to be better to encourage people to come to the area to use any new facilities Bognor may have.”

“I think anything which would improve the area around the Regis Centre must be a positive, especially the aspect from the seafront. Would be nice to have some more upmarket cafes, trees / plants / old style lampposts and hanging baskets and most importantly maintained well afterwards - town very clean I must say.”

“I think Bognor cinema is Ok as it is and Bognor does not need any changes as it is difficult to park at the moment.”

“ I THINK BOGNOR HAS A GOOD SELECTION OF BARS, CAFES, RESTAURANTS AND CINEMA. I THINK THIS PROPOSAL IS AS DESTINED TO FAIL AS STALIN’S COLLECTIVISATION POLICY, PUTTING WORKING BUSINESSES OUT BECAUSE SOMEONE’S DECIDED TO PUT THEM ALL IN ONE PLACE FOR CONVENIENCE. THE THEATRE, SEA FRONT ETC ARE NICE BUT NO TO THE CINEMA.”
“I think Bognor needs new development as it is being left behind other towns and without investment it will stay a town of charity and discount stores. My only concern will be the amount of traffic this would generate. The A259 is already heavily congested a lot of the time. I would be interested to know how the planners/developers propose to minimise this impact."

“I think Bognor Regis has turned really ‘scruffy’ and badly needs a revamp. The seafront is lovely but I’m embarrassed to say I live here sometimes!”

“I THINK BOGNOR REGIS REALLY NEEDS A FACE LIFT AND GIVE PEOPLE JOBS.”

“I think Bognor Regis should have more shops such as Primark and Top Shop”

“I think Bognor Regis should stay exactly as it is.”

“I think Bognor Regis would benefit more with more affordable houses for first time buyers rather than a large block of flats...”

“I THINK BOGNOR SMELL”

“I think Bognor’s appeal to the public is linked with nostalgia and the council would have more success in regenerating the town by renovating the existing businesses and buildings or at least opening new ones which play on that sense of history. Bognor could be a cute seaside attraction if nicer cafes and activity-based amusements were available to tempt people into day-trips and weekend getaways spent in a picturesque town. I don’t think Bognor would have much luck in trying to compete with larger towns such as Chichester and Brighton by building another large shopping centre and multiplex when tourists can go to the larger towns and have the same experience only better."

“I think by adding more residential property to the seafront area would not benefit the Town. I also think that Bognor pier is a disgrace, it should have been rebuilt years ago. Having a proper pier as it was pre 1965 would have in my opinion been a big attraction to Bognor Regis.”

“I think cinema/bowling would be wasted. It would kill off the Picturedrome and make it a ghost town. People won’t go to the cinema in Bognor at all any more, they will travel to Chi for a better experience and it’s not like that is buzzing in Chi! There are not enough people with money to go round. The price of a Picturedrome ticket is about a quarter of that in Chi and Bognor has 3 screens on offer there. They would not travel for a multiplex.”

“I think it would be awful to get a new cinema, we don’t need an overpriced cinema!”

“I think it would be a great shame to create a multiplex cinema with the loss of the current Picturedrome. This cinema attracts me into Bognor Regis. With a multiplex I would just go elsewhere to Chichester or Portsmouth. These is just no need for a multiplex with one being so close in Chichester. I have friends who come to Bognor to visit the Picturedrome due to have different and the atmosphere on offer there. They would not travel for a multiplex.”

“I think it will be good for Bognor as long as it employs local people and local business. All a great idea.”

“I think it will be great for a weekend on a rainy day.”

“I think it would be a disaster if the ‘anti’ Arun groups that are forming/have formed manage to persuade enough people that this regeneration is a bad idea. Bognor Regis desperately needs improvement.”

“I think it would be great if it ever happens!!! This has been talked about for a least 9 years and nothing has happened except money wasted in drawing up plans and holding meetings. Is this just another time wasting episode or will something actually happen one day soon?”

“I think it’s a bad idea.”

“I think it’s a good idea and it looks classic.”

“I think it’s a good idea.”

“I think it’s a great idea.”

“I think it’s an excellent idea; This ‘Old peoples’ town needs to be jazzed up’. Wrong time for the research, with all the Xmas post!!!!!"
"I think Q11 is pure blackmail! I do object very strongly to the devious phrasing. We have a beautiful and unique cinema which you seem determined to put at risk. I just feel that St. Modwens did not listen and do not care about our town, but just want to make a fast buck!"

"I think saying that by having no cinema we can’t have any restaurants or bars is extremely pathetic. It’s like saying if a child doesn’t eat their greens they don’t get dessert. We don’t NEED another cinema but we desperately need places to dine. You want to benefit our town, then don’t be so childish about the cinema."

"I think some of these questions did not allow enough opportunity to express differing opinions about these two (very different) proposals. Personally, I believe that if adding the multiplex cinema into the development is the only way forward then we have no choice but to support it. However, it is unfortunate given that it will cause a pre-existing, much-loved local business to close. It is also likely to be replaced by a more expensive cinema and I think the people of Bognor have greatly appreciated the affordability of The Picturedrome and this is something which should be considered. However, if the only way any development will happen in Bognor Town Centre (that isn’t just more flats which are so often poorly designed and depressing) is by having a multiplex with the adjacent attraction of cafes, bars and restaurants then I personally see this as, essentially, positive. Although I think this could be expressed a little more eloquently to people who just feel like they are losing a valuable local business. I only hope that the cafes, bars and restaurants will be independent venues with their own sense of character - I see no appeal in having another carbon copy collection of chain cafes and restaurants. I also think that uses for the newly improved theatre and bars could provide a much needed alternative location for younger people and provide a venue for live music which the town has been lacking for years."

"I think that a multiplex cinema would do great damage to Bognor Regis. We have the Picturedrome Theatre and a multiplex in Chichester, there is no need for a cinema that will put the Picturedrome out of business. It offers new releases at a reasonable price with reasonably priced parking nearby. If some people are desperate to spend their money in a national business instead of supporting a local company, Chichester (and the multiplex) is not far away."

"I think that Bognor Regis town centre does need some regeneration, it needs a supermarket in the town whether it be the current Morrisons or an alternative company, however two supermarkets in the town centre would be too many. The town needs more bars and restaurants such as chains like Prezzo etc. The town does not need any more flats, we have too many as it is. The sea front needs something more attractive on the Regis site. Asda should have been given permission to build rather than Sainsbury’s, Asda would have brought business to the area, it would have brought in new people like the Ferring store has to Ferring, the Sainsbury’s is 4 miles from the nearest Sainsbury’s and will not attract people to Bognor Regis."

"I THINK THAT BOGNOR WOULD BE A LOT BETTER"

"I think it is a good idea that you have given us all a quiz."

"I think that most of the proposals will help the area apart from the cinema complex which will only ruin the current cinema and offer the public a more expensive option, this particular proposal would mean I personally would not visit the town so often as I couldn’t afford it."

"I think that regenerating the theatre and the Regis Centre are a good idea in principle, but should not be done to the detriment of existing businesses. I also do not think that alternatives to a multiplex have been adequately pursued. I would rather there were no development than a scheme that harmed the town."

"I think that the biggest benefit to the town’s cultural future would be as proposed. To have a theatre with greater capacity than at present. If this means having to construct more flats then so be it. However creating a multiplex cinema would herald the demise of the Picturedrome which is quite unique in this region and a development step too far!"

"I THINK THAT THE CURRENT CINEMA IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE CHARACTER OF THE TOWN AND IF WE HAD TO PAY MORE TO GO TO THE CINEMA WE WOULDN’T BE ABLE TO GO AS MUCH. RESTAURANTS WOULD BE GREAT! - PIZZA EXPRESS ETC."

"I think that the development along the seaside is good. You should provide more play areas on the beach. The idea of new shops is a good idea to give a better variety. I don't understand why the Bognor Picturedrome has to close as this is a nice cinema which the public enjoy and can afford. I think along the seafront an ice-skating rink and a bowling alley should be built with restaurants surrounding"

"I think that the multiplex cinema idea will greatly affect the already wonderful cinema experience we have in the north of Bognor town. As we already have a sufficient cinema and many multiplex cinemas in the nearby towns (Chichester and Worthing and Port Solent) I feel that this space could be used in a much better way by providing something which is not as readily available. For example a bowling alley even though Chichester and Worthing already these do not cater for the local area well enough (always busy). Or the best option would be an ice rink, I think this would greatly improve the amount of visitors to the town as the nearest ice rinks are Gosport or Guildford. This would be something which the area DOES NOT already have. I feel an ice rink could create many possibilities - an ice hockey team, facilities for figure skating training and theatre on ice."

"I think that the Picturedrome cinema is unique and any changes to the Alexandra Theatre might force closure on it and that would be a great loss."

"I think that the proposals totally disregard the history of Bognor and will destroy what vestiges of character remain. The Picturedrome cinema will be forced to close and the residents will be limited to expensive faceless soulless multiplexes. There is an enormous sway away from these. Chichester provides a multiplex with fast food restaurants surrounding it but note this is out of the main centre and Chichester thrives with its boutique shops and eateries. Bognor was a charming seaside town that in my lifetime I have seen be decimated, I think that the proposed developments would be the last straw."

"I THINK THAT THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE BOGNOR REGIS. TAKING SHINGLE OFF THE BEACH AND PUTTING SAND IN ITS PLACE WOULD GREATLY ENHANCE BOGNOR’S SEA FRONT AND THE TOURIST TRADE THEREIN."

"I think that the questionnaire has been prepared on the assumption that there is a need for a multiplex cinema and more restaurants during the summer with little consideration as to the needs of the residents e.g. bowling alley for younger residents that could be used all year round or ice rink both of which would be active rather than passive activities. The need for cluster of restaurants I find puzzling. As for bars do we want to encourage binge drinking? Additional apartments would I consider be empty for too long."

"I think that there are enough luxury flats, apartments as it is. Maybe the proposed building of accommodation should be for affordable accommodation."
“I think that there is not much provision for children on sea front and would really have to see soft play park incorporated in designs”

“I think that you could make them all better”

“I think that you should make sure that the little cinema agrees with this proposal!”

“I think that you will harm the old cinema by having a multiplex complex, I love the old cinema they have spent a lot of money on refurbishment and I feel it would lose business if you provided another cinema. I think you should protect the properties and businesses already in the town. I also think that there will be nowhere to park for all these new bars and shops so people will stay away, I do not wish to be queuing for hours to get a parking space. I think the number of residential buildings are too high, there are not enough jobs or facilities like schools or GP practices for the people of Bognor as it is so if you put in more houses theses services will be under even more pressure. Are you going to be providing further schools, GP practices and transport networks? I think the idea is good in principle to make Bognor more attractive but I think it will cause more harm than good when finished."

“I think the cinema should be set back away from seafront as it will look ugly. The hotel will look better on seafront. As for Hothamton site it’s hard to say in the current climate.”

“I think the council should listen to the concerns of its residents, not to all the commercial interests in the town.”

“I think the development ideas for the Town centre are a great step forward for Bognor. I do not agree with the plan to put more flats on the site. Bognor needs more things for the holiday makers to do rather than spend all their money within the Butlins footprint. More shops and Restaurants required along the front would do nicely.”

“I think the most important thing is for Bognor Regis to lose its present image of being a rundown, dilapidated town full of unsavoury people. This can only be done by providing quality cafes, restaurants etc. that would attract people from outside who could spread the word that Bognor today is very different from what it used to be. Maybe you could persuade someone like Jamie Oliver to open one of his Fifteen Restaurants and use some of the unemployed youngsters, if you just open McDonalds etc. then I am afraid the town will stay as it is. I also think development of the pier would be a real asset to the town. Piers are currently very fashionable and a good restaurant on the pier would be a real crowd puller and attract a good class of people. We should use the assets we have of the sea and beach much more as a unique selling point. There are so many people living in and around Bognor Regis town centre (including me) who are desperate to see Bognor lose it’s awful image and attract better people. We never go into Bognor at night at present and always go out into the countryside or towards The Witterings or into Chichester to eat. At the moment I always laugh when people ask where I live and usually say Aldwick, as opposed to Bognor! I would love to be proud of this town!! At the moment we will probably just move away if it stays as it is.”

“I think the new Cinema will harm the existing one and to think people with families would wish to pay £7 a head opposed to the current £2.50 a head at the Picturedrome are delusional. I also think that the apartments will be for out of towners as local residents will not be able to afford them I know this as I live in a 3 bedroom detached bungalow and still cannot afford to buy on the sea front. The whole idea is not going to benefit local people at all as they will not be able to afford any of the facilities you have on offer. You would benefit locals if you gave them homes to live in.”

“I think the new developer improvements will be great for Bognor.”

“I think the old cinema should be left alone as it is popular and affordable for the average family in Bognor Regis.”

“I think the Picturedrome cinema should be protected, i.e. no other cinemas, perhaps monetary support, as it is an iconic building, still used as a cinema. I think existing businesses, also should not be put into such a competitive situation that they go bankrupt, so limit new ventures.”

“I think the Picturedrome is an asset to the town. As a family, we really like going to the old style cinema and think that the experience is preferable to that of a multiplex. We previously lived in Bedford, where the multiplex cinema and complex was tired, tatty and underused and as a result many of the units were empty. Luckily, this was not in the town centre. A misguided, underused and potentially empty entertainment complex on the seafront would be a massive public eyesore.”

“I think the Picturedrome would suffer greatly if the theatre had a cinema. I don’t see why the restaurants, bars and cafes could not be placed still with the stage or as suggested before an ice rink or bowling alley. Why put something we already have!!”

“I think the plan is brilliant, the town really need to improve and give a better future for everybody. thank you”

“I think the plans are not what I would like to see in Bognor - too large scale - personally would prefer smaller - better quality development - in character with old Bognor style architecture - personal preference style of Southwold or Frinton not Brighton. Lived in this area for just 1 year - so not sure whether plans would aid or hurt the local community but something needs to happen to improve the town’s appearance and reputation- among locals and outsiders.”

“I think the prices at the Picturedrome are good and people like them.”

“I think the proposals would ruin the Picturedrome cinema business, resulting in its closure. People can no longer afford to pay over £8.00 for a ticket to the cinema, which is what we would be paying at a multiplex. The Picturedrome only charges £2.50/£3.50. This will stop families being able to go to the cinema.”

“I think the proposed development would be an excellent way of drawing people from the local areas outside Bognor Regis into the town. I think the key to the regeneration of Bognor Regis lies in finding something to attract “outsiders”, not trying to keep the existing low-spending, low-income population happy. I am sure I am not alone in supporting the proposals. However, most of the consultation events are on days and at times when people who work are unable to attend (especially as the majority of workers in the Bognor Regis area commute out each day). Given the type of development proposed and the people it is designed to attract to the area, the majority of consultation events should take place at weekends and in the evenings. Consideration should also be given to information events outside the area to spread the word about the improvements in Bognor - e.g. holding events in Chichester. The current consultations mostly take place at times and on days when the majority of attendees are likely to be the old/the unemployed/the poor. I don’t want to be too unkind, but the proposals aren’t exactly for them! Please spend a bit more time consulting us in the middle-classes who pay 100% Council Tax at higher levels, and will be spending money at the new theatre, cinema, restaurants and cafes.”

“I think the proposed information would greatly Bognor Regis.”

“I think the proposed new cinema would destroy one of Bognor’s few cultural assets, the Picturedrome cinema. I find that I do not enjoy going to the multiplex cinema at Chichester Gate and losing
the Picturedrome would mean very few acceptable cinemas would be available in this part of West Sussex. So I favour going ahead with the scheme but without the new cinema."

"I think the provision of a multiplex cinema is a mistake. There is already a cinema in Bognor which is lovely and this new one could potentially close it down. There is a multiplex in Chichester anyway which is under used because it is so expensive. I think Bognor would benefit from an indoor children's play area as nearest one is in Ford or Worthing. Or an outside play area for children - the type with water jets so they can play in it in the summer (there is one in Hove apparently). This would attract more families to Bognor as people with young children don't always want to go to the beach but would like to paddle when the weather is nice. Does Bognor need more apartments? Does it need a new supermarket when Morrisons is supposed to be upgraded?"

"I think the regeneration of Bognor can only be a good thing. However, it should not be at the expense of the existing cinema. A well-funded theatre with good quality productions and musical events will bring many people to the area. Bars, cafes and restaurants would then be a viable option. A large multiplex cinema is not the only form of entertainment that brings people to a town! Whilst cinema is a great form of entertainment a multiplex is an expensive night out. I would prefer to see a live production if I was to pay such prices. The Picturedrome's current success is due to its ability to understand what the area can afford."

"I think this is a real positive for the town. I can't wait to see the end results. The only issue I have is with the multiplex cinema. We have the one in Chichester, and I support our local cinema, which we have fought to keep open. Also multiplex cinemas are very expensive. I think it would be of more benefit for the town to use the space in a more creative way. Art, social, music etc. A place for people to come together, not to sit in the dark and watch a film. Saying all this, I think it's great something exciting is happening to Bognor."

"I think this would not help Bognor - we already have problems with parking so taking away central parking is a ludicrous idea. We have a hotel that is underused so what need for another? We have a good and popular cinema why do we need to replace it? This is just to make the developers money not to improve Bognor - they do not care about Bognor, and I'm not sure that ADC do either. We do need more affordable housing but I'm not sure that that is what we will get with this. We won't get an improved centre if people can't easily access it."

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"I think you must do something to save the Picturedrome! It is a beautiful building and an old school cinema experience it needs to be preserved! Why can't Bognor have a bowling alley or something like that? Why build something the town already has? It is upsetting that this project seems to be purely motivated by greed and you can't see the bigger picture. I live in Selsey and travel to Bognor to visit The Picturedrome. If you build a multiplex cinema and lose The Picturedrome I will just go to the cinema in Chichester."

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“I travel to Bognor Regis from Selsey at least once a month to go to the cinema. I do not want a multiplex - if I did I would use the multiplex at Chichester, which is a lot closer. The cinema in Bognor has character and would be forced to close if a multiplex opened.”

“I truly believe that no multiplex should be allowed. Bognor already has a total gem in the Picturedrome, which provides access to see films for probably a third of the cost that a multiplex would charge. Why try to make Bognor into a carbon copy of any other town? Surely it would be better to maintain the towns existing character by supporting the Picturedrome and why not use the space that the multiplex would be in to create something different which would truly attract people in from a wide area such as an ice skating rink or roller skating rink. There are multiplex cinemas aplenty, one just up the road in Chichester, but how many miles does one have to go to skate??”

“I trust these proposed developments will incorporate a large amount of architectural flair to represent the sailing / sea location of Bognor Regis.”

“I umbrage the view on the cinema complex, this seems unlogistical and a waste of time.”

“I understand a cinema as prime tenant would attract restaurants etc, but am concerned as to possible loss of the Picturedrome - a local cinema with decent prices.”

“I understand that Arun/St. Modwen will claim that asking the public written questions and receiving written replies constitutes “consultation”. Nor does display of plans with representatives to give inconclusive answers. I represent that until Arun/St. Modwen/WSCC sit down with BRTC and the public to hammer out principles to be followed consultation will not have taken place!”

“I understand that some people are against a cinema due to the Picturedrome my thoughts on this is I have a toddler and have taken her to Chichester on the train to the Saturday morning pictures this costs exactly the same as visiting the Picturedrome. also the Picturedrome is nice but not as child friendly as a multiplex as the Chichester one has booster seats for the chairs and you can wait inside if your early in bad weather. also the nearest place to park to the Picturedrome is Queensway car park which you have to pay for so the costs saved on the ticket prices might go up if you have to pay for parking”

“I understand that the development of a cinema would bring in money, however I believe that a bowling alley, or ice skating rink could do the same, and would bring income in from outside of the town as there is no ice rink for miles. I am WHOLLY opposed to a cinema as this town is served by an amazing cinema, and I would not attend a multiplex, as I choose not to now, and I know many of my friends and colleagues feel the same.”

“I use the Picturedrome regularly and vastly prefer it to the characterless and expensive multiplex in Chichester. It is also the only sensibly priced place to go to see films around here. I feel it is a local treasure and I do not want to lose it. Basically I fear we will lose a beautiful historic (and very cheap) community cinema and this will be replaced by one of the omnipresent over-priced commercial cinema chains.”

“I use the Queensway car park and will not be happy if it goes.”

“I vehemently oppose building on Swansea Gardens, building a new cinema. The Picturedrome draws a lot of people to the town - a new multiplex would be run of the mill. We need more eating places on the sea front, more seating, more access to the sea front. Parking could be a problem but not having all these amenities is already a problem. There is nothing to attract visitors to the seafront or make them want to stay and shop in the town. Improve the shops and access to the seafront. Make more restaurants, cafes, bars have a sea front prominence - visitors come to see the sea”

“I visit Bognor Regis regularly to visit the shops, the seafront and - most importantly - the Picturedrome cinema. This is an incredible asset that enables Bognor residents to see films cheaply in a delightful, historic environment. I am greatly concerned that the Picturedrome will be threatened by the proposal to open a multi-screen cinema at the Regis Centre. Bognor should protect its own unique assets and not bow to corporate interests to create an identikit environment just like everywhere else. If the Picturedrome closes, I shall no longer visit Bognor to spend my money there.”

“I visit Bognor the majority of the times to visit Bognor Picturedrome. Your proposal for a multiplex and the redevelopment is confirmation of either lack of foresight and poor management, or more likely discrimination for the local cinema. A holistic attitude would be more suitable where you redevelop with the cinema survival on your priority list. There are also people living outside Bognor who come to the cinema. Should you remove them from the equation then I would stop visiting Bognor.”

“I walk from Butlins to Fitness First I thought could you do something with the pavements?”

“I want a multiplex cinema.”

“I was born and brought up in Bognor Regis. I now live in Worthing. Every time I visit Bognor I’m very disappointed - it gets worse! I still have school friends living in Felpham and they go to Chichester for shopping and leisure. This improvement would be great.”

“I was born in this town and have lived here all my life, and I find the proposals contradict themselves as regards all the bars and cafes (Alexandra/Queensway site). I also find that this town has more flats then houses being built. I also think that Arun Council think they have all the answers and the people of Bognor are backward and we are being led like sheep”

“I went to the exhibition in Bognor town centre this morning, and was not impressed at all, Arun councillors were standing about listening to members of the public discussing the proposals and not joining in. Looking at the proposal I think you have wasted a lot of tax-payers money on a lot of pictures on cardboard, and I don’t think St Modwen are up to the job, and should be dropped before we spend more good money after bad.”

“I worked opposite the Regis Centre car park for 40 years. It was full from 9 - 5 every weekday. To reduce spaces by 265 (including the Hothampton site) will be a catastrophe as people will not come into the town if they cannot park. The ideas proposed are superb but the fact is St. Modwen will not proceed if they cannot build the flats ... which will cover the now available car parking slots. I agree that change is necessary but the scheme will not be practical - sorry.”

“I worry greatly about parking facilities and the cost thereof. One more small point but important, please please could a few strips of decking run from prom down to beach for disabled and baby buggies.”

“I would also regret the loss of the Picturedrome Cinema, one of my favourite venues. I also think Bognor Regis would benefit by going back to its roots. The proposals don't create a flow of new income to the area, just shuffling the deckchairs around won't help. I remember when Bognor was a thriving seaside resort. You need to concentrate on proper tourism, not this.”

“I would always want to park and drive along the seafront - I can take 4 people to our cinema for £10 with a 4/5 Screen cinema it would be £30 so would not go into town at all.”
“I would be happy with all, except the cinema. Bognor Picturedrome has been around since I was born and is a very nostalgic landmark to myself and I am sure others. Not to mention the affordability of a family night out which a multiplex cinema would not offer.”

“I would be opposed to the multiplex cinema with associated eateries on the basis that it would be the same generic outlets as at other sites such as Chichester Gate (Frankie & Bennys, Burger King etc.) very dull! more distinctive please. P. S.no-one is going to enjoy coming to Bognor while the smell of Lidsey landfill pervades the whole area!”

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“I would be very concerned that the new proposals would destroy the identity of Bognor, making it just another soulless town identical to myriad others around the country. Central to this is the proposal to build a new cinema complex. Why on earth do we need yet another multiplex when not too far away one already exists in Chichester. The Picturedrome is unique and very special, reflecting the town’s history and heritage. It must be remembered that, should we lose this delightful old building, we will never get it back. My family and many of our friends regularly use it out of choice, much preferring it to cine world in Chichester and would rather not visit the cinema at all than be forced to go to a large multiplex.”

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“I would just say that this opportunity needs very careful thought because over the last few decades Bognor has been neglected in a very bad way. I no longer go into Bognor for shopping because it has a real shabby feel to it and the amount of foreign people in the area is a bit concerning and somewhat threatening. until Bognor is bought back to life I will always use other towns and cities. My wife and I eat out quite a lot but never go into Bognor. The Council need to get this right or the town will just get beyond help!”

“I would like a Marks & Spencer’s or an Argos. Also there are no shops in Bognor selling music CD’s.”

“I would like a swimming pool - shops & restaurants - cinema and a playground”

“I would like an Ice Rink, a Snowdome or a Bowling Alley, but not a new cinema as I like our original one”

“I would like Bognor to be able to choose its own future without being dictated to by Arun District Council - why should we be paying St Modwen again for another set of plans - they must be laughing all the way to the bank and think we are all mugs or puppets.”

“I would like Bognor to keep the Picturedrome perhaps being enlarged to a 4 screen cinema. I also would like a skating rink or bowling alley.”

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“I would like to have more information how the progress going on”

“I would like to know how much money was spent on the first proposal put in by St Modwen. Nothing happened after that and now another plan that must be costing an awful lot of money. Bognor Regis is rapidly going downhill and I feel more important issues need to be dealt with before this development takes place. I definitely object to a multi-screen cinema when we have a unique cinema in The Picturedrome.”

“I would like to see a higher building at the main site with a viewing court. The Picturedrome is unique and very special, reflecting the town’s history and heritage. It must be remembered that, our best asset - the SEA and SKY - similarly lower rise residential accommodation. In fact it will be drastically less than It is at present. You must provide at least the size of existing provision and probably treble. How will you accommodate all the extra residential needs PLUS the extra visitors you hope to generate? I do not see this as a proposal. I will be attending one of the many opportunities to examine your proposals in detail. We need a development plan for Bognor Regis and I look forward to a plan that is realistic.”

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"I would like to see a larger capacity at the theatre. Also an ice rink would be nice as there isn’t one within miles. A bowling alley would be a good addition too. All of which, in my opinion would bring many more people to the town. Parking in and around the town must be improved."

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"I would like to see a Marks and Spencer as well as also more parking"

"I would like to see a monthly local valuations auction antiques etc.in Bognor Regis, possibly in the new development. I would think this would bring visitors into Bognor Regis. I would also like to see boat trips from end of Pier to Littlehampton"

"I would like to see a new Cinema, because I never use the small outdated one Bognor has; instead I travel to Chichester Cineworld. An ASDA would be nice!"

"I would like to see money spent to make the town look better, particularly more shops and a nice space nearer the sea front. I would like to see the amount of residential properties at a minimum, as we have such a large number of properties being built around Bognor and I don’t want the roads, schools etc to struggle even more. New homes should be limited to local people where possible. Enough parking should be provided as well. Bognor should try and keep a small sea side town feel."

"I would like to see more creative ideas than cinema or supermarket. What about shopping centre, or modern interactive museum. Also traffic needs to be looked at. Improvements for cyclists. Echelon parking spaces are accidents waiting to happen if there is traffic going through."

"I would like to see more creative proposals making Bognor special and to see new buildings more stylish like Esplanade to give Bognor more character."

"I would like to see more leisure buildings. Things like Ice Rink & Ten Pin Bowling Alley. These would bring more people to the town and provide more jobs for local residents."

"I would like to see our Picturedrome cinema retained. there is no demand for a multiplex cinema. We had many years ago 3 cinemas in Bognor - 2 have disappeared. Do not close the Esplanade to East / West traffic & vice / versa"

"I would like to see some better up market eating restaurants in Bognor Regis"

"I would like to see some commercial protection for the existing Dome cinema. I would not support a new cinema complex which would lead to the closure of the dome"

"I would like to see some re-development of the town because it is really disappointing how lacking it is. I would not however like to see the closure of the Picturedrome which is a wonderful value for money venue which has lots of history and is well liked and used by town residents."

"I would like to see something useful to the people who live in the area and something which would bring people to the area like an ice skating rink and Asda, there is no need to build a new cinema as Bognor has the Picturedrome which is well priced compared to a multiplex cinema which is overpriced. Apartment flats are not good for the area as these encourage anti-social behaviour from people living on top of each other."

"I would like to see the current Cinema promoted and still used - perhaps it could adopt the same idea that the Park Cinema uses in Chichester and show older films in keeping with the building. There is absolutely no requirement for another Supermarket in the Town there - if the area is to be developed it will be essential that all age groups in the community are fully catered for and the areas are kept clean and welcoming for potential tourists and residents"

"I would like to see the no multi screen cinema as the PICTUREDROME CINEMA is suited to the public’s needs and as the building is a grade 2 listed building it should be kept for the people of Bognor Regis. Chichester has all the same complex that St Modwen want to build in Bognor therefore I can’t see it being viable as Chichester is only 5 miles away, it makes no sense."

"I would like to see the Picturedrome saved. We need more things for the teenagers to keep them off the streets. The theatre needs to be redeveloped and expanded. Butlins is so big now that we do not need more hotels. Bowling would be good."

"I would like to see The Picturedrome cinema retained. It’s a lovely traditional cinema as opposed to go to Chichester, which is double the price and too sterile!"

"I would like to see the Picturedrome remain. I am fed up with all of the interesting buildings being pulled down and blocks of flats taking their place. I would like to see a bowling alley or ice rink or both in Bognor, somewhere for people to go and interact. I was born in Bognor, have never moved away, but there was more to do as a teenager than there is now. I am 67 yrs old."

"I would like to see the Picturedrome retained has a cinema, but I doubt it could compete with the competition."

"I would like to start by saying how bias this questionnaire is and that the link between cinema and restaurants seems a little tedious, and does coerce people into being in favour of the cinema development. The proposed developments seem to be more of what Bognor Regis doesn’t need. In an area that is less economically well off you want to build a cinema that people cannot afford to go to? I think the popularity of the Picturedrome Bognor Regis shows the price that people are prepared to pay to see a movie, so why not develop that site further to add additional screens? This is a building that is now owned by the council and will possibly not be off use if this development takes place, wasting council tax payers’ money. I can’t see many people who will be prepared to pay top dollar for a flat that is not right on the seafront and in the deprived area of the Queensway, an area which I would not want to live in. This is of cause in addition to the 700+ new houses that are already being built in the area. Our infrastructure, roads, schools, doctors and dentists cannot take much more strain. This is an area that needs careful consideration before anymore new homes are built in the area. How are these plans going to add a point of difference between Bognor Regis and other areas such as Chichester? The answer is they aren’t. If there is no point of difference to attract people into use the services they won’t come. This is where ideas such as a snow dome would bring in people from other areas, and they would then use additional services such as restaurants and shops. More shops are to be built although we have many in the town which are vacant? Is this development going to be enough to draw in retailers? I think not as it’s not likely to substantially increase footfall to the town. Research with potential retailers is key to find out who would be interested in taking potential shops is key. Parking in the town is already limited and is being reduced further? I cannot see how 60 spaces will be enough for the whole Alexandra theatre complex? That is less than 1 cinema
full of people and then there is the town hall, theatre and hotel with no parking? This seems ludicrous.”

“I would like to think that the Picturedrome and a miniplex would be viable for the town”

“I would like to understand why it is thought the proposed restaurants and cafes would be sustainable businesses in Bognor Regis, the evidence of existing such outlets in the area doesn’t seem to support this. I think these proposals are actually a ‘Trojan Horse’ to build 200 flats on the site, that the leisure outlets wouldn’t sustain and we would be left with the inevitable closure of the Picturedrome."

“I would love to have an Ice rink, indoor snowslope or a bowling alley to be built in Bognor. Chichester has two cinemas, new park and Chichester Gate, so could we!”

“I would much prefer to see a bowling alley instead of a multiscreen cinema. I do not accept the argument that a bowling alley HAS to have a cinema adjacent. Bowling is popular and just the activity for visitors to the town. Attach attractive cafes to it. A multiscreen cinema will impact on the much loved Picturedrome which is a comfortable cinema showing up-to-date films of all sorts. The presence of the proposed multiscreen will slowly detract from the Picturedrome over time and such an iconic building/cinema should be preserved. The Picturedrome current film schedule is very varied, from the latest James Bond, to a live transmission of Swan Lake from Covent Garden; it has several screens and I can’t see the point of wasting money on a new multiscreen nearer the beach. Cinema going is not logically linked to the beach. I would prefer to see the Alexandra Theatre improved with a full, daily, varied, live programme to entertain visitors, rather than transmitted films. This would ensure many jobs for the town. The market in the square needs to be less tacky, more continental in style, with open air cafes.”

“I would not like to see any development that impacted the existing Picturedrome cinema i.e. a cinema complex. There is adequate and excellent supply through the existing cinema and a multiplex in Chichester.”

“I would not like to see the cinema complex - I like the Picturedrome, it offers an alternative to multiplex in Chichester. I would like to see more varied independent shops which make Bognor stand out from other towns rather than become a clone of many other towns. Art spaces, cafes, artisan shops and outdoor cultural activities would help to raise the profile of the town and bring people in because they would be drawn to the variety and originality of what was being offered. This is a chance to do something exciting and different, it would be a shame if we played it safe and ended up with nothing new.”

“I would not like to see the Picturedrome go. No buildings higher than six storeys high. Would like to see an improvement to existing problems in Bognor i.e. pot holes in the road, uneven pavements & lack of street lighting.”

“I would not use the cine complex on principle, we already have that here. The Esplanade would look ugly with the diagonal parking shown and it would ruin the front at Bognor. We have little green gardens here and we would lose some on the Theatre site. We would lose so much car parking, so we might as well go elsewhere for our entertainment. Get rid of the tawdry looking sun sculpture and get something classy. Your whole plan is unattractive and we have already got too many cafes here. Abandon the whole plan and redo the Pier.”

“I would personally like to see more Arcades - Art Galleries - Pier that has a theme park on it - larger swimming baths - unusual shops - cafes - restaurants - Shopping mall that’s 5 floors with shops”

“I would personally like to see more big high street shops such as Primark, H & M, HMV and Next as I think it would benefit Bognor Regis”

“I would prefer - a swimming pool - arcades and a theme park”

“I would prefer a Leisure Centre in place of the new cinema complex; councillors should visit Havering to see a comparable development. If a cinema is included what will the developer do about the Picturedrome via planning gain? It is, I understand, a listed building - if it becomes derelict it will detract from the developments outlined by St Modwen. New buildings should be kept in scale with existing. What provision would be provided for cyclists?”

“I WOULD PREFER AN ALTERNATIVE TO A MULTIPLEX CINEMA. SURELY THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE THAT IS COST EFFECTIVE? I.E. A BOWLING ALLEY OR AN ICE RINK.”

“I would prefer to keep the delightful Picturedrome Cinema as ticket prices etc are lower and the building is of historical importance. A new cinema would, as like Chichester Cineworld be expensive £9 a ticket + extras and not enough parking for bars and eating places as well as Cineworld.”

“I would prefer to see a marina built with shops, cafes, bars around it to create a real attraction (feature).”

“I would prefer to see much more retail is opposed to residential development, particularly in regard to the Hothamton site. Public art would be a waste of money and not widely appreciated in such an old and well established coastal town. A 50/50 ratio of retail and leisure would be appreciated. Perhaps a swimming pool?“

“I would rather see the existing sea front road / promenade pedestrianised with shops and bars and restaurants and the existing town centre redeveloped as a residential area.”

“I would think that investment into the town centre would be more appreciated rather than these proposals. the town is already run down, dirty and the businesses are being forced to close. spend our high council taxes on something we as a community need rather than what the council would like to have.”

“I would very much like to see the regeneration and find a solution that both allows the improvements and retains the Picturedrome. I don’t believe that the other option of an ice rink (or something more substantial than a bowling alley) would deter restaurants and cafes especially considering that there will also be a theatre on site as well. If the likes of Nandos and Frankie and Benny’s and the usual cluster of ‘same old’ companies won’t come to Bognor because we don’t want a ‘same old’ cinema multi complex, then so be it. I would much prefer restaurants, cafes and coffee bars that are established by smaller local companies anyway. I find it offensive that in the current climate, local people who want to run businesses in the area are overlooked and pushed out by large chain companies. I would love to see the revamped theatre alongside an entertainment/leisure establishment surrounded by coffee bars, wine bars, bistros, cafes and restaurants that are individual or the smaller chain companies that are willing to commit to the redevelopment without insisting on a cinema. A local company got overshadowed by a large chain for the Hothamton Park Cafe. How is that incentivising the local community? I don’t want to see the regeneration lost over the Picturedrome but I don’t believe that it’s ‘multiplex cinema or else’ either especially as there will be a theatre on site. A theatre alongside an entertainment/leisure complex or some other sort has got to be as appealing if not more so than a cinema?”

“I, as a mother of 3 children ,at the moment I can afford to take my children to see the latest films at the Picturedrome , if the
Picturedrome was to close I’m sure the price of the tickets at the new cinema complex would be more expensive and therefore our visit to the cinema would not be as frequent, so my children would miss out, and this would be a great shame.”

“I, for the life of me, cannot understand why the council would want to demolish a cinema so loved not just by Bognor Regis residents but by a wider community. It is the only cinema we use and we live in Littlehampton, so could easily go that bit further to Chichester or in a different direction to Worthing or Brighton. However, we choose not to; we prefer the good old-fashioned atmosphere of the Picturedrome. Councillors would be advised to go along and see just how many people are queuing outside and how the auditoriums get so full some people have to sit separately from the person they came with. It would be nice to know why the Council has dispatched this survey - it’s highly doubtful they will listen to the views of the public - they never have in the past; we just get railroaded - like it or lump it - that seems to be the Council’s motto.”

“I’m happy with the some of the plans, but would like to see the Picturedrome left where it is, because there is a big enough cinema in Chichester”

“I’m very upset to hear the Picturedrome could close as this is a godsend in the school holidays, a family of 4 can easily go to the cinema and have food and drink for £20! that’s sooo affordable for people unlike the extortionate prices Cineworld cinemas charge it costs a family of 4 £30 just for a seat each, if u want a drink and a snack u won’t get much change from £60 , the prices are an utter disgrace hence the fact that I always take my family to the Picturedrome. long may it continue to thrive, Chichester Gate is like a ghost town most of the time the restaurants and bars are always closing down and then reopening again, regenerate the area but not with a cinema that is an utter rip off !!!!! Disgusted by this I am .”

“Ice rink (instead of another cinema and NO MORE flats) They’re pretty N-ICE but seriously, ice rinks are awesome”

“Ice rink, bowling alley and nightlife for the town would also be good. We need to have facilities for young people”

“Ice rink, more shops”

“Ice Skating Rink / Laser Quest / Soft Play / Increased Pier size Support without the cinema”

“Ideally not uses that encourage ‘groups’ to gather and cause trouble. No areas that allow for graffiti etc. Things that encourage visitors and residents alike. Cheaper car parking for Bognor residents.”

“If a 4-5 screen cinema was built in Bognor it would attract new business. I don’t use Bognor town centre on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday night. I feel unsafe could Arun use part of the funding to pay for more CCTV and (PCSO) Officers.”

“If a cinema building is to be constructed there should be one operator for both the new and the existing cinema. This would prevent the existing listed building from being negatively affected. Thus my response earlier in the form. At present, I rarely visit the town as it does not meet my needs. Instead, I visit Chichester and Brighton (as do my friends and family). I would like to see larger retail units in the town centre to attract larger retail shops. A focus on the retail section will attract me back in to the town. As at present I shop in Chichester where there is a good mix of chain and independent shops. This continues with more quality independent (or small chain) bars and restaurants. A focus on independent or local chains would attract me back into the town.”

“If a multi-screen cinema were to be built I and lots of others in Bognor would not be able to afford to use it as the prices will be too high. We can never afford to go to Cineworld in Chichester. We visit the cinema frequently as a family as The Picturedrome prices are very affordable, I like the history of it and the building. If the cinema moved it would kill the small businesses around it. I also think that there are too many houses already in Bognor draining the resources of doctors and hospitals and schools.”

“If a supermarket is put on the Hothamton site ANYONE but Tesco please!!! Any chance of an Aldi? Where are people supposed to park with spaces taken from Regis Centre and Hothamton?”

“If agreed I feel it’s too little too late if people will still go to Chichester and you can’t compete with Butlins for accommodation.”

“If ANYTHING I FEEL POSSIBLY AN ICE RINK TO BRING PEOPLE TO THE TOWN. BOGNOR BEING A SLIGHTLY DEPRIVED TOWN WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE CHEAP SEATED CINEMA THAT WE ALREADY HAVE RATHER THAN A MORE EXPENSIVE MULTIPLEX ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE.”

“If Bognor succeeds in attracting more visitors and residents, parking should surely be increased not decreased. I think Bognor is in need of a facelift and needs an injection of youth as it is still seen very much as a place for old people. However, I am concerned this may result in behaviour such as binge drinking like you see in other places where there is a thriving night life focusing on drinking in bars. So there would then need to be provision for more policing. Aiming to make Bognor a cultural town catering for the needs of young and old alike would be the ideal. It would be nice for Bognor to be seen as an equal to Chichester rather than its poor relation. Although change can be unsettling, it is also necessary to move with the times. Overall, I think the development proposals are good and encouraging.”

“If car parking were to be restricted on the Hothamton site the adjacent roads would suffer and residents parking would have to be protected.”

“IF CINEMA PROPOSED CANNOT PICTUREDROME BE USED AS A THEATRE AND FUNDED.”

“If development occurs at Queensway parking places will be lost, people will not bother with Bognor High St. Shops will suffer there. The cinema development will not generate much in size for town (like Chichester) because cinema is expensive people go to the cinema perhaps grab a cheap burger to go home, people do not get to the cinema and then go shopping on High St. The Picturedrome is a historic building should be an asset an ugly multiplex is not + glass boxes are ugly. Make the seafront an attractive open space with fountains and people will visit and use the shops.”

“If economic downturn is reason for change of use, wait for upturn and re-think leisure complex with suitable attractions”

“If Hothamton is used for re-development, parking will be problematic as will the usage of Regis Centre development more consideration needs to be given to parking. Area outside of town as park & ride and close centre of town altogether expect disabled deliveries can be carried out at night. Do not agree that bowling facilities/green areas should be taken and built on”

“If more housing is needed to pay for other improvements this is not regeneration. Let’s just have a hotel and some units for shops/restaurants”

“If more people come to Bognor then we need more parking space for them and not too expensive”

“If only a four or five screen cinema is proposed, then hopefully, the Picturedrome will survive. If it doesn’t will any plans be developed to retain the Picturedrome as an important part of the town’s history and landscape? A lot of us feel very sentimental about it,
and it would be a shame if we didn’t look after it as much as possible.”

“IF POSSIBLE ANY DEVELOPMENT SHOULD INCLUDE RESTORATIONS OF THE PIER AS A MAJOR FEATURE AND ALSO THE CINEMA, WHICH COULD BECOME AN ARTS CENTRE, POSSIBLY IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY WHERE IT COULD BECOME PART OF THE CAMPUS FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL DEGREES.”

“If the cinema and restaurant plan goes ahead where would people park? Visit the multiplex in Chichester in the evening and that massive car park is not big enough. The reason that the Picturedrome is popular is that the prices are reasonable. Do not assume that the these customers will go to a new multiplex, we and our friends will get out DVDs or subscribe to a site like Love Film, a lot of people cannot afford multiplex prices. If you want to run events such as the birdman where will people park if you shut the Hothamton car park? We live near the station and the streets are already overwhelmed with cars as you keep building flats with no parking spaces.”

“If the cinema goes ahead it will kill the Picturedrome. Until something is done about the shopping area and getting rid of all the looters and street drinkers etc.in the High street. Any attempt at improvement in Bognor as suggested, would not be an advantage. The loss of parking areas would prevent day trippers from coming to the town. We used to holiday here 50/60 years ago when it was a nice place to come especially Hothamton park with all the children’s play area also the clowns performing, and the animals. But now we would not recommend anybody to come and live or holiday in Bognor and we suspect it will be the same in the future when and if St Modwen get the go ahead, they are not interested in Bognor only their shareholders profits and from our experience of changes to the town it just adds to the decline of the town. I was a Wavelength member for a good number of years and saw what happened to thoughts of members. (name supplied)”

“If the multiplex cinema is put in place the Picturedrome, which is a listed building, will be put out of business. The cost of going to see a film will quadruple. A skating and/or large bowling rink would fit better. The proposal will only affect the local population and not attract people in from the surrounding area. This is because Public transport to/from Chichester and Littlehampton etc. stops at 19.30hrs ever since Arun took subsides away from the buses. Will the services be able to cope, such as, water treatment/supply, electricity etc. What about the sea level rise? has anything been incorporated in the plans to cope. I think that with plans like this, doesn’t end up closing down. It’s a lovely building and should be protected at all costs. Saying that the Picturedrome could still be not be higher than 3 storeys. The Picturedrome in Bognor should be protected at all costs. It could provide a much better focal point for the resort.”

“If there is a supermarket it should be an Asda as we already have Tesco, Sainsbury’s and a Morrisons in Bognor.”

“If there is new housing it should be affordable housing - not just luxury apartment condos. If there are new buildings - they should not be higher than 3 storeys. The Picturedrome in Bognor should be protected at all costs. Saying that the Picturedrome could still be competitive is not enough!! This project should not go ahead without specific protection of Picturedrome.”

“If there really is a large sum available for development in Bognor, please consider making our Pier a great place to walk along and relax. It could provide a much better focal point for the resort.”

“If this development goes ahead all we are going to get is a cinema which we do not need, a slightly larger theatre and lots more flats which result in even more cars on Bognor’s already crowded roads. We were promised leisure facilities, landscaping and other improvements along the prom - what is proposed is a complete waste of money. It would be better to wait until we are out of this recession and then build a much the much needed leisure facilities and carry out the necessary improvements. Bognor also need more shops to attract people from the surrounding area in the town centre.”

“If this development is carried out, then the Picturedrome will have to close. I disagree with this- as a student, I can hardly afford to see a film as it is, and if a Cineworld/Odeon is bought then I will have to pay three times as much to see any film! In addition, the Picturedrome is a historic art-house cinema. If the development has to go ahead, I would prefer a swimming pool, ice-skating or bowling location; something different to do”

“If this goes ahead-- - it would be a good idea to aid the Picturedrome financially so it can improve the interior/exterior and doesn’t end up closing down. It’s a lovely building and should be preserved and retained as a feature if at all possible. - there needs to be sufficient parking - free or very reasonable (discounts/special passes for residents) - ideally try to attract a varied mix of different types of shops and a large department store would be beneficial
such as Debenhams - a bit of 'class' needs to be brought to the town. - would there be any chance of getting this to be an 'outlet' centre as well as per Gunwharf in Portsmouth or Bicester, Oxford? This whole plan will only work though, if the town centre shopping area improves too!! Maybe if this new development is built businesses will want to be part of Bognor Regis - let's hope so."

"If this is to bring more people to visit Bognor town centre where will these great numbers park, since the current inadequate car parks can't cope. If Morrisons extended the multi-storey would have to be closed and building would take place in the car park. We would end up with just more properties being built and nothing else. Only the developers would benefit."

"If this scheme is proposed to increase leisure opportunities why the proposal to sell off the only all-weather Tennis Courts & Bowling Green at Swansea Gardens. We need leisure facilities for visitors and residents - a multi-purpose arena that could be used for Roller Skating, Roller Hockey, 5-a-side Football, Netball etc."

"If this were to go ahead, the existing cinema, cafes, restaurants would struggle to survive. They struggle now and don't need to have competition"

"If you lose parking places you will lose people coming to the town as people need to be able to park. The Alexandra theatre needs some investment but not so much prices go up otherwise you will lose business as people in Bognor and surrounding areas don't have extreme amounts of money. A hotel could bring business to the town which would be a good thing, but not by losing parking. We don't need another cinema"

"If we must have a 4-5 screen cinema, purchase pier and build it on the site with ice rink alongside. Echelon parking on seafront will help to create a wonderful traffic jam. The present system helps this, but the proposal will with it make it better as the road is too small!"

"If you are having a supermarket on the Hothamton site it should be a Marks and Spencer to try and improve the tone of Bognor which has gone down since the demolition of the sea front by Shearing."

"If you bring a cinema complex onto Regis site you might as well ring the death knell - oh so 18th century. We are in the 21st century so should have better use for the site. Rip down existing Regis Centre and build a purpose design theatre that can accept the touring productions that go onto London. The theatre needs to be much bigger. CFT will be no competition to us as it is too small. The only real competition is Southampton, Brighton & Woking who can accommodate these London shows. Brilliant for Butlins, residents and surrounding areas - get on with it. All flats should be on the Hothamton site. Need more immediate car parking by the Theatre. Woking has a large multi-storey car park for its theatre, so people come from far and wide."

"If you build a multiplex cinema then the Picturedrome would have to close. And that is very bad for the town. A lot of people cannot afford the big cinema prices that they charge and so therefore would not use it anyway. I know for one I would have to wait for the DVD to come out to see the film as I definitely would not use it. I love the Picturedrome for its cheap prices, lovely friendly staff and lovely building. WE DO NOT WANT AN EXPENSIVE UGLY LOOKING MULTIPLEX CINEMA. We do not want or need another supermarket. For Christ sake we just got a new Sainsbury’s… and we certainly do not want more student flats either. What you propose is disgusting and not good for the town...we need more shops. We need a bowling alley. We need more restaurants. You should be helping and encouraging The Picturedrome by allowing them to have more screens. That IS WHAT THIS TOWN NEEDS!!!!!!"

"If you build this new cinema, you will run the Picturedrome into the ground. Perhaps you could reconsider building the restaurants etc. but without the multiplex cinema."

"If you can develop the site without the cinema in it."

"If you go ahead with the cinema a lot of residents including all the senior citizens would not be able to afford to go to the multiplex. The Picturedrome doing a very good service to Bognor."

"If you have money to spend, how about a dedicated shopping mall and an improved bus service?"

"If you planted trees in London Road as in Littlehampton it would look much more appealing."

"If you put housing in London Road as in Littlehampton it would afford to go to it. I like some of the new ideas but re-arrange it to fit in with the Bognor Regis we have already."

"If you shut down the cinema no-one would use the multiplex and it would go bust! Like ice rink. No more flats."

"If you wish to attract more people to Bognor Regis, then reducing parking facilities is not the answer. Adequate safe parking must be provided. Through traffic must be catered for."

"I'll believe it when I see it! Many promises have been made and little delivered"

"I'm against the inclusion in the proposed developments of a multiscreen cinema complex as I feel that the Picturedrome in central Bognor should be saved. Apart from the excellent value compared with Cineworld in Chichester both in the price of tickets and cost of refreshments etc. the Picturedrome is one of the very few buildings of historic interest still standing in Bognor (Grade II listed) and is integral to the community. The investment in its recent refurbishment has, I have no doubt, been money well spent as it continues to be very well patronised by local people, both young and old, in deference to Cineworld in Chichester. The Picturedrome must not be allowed to close as it most certainly will if a multiplex cinema is built!"

"I'm broadly supportive on most of the plan but there MUST be adequate parking. The current Town Hall parking gets fairly full without any of this. There must be lots of additional parking."

"I'm concerned about the potential loss of the Picturedrome if the multiplex cinema goes ahead. I'm concerned about the loss of overall parking space. 60 spaces is not sufficient if there is going to be a multiplex cinema and a theatre on one site. Bognor Town centre needs it's vacant shops occupied. It doesn't need more cafes and bars. The town centre is full of cafes, charity shops, phone shops and cheap clothing chain stores. It lost Body Shop and Julian Graves. It needs to attract something a bit more up-market. We have pubs closing down. We certainly don't need more bars. We have just had a new supermarket open up. We don't need another at Hothamton. That would be stupid. The architect's CAD images of the proposed new development look pretty unimaginative and boring but I do like the idea of the walk though. Why is the hideous Health Centre building not being pulled down or redeveloped? It's as ugly as the Tricorn at Portsmouth was."

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Hence additional centre parking. Some more multi-storey parking? The town needs this to go alongside MORE employment.

“I’m not really bothered about any of this to be honest, I just DO NOT want our cinema closed. NOBODY wants our cinema. Closed, you will just double the price of cinema tickets with your flashy surrounds, we won’t pay it.”

“I’m pleased that there is a likelihood of regeneration. However I am concerned that there is insufficient parking now, and definitely not enough in these plans. Could there be a new multi-storey elsewhere in the town? could Fitzleet multi-storey really be improved and updated for use day and evening? Think echelon parking along Esplanade and in an opened High Street would help. All the councils need to work together for a real result. We’ve waited a long time for this.”

“I’m still worried that the Picturedrome would be lost but don’t want this to get in the way of all this investment in Bognor. I think we have waited long enough, get on with it.”

“I’m very disappointed at the proposals for our lovely town. We certainly do not need more blocks of flats. There is not the work for the people of this town as it is, without flooding it with more people. Even given that you talk of 200 jobs being created some existing jobs would go under the proposals being put forward so the reality is going to be much reduced on the figures you state. Another concern is why people as far afield as Angmering are being consulted on proposals for our town, I would not presume to say how someone else’s town should be changed and take objection that people would be consulted that far away on what is best for my town. The last thing we need in our town is a multiplex cinema when we have a perfectly good cinema and the idea that we should have this forced upon us feels a bit like being held to ransom by St Modwen. We should be concentrating on the lovely Victorian town that we have and enhance that instead of trying to marry different periods together - not everyone likes the modern structures of glass that seem to spring up whenever people talk of modernising! Why can’t something be done about our pier, whilst we still have one! It may be privately owned but to let it slowly die is disgraceful - once it’s gone it’s gone forever. Check out the Swanage Pier website and see what can be done! Our town does need improvement but not the proposals that are currently on offer, or is it already sewn up!”

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“IMPROVE ALEXANDRA THEATRE TO ATTRACT POPULAR ENTERTAINERS, INCLUDE EXTENDED ARCADE AS SUGGESTED, THEN REPLACE GRASS MOUNDS WITH TWO STOREY BUILDINGS THAT WOULD ATTRACT TOURISTS AND GIVE THEM SOMETHOW TO GO IN BAD WEATHER. (SUCH AS RESTAURANT/CAFE/THE MUSEUM/INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES/CHILDREN’S PLAYROOMS/CRÈCHE. PROVIDE FREE PARKING AREAS. DEFINITELY LEAVE THE SEAFRONT ROAD OPEN FOR THROUGH TRAFFIC BOTH WAYS AND OPEN THE HIGH STREET FOR THROUGH TRAFFIC. REMOVE GROTESQUE ICE CREAM CONE SCULPTURE?”

“Impoverished & pier; existing facilities are outdated and scruffy.”

“IMPROVE THE AREA AND GIVE YOUNGER GENERATION SOMETHING TO DO.”

“Improve the theatre”

“Improvement can be made but cannot specify height of buildings etc. It is a matter for experts in building development”

“Improvements should be made to existing facilities and properties together with the support to establishing new businesses in existing buildings with the provision of more car parking”

“In 1958 a proposal for redevelopment was suggested. All we got was the Queensway and eventually the ill designed and ugly Regis Centre. I cannot at this stage see the outcome of the present proposals producing anything better. A multiplex cinema will be a flash in the pan and we will be left with an expensive cinema which no one will use after the initial novelty has worn off. In the same token if there is no trade for the cinema the proposed eating establishments will also become empty. We have a perfectly adequate cinema in the town already. The overall proposals for regeneration are vague, with no concrete plans or designs. It is time that Arun District Council stopped wasting money and told St Mowlem to produce concrete designs and plans. If they are not prepared to do so then their services should be dispensed with”

“In agreement with my husband - rebuild a new state of the art pier.”

“In Chichester there is a multiplex cinema as well as a smaller cinema (The Park) showing both modern and unusual films and has a club room atmosphere with bar. There is no reason why the present cinema cannot serve the same purpose that the Park cinema in Chichester provides. It is still a viable organisation.”

“In my opinion any kind of cafes or restaurants could harm existing businesses which my wife and I use quite frequently. As for the cinema, surely access to the new releases is getting more and more easy due to the internet and also on the new TVs that are now available, so a new multi screen would eventually end up not actually taking the money it would be built for. Why can’t the money be used to subsidise the existing beautiful listed building. I think the
cost of visiting a new cinema is driving people away from them anyway.”

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“In my opinion there is no need for a new cinema, the existing one does an excellent at a very affordable price, no doubt prices at a new complex would be considerably higher. The building is also part of Bognor’s heritage and as such should be kept in public use. It is very accessible being close to the station and is only about five minutes’ walk from the sea front. If there are worries that people will not go perhaps it needs to be well signposted. The numbers of visitors to the cinema over the last few weeks would also suggest that it is a well-liked and affordable venue to watch films.”

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work alongside the current Picturedrome as this was provided to the town by the town council and must be fully supported in the future. The Picturedrome must not be allowed to be neglected by any town development as this provides a great service to the people of Bognor Regis and at a reasonable cost. The proposal to allow one way traffic along the promenade is a big error as this route is a vital and a major link for traffic travelling both directions. Allowing this to happen will push more traffic onto the already congested Chichester Road.”

“Instead of a New Cinema complex I would have liked to of seen a bowling Alley, Skating Rink, as well as cafes etc. and to benefit Bognor the Supermarket would have to be a Marks & Spencer this would then stop people having to go to Chichester. My other concern would be are there going to be enough parking spaces for not only residents but also visitors especially in the summer. I would prefer ground level parking or underground, not multi-storey.”

“Instead of a new cinema I would prefer to have improvements made to the Bognor Regis seafront skate park because it is very run down!”

“INSTEAD OF HAVING A MULTIPLEX CINEMA ON THE SEAFRONT (A LARGE BUILDING WITH, PRESUMABLY, NO WINDOWS) IT WOULD BE MUCH MORE ATTRACTIVE TO HAVE THE HOTEL ON THE SEAFRONT. VISITORS LIKE SEA VIEWS. I DO HOPE BOGNOR REGIS WILL AT LAST MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT.”

“Instead of trying to build a new cinema why don’t you put the money towards helping the one we already have as for the cafes Bognor already has plenty of them and places to eat why don’t you try getting more retail shops such as sports world or Primark etc that would bring people to the town as all we seem to have is phone shops, charity shop and cafes.”

“Invest in the existing facilities support shops that are already here. Hotels we have are not full and Butlins has 3 in operation now. If you supported what storekeepers we already have, Bognor would resemble less of a ghost town.”

“Investment is needed to get town centre in shape before these other half-baked ideas, no point in developing places to eat when no one will eat in them!”

“IS it necessary to have so much hotel space when we have Butlins potential 5 hotels plus the Royal Norfolk etc? Who is going to live in the new flats? Not the workers at the jobs created. Also we have had 3 new luxury seafront blocks nearby in last few years - do we need anymore?”

“Is present cinema full? Why do we need a cinema to support bars - cafes, restaurants? How many parking spaces are to be provided? I estimate that at full capacity it will need 650 spaces. If you don’t provide parking nearby it’s all a dead duck. People don’t walk these days, particularly if they have young children.”

“Is St Modwen going to finalise the running of a new hotel? And subsidise the cost of apartments? Where are extra residents going to park? ALSO where are present residents from surrounding areas going to park? - to say nothing of Day Trippers and other tourists. I say to Arun - get rid of silly St Modwen and keep our lovely cinema and stop competition to it.”

“It appears that you are proposing to encourage more people to live in the town centre and also to bring more day visitors in but where is all the parking for all these extra cars if you plan to build on all the car parks? It is very naive to expect people to wholly rely on public transport. What is wrong in making the best of what Bognor has to offer already? Redevelop the eyesore that is the Regis Centre by all means but who is going to take up the shops? There are already many empty shops in the Queensway and off the front. There are few people coming into Bognor in the winter for a day out and even less walk from the front into the town. Most of the cafes/restaurants close for the winter along the front along with most seaside resorts. I am also totally against the provision of another cinema as I feel the town is already well served with the Picturedrome, especially now it has just undergone a makeover.”

“It appears to me the Picturedrome with a little TLC and updating could be of great benefit to this proposed development. 1) It would take some of the pressure of parking in this away. 2) People who visit Bognor will discover other areas of Bognor and increase footfall in front of existing shops in the vicinity of the Picturedrome. 3) It enables this proposed complex to show some originality and give Bognor another form of entertainment. Just imagine how the people of Bognor would react to some developer’s money being injected into this established cinema. From the diagram which shows the approximate layout of the seafront site, it seems very clear that for instance, a 10 pin bowling alley could be accommodated, as well as further restaurants, cafes and bars in building No.5. It would give Bognor a more physically oriented leisure activity, instead of people sitting on seats for hours eating fattening food and encouraging obesity in all. Also, I am sure a new cinema would have prices similar to Chichester Cineworld, which and bearing in mind the existing Picturedrome prices, would make the new cinema no more appealing to people who live in the area surrounding Bognor and Chichester. So it comes down to which town / city offers the best overall entertainment amenities - Bognor or Chichester. I suggest this proposal should add to what Bognor can offer, not leave it with nothing new and no choice for members of the public. Obviously, you need to build accommodation in the form of flats to get revenue, but what is Bognor offering its existing residents and hopefully new residents. This proposal should add, complement and enhance what Bognor already has and not compete with existing amenities and become the only thing Bognor can offer residents and holiday makers. Bognor should be treated as a whole not hole!! Finally you won’t see much of a sunset from Area 10 - I think Building 3 will get in the way. On the plan of the site [page 2 in your leaflet] what does No.6 relate to regarding now and the future. This is either a printing error or needs explaining.”

“It does not seem to offer enough parking - for theatre, hotel etc. I am in favour of improvements to the Alexandra Theatre, 500 seats preferably”

“It doesn’t matter how many bars/restaurants/attractions you put in to a site or how much housing there is, if people have nowhere to park they just won’t come and any development will end up as a vandalised white elephant. And it’s no good saying that there is further parking a few minutes away - nobody is going to walk a distance to their car if they fear for their personal safety or the safety of their possessions. Sufficient parking in the immediate vicinity and personal safety are KEY to any planned development - and you have provided neither.”

“It is a good development for Bognor Regis.”

“It is a shame that the hotel has no sea views. Hopefully the new cinema will not cause the Picturedrome to close as that is a special and unique bit of Bognor”

“It is about time that investment in Bognor Regis was seen as a positive move and something to welcome. The town has very little to offer at the moment so people tend to go elsewhere like Chichester especially for good restaurants, cafes and bars and also the multiplex. It would be brilliant to improve the Theatre along the lines of the proposals. More jobs for the area is great and the offer would mean that people from outside the area would be more likely to come here and spend money. I hope it all goes ahead.”
“It is about time the redevelopment of Bognor went ahead. I have lived here all my life and we fall well behind other seaside resorts and everything is in place for the elderly population, but not for the young. I want bars/cafes and a new cinema. I want my voice heard - it is about time people stopped talking and started doing!!”

“It is about time we had a town to be proud of... If I didn’t love my work for a local large business so much I would definitely move away as Bognor Town is horrible as it is, there is nothing for young teens and young or older adults to do, there is nowhere nice, apart from Hotham Park, for elderly to walk and feel safe.. it is dull, drab and completely unimaginative as it is... We may as well not have a seafront as it looks like something from years gone by...let’s get 21st century and give tourists from all over a great place to visit... 3 cheers to have our town redeveloped.....”

“It is admirable to plan to upgrade the facilities at the Regis Centre, but should be done sensibly and sympathetically. We do not need a multi-plex cinema - we have a perfectly good cinema - with character and appeal. The people who organise and run the present cinema should be commended for their enthusiasm in making it such a pleasant place to visit. We do however need to maintain and improve on the ability to stage live shows and musical events. If this can be done, along with raising the standard of the Regis pub and providing a few smaller eateries, then this would certainly boost the seafront. Hopefully this would not be designed to resemble a concrete slab, but would be more thoughtfully planned. If there was space in this new design for a Bowling Alley, that could be a good idea as we do not have that facility, so would be another leisure activity the town could offer. I would hope that the idea of putting high-rise apartments in the town has been dismissed as unsightly. Why envelop our town in these buildings, if we have to put up some apartments for financial reasons at least make them no higher than the tall Victorian buildings - and try to blend them into the surroundings - again not modern slabs just stuck there! I come into Bognor 3 or 4 times a week for various shops/banks etc., so use the town well. I also use both the Cinema and the Regis Centre often.”

“It is becoming the Costa Del Bognor as there is a glut of blocks being completed. Up to now that there will not be anything to see except a stroll along the Prom”

“It is disgusting that you should want to get rid of the Picturedrome, if I wanted to spend out £8 a ticket and get rubbish service I would go to Cineworld. It is ridiculous that you should want to put a multiplex near such a wonderful cinema with such brilliant staff. I agree that Bognor has not reached its full potential but you are changing all the wrong things!!!!!! My suggestion would be for you to talk to some young people to get their view because I believe it will be us that will be seriously affected. why not ask the local high schools, Bognor, Felpham. If you mean by what you say “Your town, your future, your say” WHY ARE YOU NOT LISTENING TO US THEN!!!! We need places that encourage healthy lifestyles not more housing!!!! SAVE OUR TOWN- MAKE IT BETTER NOT DESTROY IT!!!!!! (cause that is what you are doing)”

“it is easy to use the same formula that is seen to have worked elsewhere (Chichester gate for instance). the issue is that this already exists 6 miles away, and for half of the week the complex is empty. with two units empty (for well over 6 months), and the Chinese restaurant not being totally profitable. The Picturedrome provides a cheap alternative to the multiplex in Chichester (and is currently booming)and through the introduction of a multiplex in Bognor this will put the Picturedrome out of business. we need to invest in local businesses (as opposed to just multinational chains, so it keeps the hard earned money in the hands of locals as opposed to growing profits of the multinationals.”

“It is good - need bigger variety of shops”

“It is good to look at redevelopment to improve these sites. Income investment from the new residential apartments, cafes shops etc. will provide enough money for the improvements to the Alexandra theatre. However a new multiplex cinema complex is NOT needed and will destroy the commercial viability of the existing cinema. The town must not ignore its most important asset The Picturedrome cinema. This is a national heritage icon, as well as an important facility which promotes the ‘RETRO ’ image of Bognor. The 50s/60s heritage could be an immense marketing tool for Bognor with other establishments representing the retro brand such as Macaris coffee shop( a successful family business established over 50years. The original 50/60s cafe cinema chic. should be conserved and then embodied in the design of the new development to give it some character, rather than just do the standard new build. Bognor was known as an important holiday destination with Mods and Rockers coming to the REX Ballroom in the 50s. It was such a shame when this was pulled down to make way the Regis Centre. The town must take this opportunity to reinvent itself and could easily become the new cool area to live and visit. This would improve the economy the town and become an important seaside resort to compete with Brighton!”

“It is important that any developments link the town to the sea whilst buildings, public spaces and facilities make the most of the seafront location.”

“It is important that Esplanade remains as it is i.e. Two way link of West (Aldwick) and East (Felpham) for the benefit of local people. I would suggest a ramped walkway over the road linking the public square (with seating) to the sea front promenade. The Esplanade road is the best and safest road to travel on in Bognor.”

“It is important that the benefits to the theatre area do not have to wait until the developer generates revenues from sale of apartments at Hothamton. There should be some significant overlap so that the seafront area is improved as soon as possible”

“It is important to ensure that sufficient public parking is available to attract out of town users to the town centre.”

“It is knowledge that another cinema is not needed on the Regis site, wake up Arun see the light no more flats on the seafront has been the call for so many years I’ve lost count. Do not let the tail continue to wag the dog !!! It’s our town, not St Modwen’s”

“It is not a good idea - there are enough apartments and modern ‘improvements’ as it is.”

“It is not clear whether through traffic will be retained along seafront. I consider it should be retained. High level gallery/crossing points would allow pedestrians safe crossing.”

“It is not what is needed in Bognor it will spoil the view.”

“It is quite obvious to anyone that lives and frequents Bognor Town that the economics of this proposal do not add up. There are already empty shops in the town, there are more than sufficient pubs/ restaurants and cafes than the town can reasonably sustain. The socio demographics of Bognor do not warrant the kind of development that is proposed as when you break down the population total of the town and its surrounding areas/ villages and remove OAP’s who invariably do not go out at night , remove children under 14 and remove the immigrant population ( regardless of origin) the actual number s of potential users of the proposed facilities is limited to say the least and will not make any cinema , cafe / eatery financially viable. We already have a perfectly good and cheap cinema in town that is owned by the Town Council and it is never totally full and it only has 2 screens so how does another 4/5 screen multiplex envisage making it pay ? People from outside...
Bognor town are not suddenly going to flock to Bognor for a cinema and or eateries when in Chichester there is already a surfeit of such establishments and it is highly unlikely that people will be drawn from further afield. If any councillor ever visited Bognor on a weekday night at any time of year it would hardly be described as ‘buzzing’ with life as the general population that would use such facilities are unable to afford constant ‘going out’ and entertainment expenditure. So I would say to any / all councillors and anyone else with any voting powers - wake up and smell the coffee as Modwen or any other developer is only in it for its vested interests and not that of the Town or the council and the general economics of the scheme are unviable and unsustainable and we the towns people would be left with a white elephant if the proposed scheme gets the go ahead.”

“It is time for a change in Bognor Regis. If we are to compete with other seaside towns we need attractions such as a modern cinema complex. Whilst I appreciate that the Picturedrome has provided a service, the building is old and dilapidated and we need to move with the times or get left behind.”

“It is time that Bognor Regis had the investment it deserves. The sea front site and development is absolutely essential for the town become a destination for Day visitors and holiday makers, which will inevitably lead to jobs and a better future for our children. Hopefully with Private investment in the Regis site , other investment will follow , helping to make the sea front a place people visit. I really hope that this site is developed , as I feel I would be a shame if this opportunity for Bognor is missed , based solely on trying to preserve the Picturedrome Cinema. The Picturedrome will never be able to provide the boost to Bognor’s economy. this can only come from new Commercial and retail development”

“It is time to seize the St Modwen proposal and get on regenerating BR town centre. This opportunity will not come again for many years.”

“It is understandable that these projects have to be funded but why does every beneficial project in this town have to be burdened with residential developments? The scale of the residential proposal seems to far outweigh the community benefits. It appears that developers want to get away with providing the minimum facilities for maximum profits. We’ve been through all of this before; we were promised a grand redevelopment as far back as the 1960s but all that happened was the destruction of our heritage replaced with more ugly blocks of flats and a fairly useless theatre as a nod to the townspeople. Very soon the entire seafront will be an unbroken sightedness that has prevailed in the town probably since the war.”

“IT NEEDS MORE CLOTHING SHOPS AND GAME SHOPS”

“It needs to be done”

“It seems more like an exercise for developers to make profit rather than for the good of the residents, it’s about time someone took up arms for the genuine needs of the people of Bognor Regis, which has the one off chance to make it a great place to be and live I just hope common sense prevails”

“It seems ridiculous to even suggest a cinema when there is already a Bognor Cinema and a multiplex in Chichester. This will not bring people into Bognor. We should have a facility that will attract people in all year round. People from Guilford, Brighton, Portsmouth, Southampton. My view that the largest Snowdome in the country would bring people in from such a large catchment area, as all other snow domes in the country are north of London. It would seem the perfect attraction to entice people from all over the south of the country, particularly in winter when a seaside resort such as Bognor really struggles. With that attraction surely the need for new hotels, restaurants etc would become necessary. I do not believe that attracting investment in such an idea would not be possible. If the land space required is not available that is unfortunate but if it is all about investment it must be possible.”

“It seems that you are trying to cover the old with the new. Why not invest in making what we do have better. The answer is not to just fill up all the remaining space with new things, but to improve upon what we already have. The town is full of empty shops, and run down residential areas. If these places are not wanted, what makes you think building more makes any sense? Improve our current standard of living, don’t just paint over it with proposed buildings that will not be used. We do not need a new cinema, that’s just ridiculous, I bet if you were to stand on the Picturedrome roof, you would be able to see the Alexander theatre. Two cinemas in view of each other is a massive waste of space. A high-street with two cinemas won’t attract any more people than a high-street with one. Something like a bowling alley or an ice rink would be something that the surrounding towns do not have. Even facilities for water sports, the plot is right next to the sea, utilize it. My final point is a simple one, trees. When you walk into Hotham park, you forget that you are in Bognor, because of how pleasant it is. I’m asking that whatever you decide you want to force upon this town, please plant more trees, much more. Regards, Christopher Gates”
“It seems the Council wants to build more flats, remove car parking spaces, and build a cinema which the town doesn’t need. The development shows a totally inadequate provision for increased parking given the proposed extra footfall. 60 spaces would not be anything like enough IF the development were to prove successful. Overbearing buildings would dwarf the town hall, arcade and other buildings in Belmont Street. Inappropriate filling-in of the last open area near the town which should merely be improved. It is bad enough that the current flats to the side of Place St Maur were built. Luckily the buildings behind them are the rears of shops, unlike the other end of the road. Very little evidence is offered of real jobs or any extra visitors. Any development by St. Modwen would not be an investment in the town but just an investment in St. Modwen. There is potential for more empty retail spaces when more should be done by the council to address issues in the High Street and London Road. Very long term loss of open and public space once flats are let or sold. Potential of large buildings to create wind tunnels and gathering of rubbish to the detriment of the whole area. Closure or restriction of a vital thoroughfare from one side of the town to the other, namely the seafront road. Complete lack of evidence of a need for new food and drink outlets which would adversely affect current businesses. Complete lack of evidence of a need for a cinema given the current cinema and those at nearby Chichester. The only development on the Hothamton site which would truly benefit the town would be low rise, multi-storey, FREE or AFFORDABLE parking, possibly with some small retail units to the Queensway side. Very little evidence that any development was needed before Arun wasted more public funds on consultations. This is not development, nobody minds improvements but this is over-development and unnecessary.”

“It seems the developer is providing unnecessary unwanted, destructive amenities in exchange for 200apts on 6 floors. We have a fabulous cinema, the Picturedrome and plenty of cafes & vacant retail already. A modern supermarket would be nice.”

“It seems to me that ADC are just interested in adding more residential areas, not the regeneration of the town. We don’t want more flats!!!! And why are Angmering and Littlehampton being asked for their opinions on the regeneration of our town? How does it affect them???”

“It seems to me that the proposal removes valuable parking spaces to make way for new development that would in turn attract visitors and therefore need more parking. Parking seems to be the one thing you haven’t addressed adequately. There is also already a perfectly lovely cinema in Bognor Regis and building a new one would put this business at risk of shutting down.”

“It seems we get an updated version of a theatre with a few more seats, more cafes, some small shops in return for loss of car parks and open space and even more residential blocks and a hotel to compete with Butlins. If we want to attract families to the seaside and town where will they park. We are not offering anything that would want me to visit the town so don’t think this is an improvement. We would be giving away our land for a few trinkets in a vain attempt to make the place look pretty. I don’t think the scheme achieves the object to enjoy tourism.”

“It was pleasing to read correspondence letters in Bognor Observer on Thursday 6th December re Regeneration of Bognor Regis. There are others who think the vision presented by ADC & St Modwen is not relative to present and future posterity of Bognor Regis town centre. Your preferred associate St Modwen PLC is of only moderate capitalisation and share price approximately 222p. Their prime responsibility is to shareholders and not the citizens of Bognor Regis. Should this project ever be completed in their name, large profits can be envisaged, extracted from the permanent loss of Bognor Regis public property. P.S. If this project proceeds I will purchase few hundred shares in St Modwen to hopefully, eventually prove the point.”

“It will send people away from the town not draw them in.”

“It would appear that St. Modwen are only interested in a residential scheme to make money which will lead to a rapid decline of Bognor Regis as a family seaside town. We do not need blocks of flats, cafes, restaurants, a very restricted main road and nowhere for visitors or locals to park. We have plenty of people in Bognor who can and will design, convert, build small places of interest for families, tourists & locals.”

“It would be a shame to see the Picturedrome go, which I am sure it would if a new cinema opened, but I understand the need for the cinema to attract the restaurants etc. I would hope that the cinema would attract chains such as Frankie and Benny’s, Cafe Rouge, Zizzis and that kind of thing. Not a big fan of losing so much car parking - if you want more people to come to Bognor they need somewhere to park! I don’t go into Bognor town centre much as I need to go by car and if I have to get the car out, I might as well go to Chi which is currently much nicer. I could be tempted back to Bognor town centre IF the regeneration is tasteful and upmarket.”

“It would be good for Bognor to move with the times and bring it back to life.”

“It would be good to have an indoor market - and an indoor car boot which could be run by ADC and the money go back into Arun’s pot.”

“It would be great to see Bognor a busy, thriving place, not only in summer but all through the year.”

“It would be interesting to explore the possibility of co-housing on the Hothamton site, as it would help to create a much stronger sense of community. this would be of particular interest if the houses were eco-friendly. look at cohousing UK website for more details, or contact me. I’m not clear where the demand for the cinema or hotel would come from. Chi and Littlehampton are well supplied with cinemas. Can’t we have something a bit more adventurous? Maybe a city farm (would appeal to young and old), or specialist media centre (make your own films). A gym would also be good. Good to have community gardening with different groups responsible for different areas of the site. Can Bognor avoid having bog standard architecture? It would be good to have something a bit more distinctive. The present designs look fine but a little too functional. Surely the hotel should be on the south of the site, overlooking the sea, with the cinema on the north side. I know I was in a minority, but one of the things I loved about the early plans was blocking off the road and have safe and direct access from the site to the sea. Could not all the traffic be routed round the north of the site, (widening the road as necessary) so than one could avoid the chevron parking on the south side. You have an unenviable task and you are not going to please everyone. I wish you well!”

“It would be lovely”

“It would be madness to allow these innovative plans to fail. Proceeding with them will give Bognor a bright and exciting future for residents and visitors. It will be a pleasure to live here. An important part of all this is the proposed new cinema which will give cinema goes a much needed modern cinema experience. The future of the Picturedrome should play no part in the decision making process - it must look after its own future - there is no reason why it shouldn’t continue with innovative film programming. Bognor now has a chance to be something [again] - don’t miss this golden opportunity.”

“It would be nice to have other shops/stores in Bognor such as M&S, ASDA, Waitrose. Instead of a cinema then why not another facility - for example a Bowling Alley?”
“It would be nice to see the Alexandra Theatre put on shows like you see in Chichester and Worthing, I take my family to the pantomime every year and we spend the money in Worthing. The cinema is a waste of time, people don’t have the money to spend £9 plus for a seat at a film, go and have a look at how un-busy the Chichester site is, it’s gone through a number of chains who could not make it viable, it’s now a dead site. And Cineworld still charge the earth to watch a film £28 for a family of four is just outrageous, and who from the Bognor area can afford that?”

“It WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF THE SPACE INTENDED FOR A NEW CINEMA COULD BE USED AS A BOWLING ALLEY OR SOME OTHER LEISURE USE, THEREBY RETAINING THE PICTUREDROME AS THE MAIN CINEMA.”

“It would be such a shame for the Picturedrome if the new proposed cinema opened in Bognor, it is a beautiful listed building and we as a family regularly visit here rather than our Cineworld in Chichester, we love the atmosphere at the Picturedrome, it’s such a special treat to visit, please keep it open.”

“It would be very good if Marks and Spencer, BHS and Argos could be encouraged to trade in Bognor Regis; also if the parking fees could be kept as LOW as possible.”

“It would be very lovely”

“It would be wise to have the Bognor Regis Picturedrome supported - I do not always like homogeneity in towns, and I do not particularly like Cineworld as it seats are uncomfortable and it is far too low - some variety in services in a town is to be valued.”

“It would be worth considering an all-weather games/leisure facilities for families to take part together for an inclusive price similar to Disney Quest in Florida. This would ensure families would visit throughout the year!”

“It would benefit Bognor financially, however the town already has a negative drinking culture, introducing a hotel and more bars would just increase this! Also, the best thing about Bognor is the Picturedrome cinema, old fashioned, traditional and good value leisure places such as these are now few and far between as they are repeatedly razed for ‘progress’ which is such a shame. SAVE THE PICTUREDROME!”

“It WOULD BRING MORE JOBS WHICH ARE GREATLY NEEDED.”

“It would have to be something modern, but not at the expense of something traditional. We have already had lots of new houses built on the way into Bognor, therefore having so many more is just going to unbalance the job / people ratio.”

“It would need a guarantee to subsidise The Picturedrome and ensure it gets equivalent current films if a new cinema is built. It is not promising enough just to say “it doesn’t mean we have to lose it”.”

“It would only encourage more immigrants into the area. There are too many now. Leave Bognor as it is.”

“It would turn it into another anonymous town with no character should another large multiple cinemas be built. Cafes, bars outside space YES. Leisure activities YES, NO change to cinema!”

“It’s a good idea, but won’t happen for a couple of years.”

“It’s a rubbish idea BOOOOO”

“It’s about time Arun District Council listened to the people whose opinion they seek. The people of Bognor Regis have already made their views perfectly clear about the proposed multiplex cinema and yet it is still being pushed onto the town. Also how the heck will a bus load of flats benefit or regenerate Bognor - the seafront has been ruined already by blocks of flats and flats will certainly not increase footfall! What do the council think people are going to say, Oh, how about we take a trip to Bognor Regis and have a look at the new blocks of flats! To try to tell the people of Bognor Regis that unless we agree to the multiplex proposal from Modwen developers or get nowt is nothing short of blackmail. There are lots of more interesting, sensible and worthy ideas and there are plenty of developers who would be more than happy to work with the citizens of Bognor. Our councillors are elected to represent us so please start doing it and stop riding roughshod over those who want their opinions properly taken into account.”

“It’s all about money, not the people that have lived here for years, just what are you trying to do to a small sea side town , haven’t we had enough buildings”

“It’s good to see something happening. My main concern is yet more residential fronting the sea. Can the proposed Hotel not front the sea and the residential go where the Hotel is proposed? In my opinion the main problem with Bognor is that the sea front is predominantly flats and that attracts nobody. Let’s not add to this problem! In the wider context, I think that Queensway is 1960s tat which should be redeveloped. The Iceland block is a real turn off. If a Supermarket is to come to Hothampton, then please let’s try to attract Asda as some alternative to Tesco and Sainsbury’s or relocate Morrisons and redevelop that site.”

“It’s ok to build the cinema and cafes to attract more visitors to Bognor but where are they going to park if your building on all the existing car parks. People don’t like to walk very far, so parking is a must. Do we really need a cinema?, I don’t really think so, after all Bognor is a seaside town and should be marketed as such.”

“It’s time BOGNOR took a step forward. The plans may not be perfect but at best they are a start. GOOD LUCK”

“It’s about time Bognor had a facelift. We need investment to generate employment for local people and to drag Bognor into a new era!”

“It’s all very well developing these sites but where will people park? I don’t think a couple of upgraded places on the esplanade will be enough for all these supposed new visitors you are hoping to attract. All that is needed is to upgrade what is already in place, plus the addition of a few more restaurants and bars (not on existing car park land!). We already have a perfectly good Cinema too so what do we need a bigger one for?”

“It’s been years since they’ve been talking about the Regis centre site. The original building was hacked down instead of being renovated at extra cost, so I’m not convinced there is any real benefit in the proposals.”

“It’s high time we preserved Bognor. All too often we have been ripped off by developers making a fast buck whilst the planners seem chosen by their inability to plan. I would prefer to see a boardwalk and marina which would attract people from outside the area spending money. Think of Gunwharf and Brighton marina. Time our council members represented Bognor not Arun. Butlins call it an era! Do we need a bigger one for?”

“It’s now or never”

“I’ve been moving home during the consultation process, so have not taken in all the proposals, but I know for sure that Bognor would not benefit from a multiplex cinema. Please keep and upgrade the
one we have. More leisure facilities, e.g. Skating rink, bowling alley, near the front would attract young people.”

“Just do it!”
“Just get on with it. Don’t be like Bracknell (Berkshire) 15 years at least - still not a brick laid.”
“Just improve it, we need more big shops, leisure places and places to eat.”
“Just improve the area we need better shops, bars, restaurants so we have something to do!”
“Just improve, we need more shops so we can be more social”
“JUST LEAVE THINGS AS THEY ARE. Bognor is GREAT AS IT IS!”
“Just support the theatre for investment including the supporting outbuildings Inc. restaurants and parking/landscaping. Bognor as no need for another cinema - invest in both the Alexandra theatre and the Picturedrome.”

“Just to line St Modwen’s pocket”
“Keep a traditional seaside town. Leave the Picturedrome along - Multiplex’s do not always work.”
“Keep and separate it a little bit.”
“Keep Bognor cinema.”
“Keep Bognor Regis town centre as it is and provide lower business rates to attract shop owners and businesses to town centre.”
“Keep Bognor Regis town centre as it is but provide lower business rates to attract shop owners and businesses to town centre.”
“Keep cinema that’s that”
“Keep our cinema - put other leisure facilities in. Bowling - ice rink - restaurants”

“KEEP PICTUREDROME FOREVER. NO APARTMENTS/ HOUSING AVAILABLE FOR BUTLINS AND CHICHESTER COLLEGE STUDENTS! BUTLINS SHOULD HOUSE THEIR OWN ON BUTLINS LAND!. (OBVIOUSLY BUTLINS WANTS TO BUILD ANOTHER SKY RISE HOTEL AND NEEDS TO TEAR DOWN SOME CHALETS AND PAY ARUN FOR HOUSING THEIR EMPLOYEES IN ARUN TROJAN HORSE PLAN. ALL MONEYS! ARUN COUNCIL, YOU ARE A TROJAN HORSE TO BOGNOR REGIS. WHAT ARUN AND THE OTHERS ARE PROPOSING WILL NOT BENEFIT BOGNOR, YOUR ASSOCIATES WILL ONLY BE GRABBING OUR

“Keep Picturedrome”
“Keep the cinema we already have, get something else i.e. Bowling”
“Keep the CINEMA!!”
“Keep the current cinema. Add decent shops to town centre.”
“Keep the Picturedrome - no new cinema or flats”
“Keep the Picturedrome and replace multiplex cinema idea with either ten-pin bowling or ice rink. The Picturedrome would not be used sufficiently if there was another cinema.”
“Keep The Picturedrome Cinema.”
“Keep the Picturedrome cinema”
“Keep the Picturedrome cinema”
“Keep the Picturedrome we do not need another cinema - I enjoy going there and would be very unhappy to see it go.”
“Keep the Picturedrome, waste of money to build a new cinema as people already go to Chichester for the more luxury, expensive cinema. Everyone I now in Bognor, Selsey and Chichester use Picturedrome as its affordable for all. KEEP Bognor Picturedrome”
“Keep the Picturedrome.”

“Keep George V came to Bognor Regis, because it was small and to take the sea air. Bognor has lost so much of its charm over the years, with the demolition of many of its iconic buildings. More flats will only encourage the type of person who will not shop in Bognor no matter what we do. They will travel to Chichester and beyond. We cannot hope to compete, therefore we must have something that nowhere near has. i.e. Roller/Ice rink,Sports/live entertainment complex,Dance hall/meeting venue,Bowling. The people who stay at the three hotels in Butlins may then be tempted "out" to spend their money in our town. Bognor already has enough cafe/bars, and the majority of these are struggling. We do not need large eating complexes, just those associated with the above which I have suggested. Bognor is a Seaside Town. Let’s target that and put our only available seafront space to better use. With regards to Hothamton site. Where will the new customers from out of town park? Surely no parking, no encouragement to come.”

“Knock Hothamton / Fitzleet flats and Queensway down - they are an eyesore and were never popular. Restaurants already signed up? Car parking spaces considerably reduced - if people attracted to this where does the car go? The statement - "No cinema - no development" as on P5 para 2 St. Modwen is not a comfortable bedfellow.”

“Lack of parking for residents/visitors already a problem in summer. Plans proposed are insufficient parking for new properties. Cannot see that Bognor can support a multiplex. Plus bars and cafes. Would like to retain the Picturedrome. Alexandra Theatre needs to be enlarged/improved.”

"LARGE NUMBERS OF (PARKING PLACES WILL BE LOST) UNDER THESE PROPOSALS - WHY WOULD PEOPLE WANT TO COME TO BOGNOR IF THEY CAN'T PARK OR PARKING IS VERY EXPENSIVE? I DON'T FEEL I WOULD BENEFIT IN ANYWAY FROM THIS SCHEME, AND I WONDER EXACTLY (WHO WOULD BENEFIT?) FROM IT."

"Late night cafes may help deter from binge drinking. A central local authority gym would also be beneficial"

"LEAVE BOGNOR WITHOUT ALL THIS EXTRA BUILDING NO OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO RECORD Q18 NO RESIDENTIAL OCCUPATION Q 20 NO SUPERMARKET Thank you."

"Leave Hotham Park as it is but need to regenerate High Street. Leave cinema as it is."

"LEAVE THE CAR PARK AS IS. NEVER EVER HEARD OF HOTHAMTON UNTIL THESE PROPOSALS - LIVED HERE SINCE 1988."

"Leave the cinema alone. It adds charm to Bognor Town, its affordable to the Bognor People who are on low incomes and find it difficult to do other entertainment due to costs. What's the point of putting more housing in Bognor when the schools, hospitals, dentists and GP surgeries are already over stretched.?."

"Leave the town alone, do it up and keep it how it is"

"Leave the town as it is. Spend more money on the steps that exist. They need it!"

"Less use of sea frontage for residential accommodation. The promotion of more shops, businesses and leisure facilities adjacent to the sea front to enhance the seaside experience for residents and visitors."

"Let's have a bit more gracious development and not so large & dominant. Don't want to end up like Bournemouth's disaster - we're a small resort let's have a gentler more open plan."

"Let's have an honest debate to improve the area and not the councillors' pockets"

"Like it or not 'parking' is a must. In the 50s and 60s Bognor buzzed with parking on Butlins site, herringbone parking on prom, etc. Even pedestrianisation of High Street and no parking has driven people away. I remember visitors walking shoulder to shoulder. It was lovely. This is why so many shops are now closed or driven away."

"Like many other local residents I am totally confused by the constant proposals for another cinema. Our local cinema, although it could benefit from extra screen offering more choice of film is a unique gem to the town and should be retained and fully supported. A visit to the Picturedrome offers a unique experience - beautiful building and interior. Conversely, if people want a multiplex which costs so much more to visit and attend the big multiplex at Chichester is easily accessible- at high cost! Even this struggles to survive. Developing new technology will keep people at home e.g. DVD's large screens etc. Cinemas will be redundant."

"Like many residents I am concerned that a proposed cinema would detract from the Picturedrome which offers good, affordable family entertainment. Is it not possible to have a bowling alley/ice-rink instead, where instead of creating divisions between public opinion, the Picturedrome and bowling alley etc could work together. For example, offering discounted prices for joint cinema/bowling alley tickets. This could have the advantage of families spending the day in Bognor, keeping money in the local economy, and bringing the residents of Bognor together."

"Like mix - had one in Hatfield without cinema. Like more made of heritage writings of Blake e.g. Jerusalem"

"Like see more shops supermarket and like Argos and others I like to keep Picturedrome cinema we need more benefits"

"Like to see new 3 storey complex with a conference multi use efloor for dancing and theatre with stage one end of room and balcony for coffee shop area / middle floor don't no / ground floor ice skating rink or ten pin bowling to attract younger persons. Frankie's fast food / middle floor free for lease out / dance studios / discos / hotel then would be useful. Marina subjected. Remember its charm is a seaside holiday resort it may spoil this charm."

"Listen, we had a perfectly good proposal 5 years + ago - not implemented. Arun has never supported Bognor in the past. Listen to what is said - no cinema - find something we want. Q16 We need more than 80 spaces! Q17 Where will they park?"

"Little worried with the amount of car parking spaces that would be lost in the Regis centre car park also that CAB and shopmobility would go to make way for residential properties does this mean they will completely go or be moved to another building. as Butlins is expanding all the time it's good to try and bring more to Bognor Regis for the tourists."

"Lived in present house for 37 years. Arun have turned Bognor into a slum town. All of our money spent on Littlehampton. We need parking and shops not either but both - Student accommodation should be at the college. What Bognor really needs is an affordable community centre and an ASDA!"

"Living in Chichester, I come for the cinema at least once a month as Cineworld in Chichester is unaffordable for a family of 5. the Picturedrome offers fantastic value for money & a lot of people I know who don't live in Bognor, come to Bognor for the cinema & end up shopping there too. if Picturedrome goes, I think you will lose a lot of business from people who don't ordinarily come to Bognor"

"Local developer, save money, save space"

"Long before time! Bognor would really benefit from this, will encourage all types of people and ages to come to Bognor and have facilities for all to enjoy."

"Long overdue - should only improve."

"Look at the Multiplex cinema in Bournemouth - now being demolished unused and unloved. ? enough parking"

"Look to the future, not the past."

"Looking at Portsmouth Or Brighton the seafront needs more than the average looking building proposed, It should be something that really promotes the area. Could the roof be extended across to the sea front or something similar, I'll show you some drawings to explain what I mean if you want. The Hothamton site and extra shops and restaurants is a nice idea but I have concerns if there's enough income in the area to make them profitable. The other thing is that there have been great plans for Bognor since the year dot and the few things that have been done have actually made it worse. You can contact me at zeeton@live.com if you wish."

"LOSS OF CUSTOMERS AT THE PICTUREDROME"

"Loss of parking in Hothamton would be detrimental to central Bognor businesses. We don't want more flats in centre Bognor."

"LOSS OF PUBLIC CAR PARK SPACES JUST UNACCEPTABLE"

"Loss of unique identity to more corporate nonsense that has no regard for the heritage of the town. Bognor has a theatre and a cinema……use them! Invest in what already exists, not line the pocket of a developer with little or no regard for the town."
“Lost good parts of last plans i.e. closing esplanade and landscaping it!”

“Lots of upmarket shops and restaurants.”

“LOVE IT ALL!”

“Love the plan, think it should go ahead and will happily contribute. Am looking to make a large contribution and invest in a property on the proposed site”

“Love the proposals for the Alexandra Theatre but the cinema complex seems very much the same as every other town. Maybe it can be tweaked to be different and offer something different but accept cinema will be the centre of it all. Will there be enough parking it’s bad enough now let alone when more people hopefully come!!”

“M/Spencer store please.”

“Main concern - parking. A 450 seat theatre would need up to 200 parking spaces. The multi-storey is closed at night and it is very poor anyway. New cafes would be good, but too much space has been allocated. Would a multiplex really be as popular as supposed. The multiplex in Chichester seems very underutilised. Too ambitious”

“Main concern: There is a definite need for extra car parking without this the visitors will not be attracted to Bognor Regis therefore refurbishment will not achieve its aims. Q11 Will existing cafes be adversely affected Q12 Only if it has its own underground car park Q14 Will existing cafes be adversely affected Q16 Not enough public parking allowed if we hope to attract more visitors Q17 would support only if parking for residents was included in the plans”

“Major concern regarding the proposed mini cinema complex adversely affecting the Picturedrome cinema business. a, Have you assessed how many people currently use the Picturedrome b, Is there sufficient need for further screens? c, Where are the customers coming from bearing in mind Butlins closed their cinema due to lack of use. Chichester have their own cinema. d, Against the closure of Swansea Gardens as an outdoor recreation area and open space to fund further development at West Park & Waterloo Square.”

“Make sure there is enough car parking for the new development.”

“Make the Regis Centre into a fun venue for people to spend money. For example Bowling alley,”

“Making the seafront (esplanade) into a car park would be detrimental - it will obstruct the view of the sea. Bognor’s biggest asset. Similarly traffic flow being retained along the Esplanade would be detrimental for the same reasons. Pedestrian use ( safe and dry where possible) should be encouraged & supported”

“Many people feel the Royal Norfolk Hotel could be refurbished and utilised instead of more buildings in the town centre. The Picturedrome provides great pleasure at reasonable prices for all the local residents and should be preserved.”

“Many residents in central Bognor are on a low disposable income. To improve the quality of shops might get an increased level of spending from people outside the area.”

“May attract unwanted visitors”

“Maybe not a cinema maybe something like an ice rink or something people will come just to Bognor for, like the Spectrum in Guildford. However if a cinema is what’s going to bring the rest down then all for it. Also need a new pier and retail outlook.”

“Me and all the people I know do not want another Tesco’s”

“Me and my mates love the Picturedrome and don’t want it close, we won’t use the new cinema anyway give us an ice rink!”

“Modern cinema will endanger the survival of the Picturedrome which is a unique feature of town. No new cinema is needed.”

“MODERNISED WOULD BE GREAT! NEEDS A NEW LEASE OF LIFE IN BOGNOR REGIS SITE PROPOSALS.”

“Money invested in Bognor Regis is great but not at the cost of losing the fantastic and beautiful Picturedrome, I have grown up going to see films at Bognor Picture House and it should be celebrated as a real asset to the town and a main part of the town’s heritage.”

“More advertising”

“More apartments are NOT a price worth paying”

“More attention must be given on our’ Picturedrome. Come on Council you own it so see that it has a bright future also what happened to plans for a marina?”

“More car parking required throughout the scheme at both sites.”

“More entertainment for people with learning difficulties. Q16 More disabled parking required.”

“More facility for quality shops, as if you build housing, people will go elsewhere. Place St Maur should be the main development and Alexandra Theatre given extra support”

“More hotels not needed! enough holiday accommodation @ Butlins”

“More incentives needed from ADC to increase shops in London Road before any new shopping development on seafront. Do not wish the Picturedrome to close - it does an excellent service.”

“More investment should be spent on existing attractions such as the pier and seafront facilities as currently it’s an unattractive option compared to neighbouring resorts such as Worthing. Better shopping facilities would attract customers into the town. A hotel would be of no benefit as close proximity to Butlins, the proposal hasn’t been thought through and a multiplex would not benefit the town but put the existing Picturedrome out of business.”

“More leisure and tourism attractions needed.”

“MORE NICER THINGS PLEASE! Q8 - Would more if more things. Q14 - 100% Q20 - Waitrose Q23 - Bognor Regis .... needs a revamp. Nicer things. Waitrose, M&S, steak house, Cafe Rouge. Housing for full UK residents needed. We need to bring Bognor BACK!!!”

“More open parkland space would be a far better idea, and would help to provide a much more comfortable environment for the existing residents and visitors. Any inclusion of a cinema would harm the Picturedrome. New residential development would put an even greater strain on the A259 / A27.”

“More parking and less flats would be good.”

“More parking, not less. Save the Picturedrome”

“More residential buildings, can our area support this - our roads are clogged with cars - bus routes in certain areas are lacking STAR 2 1 an hour - nothing after 5.30, none on Sundays. How can one use facilities in Bognor without car and then parking would become more of a problem!!!”

“More restaurants would benefit the town.”

“More shops - more places for the young to have fun to bring this town up to date please. A new pier would be nice - let Bognor people choose.”
“More shops like outlets, instead of these plans.”

“More shops needed, not expensive flats that people in the area can’t afford. We like our cheap cinema and if you want the multi-screen, we don’t mind going to Chichester as it makes a better day out with better bars and restaurants. Plus there is not enough parking in Bognor.”

“More shops. Conserve our green space. No high rise buildings. Save the Picturedrome.”

“More should be done to get decent shops back into Bognor Regis. Not more horrid looking flats. The cinema is a great asset already as it’s a cheap way to see new films which has brought people into town and spend money in local shops but with the new one it will be very expensive like the Chichester one people mainly parents won’t bother. PLEASE PLEASE don’t ruin Bognor IT USED TO BE SUCH A GOOD PLACE BUT NOT NOW”

“More things for youth to do - more entertainment would be great for our age group”

“More work needs to be done with existing vacant units before investing in completely new builds. We do not want to lose the existing cinema it is invaluable for families with children who cannot afford multiplex prices which are extortionate”

“More youth and children’s areas.”

“Morrisons should be extended instead of a new supermarket. Residential/Flats should not be on Regis Centre Site, this site should be to enhance the resident & tourist seaside experience. Flats would not attract tourists to Bognor, quite the opposite. Residential accommodation should be kept off the prime site & if they are necessary to fund the Alexandra Theatre improvements, they could be on the Hothamton Site, but only three storeys high in keeping with the other flats (not including Fitzleet) What is the point of further shops along Queensway when the ones there are already empty? None of the proposals are viable without adequate car parking provisions. Why was this not considered by ADC & St Modwen before these proposed developments were aired to the public? The answer given to this by the consultation staff was that this would be looked at later, how can plans be decided without this information? Why would people visit Bognor if they can’t park near the attractions? A new cinema is not necessary, Bognor already has a cheap, individual, well loved one which could be extended to 4 screens. This cinema was bought by the Town Council & belongs to the people of Bognor. This already brings people to Bognor who can’t afford the expensive multiplex sited in Chichester. It is essential that a Tourist Information Centre is incorporated into the plans & better signposting to the attractions that are already here.”

“Most important to leave ‘open’ spaces on seafront for a decent cafe / restaurant with sea views. NO APARTMENTS ON SEAFRONT PLEASE. also, PLEASE CONSIDER LOCAL YOUTH (12-17 yo) They need ice / roller skating / bowling etc.”

“Most of the plans are welcome but another multiplex cinema would be a disaster I think. They tend to be overpriced and generic. Their effect is to make the places that house them less individual, less welcoming, less British and more like a soulless, mid-western USA shopping mall. And there is already one just down the road at Chichester anyway - often empty I might add. The existing Picturedrome has a far more classic British style which is clearly rooted in actual local history and culture. It is my preferred cinema in the whole of the Sussex area.”

“Most of the questions are not relevant and are slanted towards pushing people to accept the building of more apartments. We don’t need more apartments in Bognor, we need appropriate and congenial development of the seafront area which includes more opportunities to enjoy the view and the sea that are open to all. We certainly do NOT need an ugly multiplex cinema that is going to put our beloved local cinema out of business and will totally spoil the seafront. I also don’t like St Modwen’s bullying tactics (threatening no development will take place unless an unwanted multiplex is built).”

“Most of the residents who live in and around Bognor Regis would not have the money to spend on a ticket for a new cinema.”

“Mr XXXXXXX attached a copy letter he had written to the newspaper - in which he says he has seen it all before.”

“Much needed for Bognor Regis”

“Multiple leisure uses should be sought e.g. skate rink, bowling, sport courts. High end retail with independent retailers or main stream retailers should be targeted not discount stores or charity. Higher quality housing should be targeted - not designed to existing stock as this is of low, poor quality. S106 and other financial contributions should be used to improve exterior facades of other poorer quality buildings & improve landscape and appearance of surrounding public spaces.”

“Multiplex cinema is a definite no. Look at Bournemouth - now being demolished. Multiplex far too expensive. In these times of economic disaster the regeneration will never happen and money should not be spent on expensive surveys.”

“MULTIPLEX CINEMA NOT SUITABLE - ALREADY HAS COMPETITION FROM CHICHESTER SITE - TOO CLOSE. THE PICTUREDROME IN BOGNOR PROVIDES BIG SCREEN ENTERTAINMENT - AND IS A MUCH MORE COST EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE - ESPECIALLY FOR FAMILIES - IT’S REGULARLY AFFORDABLE FOR MANY, WHEREAS THE SAME FILM IN A MULTIPLEX IS A ONCE IN A BLUE MOON & NOT A SUPERIOR EXPERIENCE... IT ALSO PROVIDES A DIFFERENT, FRIENDLIER, LESS AGGRESSIVELY COMMERCIAL ATMOSPHERE, WHICH IS HARD TO AVOID ARRIVING AT A MULTIPLEX. ‘OLD FASHIONED’ SHOULDN’T BE CONFUSED WITH INFERIOR!”

“Multiplex cinema would fail, already on in Chichester - use space for online skating / Ice skating area which can also be used for dancing, concerts, sports etc - Bowling if room. Need active area for younger generation. Not made most of sea views - 1st floor restaurants etc. Block of flats in position would use for something else. Where are the shops to attract people.”

“Multiplex Cinemas - NO. Look what happened to the IMAX in Bournemouth - Flattened”

“Multiplex may be short lived in this technological age ask Bournemouth! Reducing car parking spaces is more encouragement to shop out of town or where parking is readily available. Morrisons will probably leave rather than rebuild if another supermarket is built as part of the scheme. They now have the new Sainsbury’s to compete with and are building their own new store within easy travelling distance, with free parking on the edge of Littlehampton.”

“Multiplex not needed support local existing Cinema would be a much better use of our money”

“Must have increased parking for new flats and facilities or no-one will use them. Use ground floors?”

“Must have small units of housing to keep young people in town centre otherwise it will turn into giant nursing home.”

“My 2 concerns are 1. Parking, this is already a problem and it doesn’t look as if enough will be provided. There is no point improving the facilities if the parking is insufficient. The Chichester cinema has both its own and the multi storey available so people will have a choice. 2. Queensway has already a marked wind
tunnel effect, has the effect of the proposed buildings been considered? All in all these are very positive proposals and will significantly improve Bognor’s situation (prior to its independence from Arun...........)?

“My answers to Q10 onwards are marked as "undecided" because my view will depend on a properly detailed brief on the parking provision. To secure commercial tenants potential investors are going to want to know where their customers/occupants are going to park and equally importantly, so do I. With the addition of about 80 flats, a hotel with 80 bedrooms, a 4/5 screen cinema, an enlarged theatre, restaurants, bars and cafes and the loss of some existing parking places there is a large black hole in this proposal. I would want to see a summary table showing the number and location of parking places now and of parking places planned broken down into those reserved for the hotel, flats and those open to the general public for the cinema restaurant, bars, cafes etc. Then I could answer the questions you ask”

“My biggest objection is to the proposal to build a Multiplex cinema. It will not enhance or improve the town. On the contrary, it will be to the detriment of the town and ruin the Picturedrome that we already enjoy. The Picturedrome plays a crucial role in giving Bognor its character and individuality; it is part of the towns past and should be part of its future. An additional, alternative leisure facility should be developed that will attract families into the town from a wide catchment area. Logically, this should be an Ice Skating Rink or bowling.”

“My concern is parking after development with less parking spaces, it will deter people from coming to the town.”

“My CONCERN IS THAT IF THE NEW CINEMA DID NOT MAKE A GOOD PROFIT, IT COULD CLOSE LEAVING US WITH NO CINEMA, AT THE MOMENT I CAN TAKE MY GRAND CHILDREN TO SEE FIRST CLASS FILMS FOR VERY LITTLE, AT THE PRICES OF THE NEW CINEMA THIS WILL BE GONE, FOR MY WIFE AND I TO SEE THE NEW JAMES BOND FILM AT CHICHESTER, IT WOULD COST £18.00 WE SAW THE SAME FILM AT THE PICTUREDROME IT WAS £5.00p IF WE REALLY WANTED TO TREAT OURSELVES ON SATURDAY NIGHT IT WOULD BE £7.00p. MY FAMILY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO SEE ANOTHER FILM.”

“My concerns about the proposed re-development are: I do not want the Picturedrome to close Parking near Bognor Health Centre is limited already. If the Hothamton car park closes and a residential development is built where will everyone park? If more new residents come to Bognor how will the over stretched Health Service cope?”

“My concerns is for current cafes, restaurants, shops and our current cinema. There is no need for a multiplex/cinema which WILL charge stupid prices for films as do Cineworld in Chichester, Cineworld charge £7.70 for a midweek film but Picturedrome charge £2.50 for exactly the same film I’m in full support of Picturedrome Bognor Regis and DO NOT welcome a multiplex in Bognor. we have a different variety of restaurants and cafes offering different types of foods/cuisines, why do we need to add to them? Parking is a major issue for me and parking in Bognor is ridiculous as it is let alone adding 200 more residents vehicles more and more tourist vehicles to the circus, I live opposite the bingo hall in London road (another business that may suffer) whom have NO CAR PARK allow their customers to park in residents parking spaces, along double yellow lines (which is illegal) and parking just about where they like; now as a resident of Bognor for whom all this developments is supposed to benefit and I will have to pay for out of my hard earned wages WHY should I have to pay for parking when I cannot even park I have to pay to park in the car park down the other end of London road and walk my shopping all the way up the road when I could be parking right next to my home, I do not support Bognor’s resident parking permit scheme and I do not support the current development schemes because I feel it will make the parking in Bognor worse and it will not benefit already struggling businesses in Bognor!!!!!!”

“My family go to The Picturedrome quite a bit. It is cheap and has a good atmosphere. Bognor has too many empty shops so no point having more. What about the pier?”

“My father use to live in London, he went to the cinema as a child like I do today. It’s all we have left of our town history. Don’t close down history! No funny new cinema can replace the charm of the Picturedrome. You can’t buy charm!”

“My first impression of this plan is that it will drastically reduce the number of car parking spaces in Bognor. I have seen a figure of 275 lost places and indeed at the presentation I attended the staff member was not able to refute this. Parking in the Town is bad enough already without taking out a lot more spaces. Also I do not favour making the Esplanade a one way street and turning it over to parking. This will make travelling through the town less convenient. Opening up the High Street again to cars will be worse for pedestrians and at busy times will cause road delays. I would suggest that the roads be left as they are. The provision of a cinema complex may be useful but it must be born in mind that this will definitely lead to the closure of the Picturedrome as this will not be able to compete with a modern cinema. Again, a large amount of parking spaces will be lost at Hothamton to make way for more flats. So parking for visitors will be lost and the inevitable shortfall of parking for the new residents will further clog up any remaining spaces in the Town. My impression of this scheme is that it consists merely of a large number of flats with a cinema attached. I doubt this further increase in population density will enhance the town very much at all. Personally I am already deterred from visiting Bognor because of the parking issues, finding it easier to travel to Chichester. I think this scheme will most likely reinforce my opinion and I would be even more likely to go elsewhere.”

“My greatest concern would be any proposals to build a multiplex cinema in Bognor. Everyone that I speak to are perfectly happy with the Picturedrome. WE WANT IT TO STAY! It doesn’t take much intelligence to realise that a newly built cinema will result in sky high price increases which would put me off from attending. Please take the views of the Bognor public seriously and understand that a huge number of us recently signed a petition calling for the Picturedrome to stay!”

“My hope is that any shops built would attract quality retailers, e.g. M & S, BHS; restaurants such as ASK, so monitoring of applications of enquiries desirable by Arun DC. Please say ‘no’ to tacky applicants to shops & cafes etc.”

“My husband & I would really like the Picturedrome not to close or lose it. I think it’s a good idea to have a multiplex cinema near the seafront as well - it would let holidaymakers & visitors alongside residents to choose.”

“My husband and I are very much in favour of redeveloping, modernising and improving Bognor Regis but would like our parks left as private national beauty not overlooked by flats etc. We would 100% be in favour of leisure development to bring in money and tourists - i.e. ice rinks, bowling etc. Look at new European towns and isle of Wight development for assurity please! Healthy leisure not bars etc. for our young and old!!”

“My main concern is for the existing shopping centre and cinema. Building a multiplex will in my opinion be the death Knell for the Picturedrome and the shopping centre which is already in serious decline. There must be alternative schemes to redevelop Regis...
centre site that would benefit local businesses and local people. We are already surrounded by a multitude of out of town supermarkets which should never have been given planning approval”

“My main concern is for the future of the Picturedrome. The plans demand a new cinema largely to support proposed bars and restaurants. That cannot be reason enough. Of course it would be lovely to have a range of good restaurants and cafes in Bognor, as there are in Chi, but a new multiplex would certainly bring about the demise of the well-loved and patronised Picturedrome. Surely any move towards regeneration must start with recognition and retention of what is good?”

“My main concern is over the reduced parking proposed overall. It’s great to see these sites redeveloped to regenerate Bognor but if people can’t find anywhere to park then they will go elsewhere. I’m still undecided regarding the proposed new cinema. If the Picturedrome can’t get the latest films then what will keep the audiences going there even if it remains cheap.”

“My main concern is that the apartments look so ugly in the picture. Ugly new buildings do not create a good atmosphere. Butlins has created some more attractive looking apartments and hotels than in the picture.”

“My main concern is that the proposal does not allow enough additional car parking required for the proposed number of apartments/residences/hotel guests. The additional proposal of ‘echelon’ spaces on the esplanade does not seem to cover the losses from the redevelopment let alone the additional parking required. Will there be additional parking beneath the apartment blocks/hotel?”

“My main concern is the effect the cinema complex will have on the Picturedrome. I have a holiday home at Bognor which is used for 7 months between April and October. We make numerous trips to Picturedrome. It’s such good value for money. My son goes up to three times a week, sometimes watching a film more than once as there are in Chi, but a new multiplex would certainly bring about the demise of the well-loved and patronised Picturedrome. Surely any move towards regeneration must start with recognition and retention of what is good.”

“My main concern is the potential threat to the Picturedrome. THIS IS WHY I’M STILL UNDECIDED ABOUT THE CINEMA PROPOSAL.”

“My main concerns would be maybe the lack of parking facilities especially with all the new proposed flats, apartments being built on the current car parking sites.”

“MY ONLY MAJOR CONCERN IS THE POTENTIAL THREAT TO THE PICTUREDROME. THIS IS WHY I’M STILL UNDECIDED ABOUT THE CINEMA PROPOSAL.”
“My response to Q.20 is rather dependent on Morrisons future plans. In my view there should be only 1 major supermarket sited in the town centre and I would expect this to be larger and better than the current Morrisons store. I would like to see additional leisure activities sited on the Regis Centre site and this should include provisions for children, i.e. a soft play area and other daytime activities to occupy tourists and visitors to draw them to this central area and to keep them there during inclement weather.”

“My somewhat negative reaction to the plan is that in my opinion it has not been thought through. I had a long conversation with a representative from St. Modwen who failed to answer many of my concerns, namely related to car parking, i.e. to build over existing parking areas, resulting in an increase of the town population by many hundreds and also increase the inflow of many more visitors is plain lunacy. When are Councillors going to come to terms with the fact the car is here to stay and a realistic approach to the problem is what is needed to be incorporated into any development plan. Once this has been tackled I would be in favour of some of the plans - but not the new cinema, as it would destroy the existing one - which is unique and much valued! I don’t see how chevron parking on the seafront road could work safely - not enough width.”

“My view is that you should enter into partnership with Butlins - give or sell them the land and let them develop it for you.”

“My view on Question 16, 17, 18, 19 and 21 would change if the parking proposals were made more clearer. At the Regis site there appears to be less spaces available after completion. Then there is the possibility of 80 more cars needing spaces (one for each new apartment?). The proposal for a one way system along the seafront seems ridiculous while nothing seems to have been allowed for the traffic going through residential roads to get to Aldwick or from whichever! What do the residents of these roads think of all this extra traffic? The impact of possible 200 extra cars at Hothamton site with fewer spaces is quite worrying. If this proposal also attracts the extra visitors, as hoped, where will they park?”

“My whole family would be very opposed to any and all aspects of the proposals which imply the effective destruction of the Picturedrome.”

“My wife and I do not agree with these proposals. We thought the idea was to regenerate Bognor not to kill off businesses that are struggling now e.g. cafes, bars etc plus the Picturedrome. The theatre idea isn’t too bad but we need more for the younger generation e.g. swimming pool and bowling alley (10 pin) Flats might be needed BUT WHAT ABOUT PARKING!!! Not just for the flats but for any visitor that do come to the town.”

“My wife and I have lived in the area - Pagham 1971-84 & BR 1984 onwards and have despaired at all the debates, dithering and delays in modernising our town. We would be delighted if we were proved wrong and witnessed 21st century decisions being carried out!”

“My worries are that there should be more provision for four key areas. Social housing/affordable housing: is there any on either of these sites or will it be over priced homes such as the last two new blocks of flats built alongside Bognor seafront. I want my children to have some hope in the future of being able to afford to remain in their home town not see an influx of luxury flats with luxury price tags that benefit the developer and the seaside second homers. What is Arun District Council’s policy on the provision of social housing? Parking: is there really sufficient parking, particularly for the Regis Centre site, only 60 spaces, really? Children’s play areas: I cannot believe that there is no provision in the plans to rebuild/relocate our lost play park! The only one in town. It is very well used and very much needed. It is the only all weather surface park in Bognor Regis. This must surely be replaced with something similar for our youngest residents, too young for shops, bars, cinemas etc. Sufficient shop floor space: what Bognor has needed for many, many years is the provision of large scale retail units to encourage the likes of Primark (for example) to come to our town. What seems to work in Bognor are the cheaper shops such as Poundland and Wilkinson. There is mention of retail space being provided but will this be big enough to encourage the chain store’s appropriate to the shopping habits of the Bognor residents to be accommodated? We are not Chichester, high end more exclusive retailers in smaller units will never be able to be properly supported by our less wealthy inhabitants and those that have the money shop in Chichester anyway. As it is Queensway,(for example) with its smaller units doesn’t and hasn’t had full retail occupation for a very long time, so will we see just more of the same? Overall it seems to me that St. Modwen are having it all too much their own way, far too much residential profits for too little in return to all our Bognor residents.”

“Myself and many others feel that the Picturedrome Cinema is a major part of Bognor Regis & it’s history, I have been visiting the cinema and no others for many years and want to continue this (I am only 21). All these proposed idea’s do not affect the town itself which I feel is still lacking in important shops. Creating new developments will only put more people out of business and therefore not improve the town as a whole. Please preserve the little bit of dignity Bognor Regis has left, over the last 10 years I have watched the town decline a little more each year. The Picturedrome Cinema is a part of history and also a memory of how popular Bognor Regis once used to be... Please let us hold onto that!”

“N/A”

“Nandos”

“NB I accidentally posted an incomplete survey just before this one - please disregard the previous one. Q11. This question is very unilateral and is very likely to skew the resultant feedback from the survey. There are other proposals for an anchor tenant which I don't feel have been fully explored. I certainly believe that the town would benefit from further screens but feel that a co-operative approach needs to be taken with the existing operators of the Picturedrome. Q13. Yes, I support the building of apartments to fund other developments, but only if the housing need is there. One look down Longford Road shows a forest of For Sale and To Let signs which brings this into question. More importantly, more housing means more parking spaces required and the scheme at present wholly undermines the parking in Bognor Regis and must be addressed with extreme urgency Q16. As mentioned above, the scheme in its present form critically reduces the amount of parking for Bognor Regis. If this really is a Regeneration project then we must expect to gain visitors, in cars, who will require parking. The proposals decimate the existing parking and ‘echelon’ parking (I assume this is diagonal parking?) on the esplanade would not replace this, let alone increase it. In addition I understood that the County Council were opposed to this type of parking for safety reasons. I would therefore suggest that the issue of Town Centre parking (i.e. NOT JUST Gloucester Road) be addressed immediately before any further development of this proposal goes forward. It is essential that road planning and traffic management plans feed back into this proposal as well. Q17/18. Whilst not opposed to the building of apartments in order to fund further developments per se I must urge caution and add the proviso that this should only be if the apartments are deemed necessary. One only has to look down Longford Road to see a forest of For Sale and To Let signs for vacant properties which must raise the question of who is going to buy/let these new properties. In addition I feel it is essential that the development take into account the local environs and must positively enhance the seafront/Regis Centre/Town Hall area Q20. As Q17/18 plus the original proposal envisaged a supermarket on this site. The obvious
choice would be to encourage Morrisons to move here and build a larger store with parking and apartments. This would free up the extremely prime site of the existing store and car park which could be redeveloped. I would suggest that the Councils and developers put more effort into encouraging this move for the good of the town.”

“Need a development that can be used in all types of weather for families.”

“Need a music shop. Kick the foreigners out!”

“Need for good quality shops not multiples of the same, as we have now. Chichester has it just right. I’ve lived here 32 years and it’s just declined”

“Need more clothing shops. Add more elderly people homes”

“Need more information on proposals”

“Need more parking not less. Don’t need another cinema. No flats on Regis Centre area.”

“Need more parking than mentioned. Difficult to use the health centre as more often than not I have to use the main car park as the one under the health centre is usually full. What is happening to Morrisons.”

“Need more restaurants, not another cinema! People will not visit it often enough and the old cinema will eventually be run to the ground. Just add another restaurant instead! or a gym/swimming pool or something similar.”

“Need more shops like Next, M & S, HM and other good shops. That’s why I don’t go to town because there’s nothing much to do there.”

“Need more things for younger people maybe an ice rink. No need for more cafes or restaurants. Bognor will just end up like Chichester. Boring!”

“Need music shops”

“Need other leisure facilities and other sites developed, e.g. train station. Better chains of shops. Need things to bring people to Bognor like snow dome on another site or marina. Evening activities inside and out.”

“Need to attract in shops not just those you can get in any town. Not too high rates. Look attractive - public seating, water features - small changes make a difference. It must look pleasant not too high + broken up not built up.”

“Need to continually update public - i.e. at least monthly in local papers (inc free papers). Need to compensate parking that is lost.

Belmont Street should be pedestrianised.”

“Need to enhance not ruin Bognor Regis! No to cinema. Bognor is dead at present.”

“Never heard about this but seems a good idea. Town Centre is upmarket”

“Needs to happen in my opinion!”

“Needs to be more exciting - Bognor is boring!!”

“Needs to be a restaurant and a cafe higher up on Regis Centre site to enhance the Picturedrome - this would fail to, as we have not got top films immediately. Regis site should be iconic open space over present car park. terraced gardens with winding path to summit with specimen planting, challenging art and children’s climbing features leading to unusual shaped cafe at top. This would attract visitors and indirectly bring more jobs than proposals. Pay for it by Bowling on other site - wait until land values increase.”

“Needs to be upmarket”

“New cinema. Would be the end of the Picturedrome don’t see how that would benefit anyone. Develop theatre YES”

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“New expensive cinema not needed. Present cinema V good & popular & reasonably priced. A definite no.”

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“New parking spaces will be taken by flat owners, where do we park? Q16 - One way in Esplanade! Traffic through the town is potentially a safety problem. West Street is very narrow, will parking be stopped there to, widen the road. Q19 - Queensway is a wind tunnel now, more flats would make this worse. Many of the shops are empty already; new ones would compound the problem. Q20 We already have town centre supermarket. It would be better to buy the pier and extend it and make a great attraction of it like Swanage have done.”

“New theatre with extra parking”

“NEW THEATRE!!”
“Nice ideas - but what about something for teenagers to stop them committing crimes. Large bike and skateboard arena - roller rink.”

“NO - just please build a sea pool [Lido] and a Bowling Alley / Climbing Wall / Ice Skating Rink / Roller Rink and give the youngsters a chance”

“No cinema - too many flats - we want seaside culture - nice shops / bars / cafes / new theatre / outdoor swimming pool and revamped seafront. Chichester survives and it is not even near the sea - look what they did to Littlehampton, didn’t need another cinema - neither do we! Too many charity and mobile phone shops!!”

“No cinema - younger folk prefer to go to Chi. A bowling alley would be an asset to Bognor with a café incorporated. 2 cinemas in Bognor is definitely not going to work.”

“No cinema but keep café restaurant and bar but put something else in except a cinema.”

“No cinema needed - we already have a brilliant cinema and Chichester has a multiplex (very expensive!!). A bowling alley would be far better, as it is sometimes difficult to book a lane at Chi. We need healthy family activities - cinema is too restrictive/sitting/eating etc”

“NO CINEMA please”

“No cinema, as have Picturedrome already. Tenpin bowling alley instead. Need parking.”

“No cinema, awful idea.”

“No cinema. We only pay £2.50 not £8.00. It has history and that’s important to keep. No flats No hotel No students all in town Modernise in an old fashion way. Make Bognor fun for its residents and holiday makers. Butlins has created enough hotels. Need new pier like Weston-Super-Mare.”

“No cinema. We have the Picturedrome. Do something different. It will become a white elephant.”

“No cinema.... the Picturedrome is wonderful....why would the council want what every boring town has got rather than something special.......! Think modern....think retro and vintage and classic....THINK IT”

“No cinema”

“No cinema”

“No Cinema”

“No comment.”

“No development - no future for Bognor Regis. Ref Regeneration - additional work and businesses very urgently required.”

“No evidence that multiplex cinema required to make cafes & shops viable on Regis Centre / Place St Maur. Cinemas do not occupy valuable sea-front locations in comparable towns elsewhere in UK & Europe. The BIG QUESTION is how/why ADC teamed up with St Modwen which doesn’t really have much better vision than anyone else?”

“NO FLATS NO MULTIPLEX CINEMA. WOULD LIKE SHOPS, BARS. THINGS FOR CHILDREN PLAY AREAS.”

“No flats on the Regis Centre site. Multiplex cinema idea should be scrapped. Bars and restaurants not needed and will not work. More car parking needed, not less. There is nothing in this to effect significant numbers of people to the town. Lack of parking will drive people away.”

“No further comments”

“No further comments”

“No further development in Bognor.”

“No high rise flats - we have enough already. Cinema only if it means the Picturedrome will stay open permanently. The Picturedrome must stay open.”

“No matter what Arun decides to do it must respect the Picturedrome in Bognor Regis. This venue is unique and historical and could never be replaced. We should cherish our heritage and stop looking towards modern options that one can find in most towns and cities. Monies should be spent where needed in modernising the cinema and sound equipment inside and making sure that the building is looked after for everyone to enjoy.”

“No miniplex!”

“No more accommodation. No cinema complex. Use money to help existing business and parking.”

“No more bars, there is enough idiots drinking too much. What about a 10 pin bowling alley, it should bring in a lot of income.”

“No more cafes - no new cinema - no new supermarkets Make Queensway an undercover shopping area - leave the market! Let Bognor Council decide not ADC”

“No more flats along The Esplanade - they just make the area soulless when it’s a natural asset.”

“NO MORE FLATS IN BOGNOR”

“No more flats in town centre. Remove shingle, give us our sand back. Sea wall is built to throw sea back. Reduce cars.”

“No more flats. Bring something new that isn’t already available in the surrounding locality, eg, ski slope, ice rink etc. Provide better performance facilities which will attract bigger bands etc.”

“No more flats. No multiplex cinema. Leave well alone.”

“No more flats”

“No more hotels are needed we already have too much housing and not enough jobs 200 apartments = 400 jobs = 400 more cars. There are not enough jobs as it is. What are you thinking?”

“No more tower blocks in Bognor”

“No multiplex Don’t lose car parking”

“No multiplex CINEMA PLEASE. SKATING RING AND TEN PIN BOWLING ALLEY WOULD BE GREAT. THERE IS NO SUCH FACILITIES IN SURROUNDING AREA.”

“NO MULTIPLEX CINEMA. We have a charming old heritage loved unique cinema that everyone in the town loves and travels to from surrounding areas. We HAVE a multiplex in Chichester, just down the road. We DO NOT need another in the area. How about a permanent ICE RINK, we don’t have one of those and I’m a mother of 3 teens and part of the massive home ed community in the area. We have to travel to Brighton, Worthing for temporary rinks or Gosport for that facility. We could have ice shows here which would bring in more tourism and visitors from surrounding areas, for ice shows. It could double as a ROLLER RINK. We could also use the ice rink for local sports such as ice hockey teams, ice dancing lessons, skating lessons and tournaments. That’s three large revenues from one facility - that we don’t already have. We already have a perfectly charming cinema, we should be looking at things that we DON’T ALREADY HAVE! How about a BOWLING ALLEY - the one in Chichester is always full and we could do with one here with attached café for the youngsters. Somewhere to meet safely and
socialise. Mini GO-KARTING track for the younger children under 12 say, which could be great for tourists and locals alike. We have to travel again to Shoreham or Gosport for this and most people don’t even know that they’re there because they’re not part of a major development. Include them in this and it would be a children’s party, event, schools, stag, hen, work do hire-able venue.....with cafe/restaurant. Can be used as another team sports event for the area. A SEA LIFE CENTRE would be beneficial and something we haven’t got here, we are right on the beach after all. It would be a tourist attraction at a seaside resort and educational for local schools and colleges. With an educational centre, lecture theatre, cafe and play centre. It would cover all ages and interests with a marketable theme. Again we have to send tourists and families to Portsmouth or Brighton for this. Sending trade and revenue away, when we could have the visitors and schools from all the surrounding villages on the southern peninsula. Far more versatile than another proposed cinema, which we already have. We need a THEATRE to stay for Pantomimes and shows, live music and so on - this could be redeveloped to make it a fantastic venue and include the annual Rox festival within it that brings a great revenue to the town. There are many things that we don’t have in this area that we could use for leisure, other than a multiplex cinema - which we already have in town and are very proud of it history and heritage.”

“No multiplex we don’t need it. No more flats. Don’t lose car parking”

“No need for a new cinema. Have something not repeated in another nearby town - ice skating. Expand free parking areas”

“No need for another cinema, would prefer an ice rink or bowling alley - lazer quest - the list is endless. Absolutely no need to have another one. Put more money into Picturedrome. No need for another supermarket! Would love Primark.”

“No need for anymore cafes. A decent restaurant perhaps. But more in the way of leisure activities. There are none in Bognor particularly in the evening. Something for the young and elderly i.e. bowling alley, skating rink, small department store, better quality shops. More free car parking on a par with Littlehampton.”

“No need for bars and restaurants, there’s enough already. There is no need for a new cinema; The Picturedrome is under-used as it is.”

“No need for more flats in Queensway and we have a good cinema.”

“No new cinema - Bognor has already a good reasonable charge - cinema. Bognor is not a rich town. It needs good cheap housing for the EU workers.”

“No new cinema - Ice Skating Rink and Ten Pin Bowling would be more suitable. Leave market.”

“No new cinema - keep theatre. sort out parking.”

“No new cinema - we already have a very good cinema”

“NO NEW CINEMA AS THIS WILL BE EXPENSIVE.”

“No new cinema needed”

“NO NEW CINEMA PICTUREDROME FOREVER!!!!”

“No new cinema. I like my £3.50/£2.50 movies”

“NO NEW CINEMA. SAVE THE PICTUREDROME”

“NO NO NO NO NO NO NO TO A 4/5 OVERPRICED MONEYGRABBING, CHARACTERLESS CINEMA.  
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“NO ONE WAY TRAFFIC ALONG SEAFRONT. WILL CAUSE CONGESTION ON SURROUNDING ROADS PARTICULARLY IN THE SUMMER. NOT ENOUGH PARKING TO ACCOMMODATE HOTEL, THEATRE, SHOPS. KNOCK DOWN FITZLEET TOWER - IT’S AN EYESORE!”

“No point having more new flats when there’s no work to be found in Bognor. Unless they are even more retirement properties? You are driving the young away to find jobs and filling the town with pensioners ... not good.”

“No provision within plans for a public toilet - current ones would close. Provision of a multiplex would close our Bognor cinema - we do not need it! Consideration should be made for a Skating Rink or Bowling Alley. The proposed 6 storey buildings would be another blight on the seafront of Bognor. We need SEASIDE attractions.”

“No to cinema well like the one we have and can afford.”

“NO to mini/multiplex cinema, we have a very good cinema. 6 storey tower blocks are too high. Will block views. NO more supermarkets (Tescos we have plenty)”

“NO TO NEW PICTURE PLACE”

“No to the cinema. The Bognor Picturedrome would be forced to close. The listed building needs to continue its life as a cinema. It provides an affordable family trip out unlike over priced multiplex cinemas. The Picturedrome is the only reason we and many of my friends come to Bognor. We won’t be coming back if it is closed.”

“NO TO the multiplex - support your local businesses first. preserve some of Bognor’s past! instead of creating large featureless/ characterless buildings.”

“No ‘wow’ factor. Reduction in parking spaces poses a very big problem. Need to be at least 500 seats and fly tower at theatre. Too many flats. Potential threat to Picturedrome - crazy to harm an existing asset for a new cinema which could quickly become a ‘white elephant’.”

“NO!”

“No.”

“No”

“NO”

“NO”

“No”

Nobody outside Bognor Should vote on this. These proposals from Arun will destroy Bognor Regis and stagnate it. We need the pier repaired, extended and more tourist attractions added. Regeneration means more for our youth to do, more to attract tourists. We do not need low paid jobs to add to our low paid community. Arun District Council have produced their plans and spent a vast sum of money and they did not first ask what we wanted. They don’t live here we do. I believe Arun DC are not fit for purpose and should be disbanded and control handed back to Bognor Regis.”

“Noise trained horses - Park and Ride - £10.00 return from coach park at back of Police Station = W/Ends only - 9.00A.M. - 6.00P.M.”

“None of the plans would help Bognor we have enough flats, we want to bring people to our town there is nothing now just a few crumple shops. Why would we want another hotel we already have 3.”

“None of these address returning Bognor Regis to a seaside resort suitable for families. Cinema complex only duplicates what is
already available. Current facilities need upgrading not replacing, including café’s and bars. Difficult as these are in private ownership. From what I have seen at other cinema complexes, I would not use the food outlets who would presumably be on the site as they are too expensive and the quality of food is terrible. Removing car spaces seems a mistake especially if the idea is to increase people coming into town. No real increase in leisure options. Do not see a real increase in jobs, just a move into one large complex. We would presumably lose some existing cafes and bars and the cinema, what would replace them in the empty spaces they leave behind? Why was there not more detail at the exhibition. I entered wanting to be convinced that there were some good ideas. The lack of facts e.g. other cinema complexes actual income benefits, suggests that I will not be given full details until decisions have been made. I still have to make presumptions. I know it is early days but if St. Modwen do have the experience they insist they have they should be able to give, even at this early stage, more detail. Until they do, they will not convince me that this is the right approach. Also, Bognor Regis is a lot smaller than other towns used as comparisons. Are there direct comparisons? Overall, a disappointing exhibition even after spending time talking to the St Modwen’s representatives.”

“None of this will work unless parking is sorted out and Bognor is a good deal safer and better priced than it is.”

“None”

“None”

“Normal families can afford Pricedumed prices and can treat children to cinema trips more frequently. It is a wonderful facility. Please don’t open a multiplex, We could never afford the prices!”

“Not a good idea”

“Not another cinema”

“Not at all happy about the adverse effect of the proposed multiplex on the Pricedumed which is doing an excellent job for the town. I would prefer an alternative leisure facility to the multiplex. I do not know whether the multiplex is truly the only way to make the package viable.”

“Not enough leisure being provided and too many flats and Bognor already has a cinema why another one. Won’t be enough car parking space.”

“Not enough parking its already a nightmare if you work/live/stay in the town centre. Far too many new flats. We do not need another hotel bringing a Travel Lodge or Premier Inn into the town would be the death of small hotels and guest houses plus we already have a great cinema that we can afford to go to.”

“Not enough parking space”

“Not enough public toilets.”

“Not good enough at the moment - room for improvement - more public space and more access to the seafront”

“Not happy as there will be nothing for youngsters i.e. Skating Rink or Bowling Alley. DO NOT NEED ANOTHER CINEMA”

“Not needed”

“Not needed”

“NOT opposed to development BUT some of it is too intrusive on practically the last open prime spaces in the town centre/seafront. Flats on both sites too high - seafront views will again be for the privileged few. Morrisons plans for new store much preferable to Hothamton site. Renew (on car park). Town centre at a popular/convenient store. Hothamton (Fitzleet) tower is ugly and adding to it would only make it more of an eyesore. Could be knocked down and a more appealing intricate site evolve.”

“Not sure a hotel is necessary, Butlins have plenty, existing should raise their game”

“Not sure about residential blocks 6 storeys by Fitzleet. Fitzleet is an eyesore and the thought of a group of tall buildings together does not appeal - and all that could bring with alcohol and drugs misuse. I work in the Health Centre, so am aware of area and the people that hang around. Having lived in Chichester for 16 years, our move to Bognor has been a bit of an eye opener - anything to improve it would be good. It has the chance of being something like Lyme Regis or Exmouth - but it could easily go wrong with too many chain restaurants such as pizza huts and Frankie and Bennies - those standard chain places making it a kind of Brit strip resort like many places abroad. If individual cafes and places like Zizzi/Ask/Pizza Express/Bills place, Wagamammas Starbucks are the types of cafes and restaurants attracted to the new development - it could bring about real change to the face of Bognor. Please Don’t’ let it become a ‘Blackpool’ think about the types of cafes and outdoor spaces. It could be really nice a cosmopolitan - not just full of chip shops, fast food eateries and amusement arcades. These proposed changes could really benefit Bognor if it done the right way, and does not try catering for the masses, but really looks at attracting holiday makers and locals from a broad spectrum of people and not the heavy drinkers and drug users. We have a great seafront and beach and this project could really improve Bognor.”

“Not sure if a new 80 room hotel would be beneficial as there are two hotels at Butlins and it would put a lot of B&B places out of business too.”

“NOT WORTH IT IF IT IS A DISASTER FOR BGNOR’S LONG-TERM VIABILITY AS A DECENT PLACE TO ATTRACT A CROSS-SECTION OF VISITORS. HOLD A REFERENDUM! Q1 - NAME CAN BE VERIFIED FROM ELECTORAL ROLL Q6 - THE ALEXANDRA THEATRE PROPOSALS - NEEDS MAJOR RETHINK Q11 - (ESSENTIAL) DO NOT AGREE - BGNOR NEEDS SOMETHING WHICH ADDING TO TOWNS LACK AND WILL ATTRACT PEOPLE BECAUSE IT IS DIFFERENT. Q14 - WE NEED QUALITY, NOT MORE SEASIDE ‘TAT’. Q15 - AL FRESCO DINING - ONLY IF QUALITY PUBLIC SEATING - EXISTING BAND STANDS OUTDOOR MARKETS - BETTER IN TOWN CENTRE CHILDREN’S PLAY AREAS - ELSEWHERE WATER FEATURES - WONT BE MAINTAINED PUBLIC ART - NOT OF THE TYPE IN PRECINCT WHICH IS TACKY AND NOT MAINTAINED. Q16 - HOTHAMTON SITE PROPOSALS - WITHOUT TAKING OPPORTUNITY TO REDEVELOP QUEENSWAY, A DISASTER. Q19 - NEEDS REDEVELOPMENT TO CONNECT WITH TOWN CENTRE. OVERALL PROPOSALS - NEEDS A COMPLETE RETHINK, WITH OR WITHOUT ST. MODWEN FURTHER COMMENTS - WHY WILL ST. MODWEN NOT COMPROMISE - WHY IS THIS BEING THRUST ON BGNOR? BGNOR REGIS IS NOT AS BAD AS OUTSIDE PERCEPTION INDICATES, BUT NEEDS AN ENHANCED REPUTATION GAINED FROM UNIQUE SELLING POINT. ITS STRATEGY IS FINE OLD BUILDINGS WHICH HAVE SURVIVED THE BULLDOZER AND THE JEWEL IS THE ARCADE. THE REGIS CENTRE IS HIDEOUS AND SO IS THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT. COMMON SENSE TELLS THAT DUPLICATING A MULTI-PLEX 6 MILES DISTANT. PUTTING A STANDARD條 PLACES MAKING IT A KIND OF BRIT STRIP RESORT LIKE MANY PLACES ABROAD. BGNOR HAS BEEN A BIT OF AN EYE OPENER - ANYTHING TO IMPROVE IT DESERVES BETTER. ARUN DC SHOULD HAVE THE COURAGE AND VISION FOR THE FUTURE.”

“Obviously no one connected with the development of the Hothamton site has ever stood or tried to stand in Queensway on a breezy day. Also if you need to put all parking on the seafront with a one way system get this sorted first otherwise there will be no parking left in Bognor.”

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“Okay”

“On Hothamton site would prefer shops leisure facilities at ground level. On Regis Centre site would also prefer to see shops, entertainment, créche or other public and amenity uses (music practice rooms, club rooms, keep fit space, indoor sports, etc.)at ground level to blocks 8 and 9. Housing can then be built over. I have some doubts about safety of echelon parking alongside a road through, even one way. Bognor’s weather can be inclement so covered areas would be useful especially as sea front shelters seem to be disappearing.”

“On no account would we want to see our iconic Picturedrome destroyed. Why can’t we have an ice rink or bowling alley. Why does Littlehampton have all they ask for and leave us in their wake. And we want an Asda.”

“On the Regis site could the cinema be ground level and the restaurant be above as it would be nice to have a meal with a sea view, I think this would also attract customers to the area. I think that Chichester made the right decision to get rid of McDonalds out of the main town. I think Bognor should also take all the fast food outlets out of the town as we have now got them on the outskirts of Bognor. This gets rid of all of the rubbish from those food outlets that end up in the main shopping area and encourages other restaurants to move in, which brings in a better clientele. I would also like it if we had new swimming facilities or improve Arun leisure centre (inspire). At the moment I live in Bognor but drive to Westgate leisure centre in Chichester first of all its cheaper, at Arun you pay £4.90 and Westgate you pay £4.65 as a non-member. Also I don’t like the facilities they have at Arun. You can tell there hasn’t been any money spent on the place in years, the lockers are all broken, the changing rooms are dated, the pool is tiny. The cafe is alright could be laid out much better and there’s not enough seating. It would be nice to have a leisure centre that is modern and place you would like to relax and spend most of your evening by having a gym session then a nice swim then maybe a Jacuzzi/sauna and a coffee afterwards. Westgate ticks all of these boxes. I am so pleased that finally Bognor is going to unlock its potential to be a very nice place to live and visit.”

“On the whole I think the proposals would benefit the town. My only real concern would be the potential impact of a multiplex cinema on the existing Picturedrome cinema. I regularly attend the Picturedrome because it shows a wide variety of films, including live events. I am going this week to see the ballet live from Covent Garden. It is a gem and its loss to the town would be a tragedy. In my experience multiplexes are rather soulless places which mainly attract young audiences whereas the Picturedrome is used by all age groups.”

“Once again your survey leads to certain conclusions. I would oppose strongly a cinema on the sea front yet would fully support restaurants, cafes, etc. It is not possible to give this answer as it’s an ‘all or nothing’ solution. A similar approach was made with the proposals for the Leisure Centre, please stop this approach as it’s plain to see where it goes! Bognor most definitely needs developing but the planners appear to be totally out of touch with the majority of residents in terms of what they see as the future for the town, just why is this?”

“One more time: we do not need or want a multiplex cinema in Bognor Regis. How many people have to tell you this, and how often, before you stop trying to bully us into accepting a tired, outdated, 1970s idea that will do precisely nothing to bring people into the town, and that will kill our lovely Picturedrome?”

“One of my concerns is the multiplex cinema. Does Bognor really need one when there is one in Chichester? The Picturedrome serves Bognor well and should this proposal go through it would be affected in a negative way. I also have concerns about the height of the proposed buildings next to the health centre. It is bad enough that we have Fitzleet (it should never have been built) and to have some more high buildings in that area would not in my opinion help.”

“One or two more large national retailers in the town centre would keep more people shopping in Bognor. The main thing to regenerate the town is a high tech business area to provide better paid employment in the area. I spoke to one of the staff in the exhibition about making use of the existing airfield on the old LEC site. The French have proved that ‘Aviation is good for local business’. These are usually run by the Chambers of Commerce rather than a local authority who are not good at running a business (no different in this country!) This would generate, initially, businesses associated with the airfield (not low paid employment) and also other businesses where management would use their own light aircraft to travel around the country. France is now the leading manufacturer internationally, after the USA, in the world in this market. I believe this an area that the Council have earmarked for industrial use on the local plan so rather than rip up the paved runway, why not build around it and make use of something very few towns in this country have? We are seeing thousands of new homes being built in the Bognor area, and people will have to travel OUT OF BOGNOR to work! The main road infrastructure also needs upgrading between Bognor & the A27 on the A29 & A259 as journeys can be up to an hour in the mornings & evenings!! This has been stated in the past as a put off to potential business users wishing or being persuaded to come to the area.”

“One supermarket enough. Enjoy market on Sunday in Queensway.”

“Only concern is that old fire station next to Town Hall which is currently used by Citizens Advice is replaced by residential. Will alternatively town centre offices be provided for Citizens Advice.”

“Only hope that very soon some development may happen as town is deteriorating fast. I have lived here thirty years and still waiting for something to happen.”

“Only opposing view is that the new cinema may reduce revenue of old leading to a closing. Certain films to be shown at each cinema?”

“Opposed to hotel on Regis Centre site. This could be better used as shops with a bowling alley and cinema, bars, cafes. The hotel would jeopardise local B&Bs and this must not be allowed to happen. Yes, we want investment but not at the cost of other businesses.”

“Other facilities should include tenpin bowling/theatre/other events, exhibition space. If hotel was part of development - should include conference facilities. Architecture should be adventurous/stunning!”

“Out of date. things need to be completely re thought.”

“Overall I believe that Bognor needs a refit, but I do have issues over the cinema and hotel as I feel this would be detrimental to current businesses especially the Picturedrome as this is such a great building. My main concern is for current businesses.”

“Overall I love it.”

“Overall ideas are good however the lack of parking could stop people coming to the new amenities. How about lower and upper multi-storey parking too.”

“Overall my main objection is that the proposals will all increase the amount of vehicles to the town - without consideration to parking allocation which would be totally inadequate. A hotel would need even more parking spaces and the plans do not accommodate this.”
“Overall, I think the development looks good and will enhance Bognor Regis. Once we know more detail I think it’ll be easier to get more people on board. If there’s an expectation the development is looking to ‘pull’ people from within and outside the area then more consideration should be given to the allocation of more parking. Not too sure about the number of flats and the height. It would be good to see some 3d modelling to understand the exact context.  Good luck.”

“Paint the town - clean the town - modernise the old, but keeping the look of a seaside town.”

“Paints a romantic picture of socialising, but would prefer to see more retail outlets to provide more choice and greater options to the poor choices available in the town centre.”

“Parking at the Regis Centre site is a concern, especially if plans for the cinema/ hotel/ apartments are approved. Lessons should be learnt from the parking issues at the Chichester Gate complex in Chichester (which I use regularly”

“Parking could well become a big problem if insufficient spaces available.”

“Parking in Bognor will be a nightmare with no more car parks”

“Parking is a premium already and we will lose public parking in this proposal affecting local traders even more. The Picturedrome needs to be given every opportunity to survive and we do not need another or bigger cinema in the town.”

“Parking is a problem when the holiday makers are here. Do not reduce the spaces. We do not need more flats or another cinema”

“Parking is critical if you wish to attract more visitors to the town centre. It seems that we will be losing not gaining car parking. Without extra car parking the regeneration will fail. There are three and perhaps, soon, hotels in Butlins. We do not need another hotel in Bognor. I also believe that every effort should be made to save and support the Picturedrome. A multi cinema complex is not needed. A greatly improved Theatre is important.”

“Parking is difficult at many times already to take 2 away is ridiculous”

“Parking is essential - do not reduce it, increase it. The seafront must be accessible for visitors, including those in cars. This is one of the main reasons people visit seaside resorts. We do not want more seafront flats.”

“Parking is essential and the car park needs to be made larger not smaller”

“Parking is essential, just having parking within 5 minutes walk is not enough as people will not like it. Apartments will only be affordable by people who are more well off than the typical person. Money would be better spent on other accommodation that is affordable to new buyers.”

“Parking is main problem especially if theatre is enlarged - difficult to find parking spot now when going to theatre. Picturedrome cinema to stay - reasonable price especially for elderly and families.”

“Parking is the main issue for me - you need to provide cheap spaces that have easy access to the town to get people to visit. We also need better shops and something for children and teenagers to do.”

“Parking must be a priority - especially for the disabled”

“PARKING WOULD BE A GREAT PROBLEM ESPECIALLY IF VISITING THE CINEMA, THEATRE ETC. NOWHERE TO PARK.”

“Parking, parking charges and toilets need to be more fully developed or explained”

“Pedestrianisation of at least part of the central promenade length would greatly enhance the new development setting & pedestrian flow & use of the seafront.”

“People do not want another cinema and have asked time & time again for ASDA. What about a bowling alley for residents and holiday makers. Pedalo boats something to do on the water. We are a seaside apart from the beach. What do we have - Nothing.”

“People go to the seafront to see the sea views - it is not the place for a cinema which should be further back - like the Picturedrome which we already have. If it is our town - our future - our say - i.e. people who live and work in Bognor - I do not see the relevance of the views of Arundel and Littlehampton residents.”

“People have to park! - to benefit from the new plans - no parking means no visitors!!! - affordable for residents please.”

“People would feel discouraged to use the cinema due to the possible increased price from the Picturedrome from £2.50 to £7.50”

“Perhaps a regard to jobs, employment? A huge divide between young and old.”

“Personally I think Fitzleet House is an eyesore and spoils the look of Bognor Regis - the block should be demolished to make way for lower storey development”

“PICTUREDROME IS TOO PRECIOUS TO BOGNOR REGIS.”

“Picturedrome is well loved asset of Bognor Regis - which we need to keep. We don’t need another cinema but instead need to develop further attractions - especially for the youth - who are a forgotten age group within the town. We are a seaside town and as such attract families - so let’s give them things to do on a rainy day - ice rink. Also utilise what we’ve already got. What about a treasure hunt trail around Hotham Park or along the promenade - cost would be minimal? No more bars, restaurants or housing.”

“Picturedrome must be protected above all else”

“Picturedrome must stay as it is. I think we need more toy shops, so it’s easier to buy things for the children.”

“Place St Maur Des Fosses should be an open space with water feature, seating and play area. Use the space for live performances to bring people in -should not put trees in front of existing businesses (Heather’s cafe, Pic A Brac, Bognor Observer) or it will close them down! Enough businesses failing”

“Places like bars & pubs that occupy B & B Services may not be able to cope with likes of new restaurants and things such as Premier Inn. So if jobs are created, jobs would also be lost and it nor make a great impact of employment.”

“Plan shows one way west to east with ‘echelon’ parking. What is route east to west? Plan also shows building with Citizen Advice Bureau being removed. Where does CAB go to?”

“Please ,please ,please, please keep the Picturedrome it must survive, it would be a crime if it was not to remain as it is now.im sure another screen could be added to it, don’t take my town away”

“Please ask the towns people what they want”

“Please can we have a cycle lane on west Promenade and clearly marked. To make is safe for Promenaders”

“Please do not build another cinema complex - we love the Picturedrome.”

“Please do not close down the Picturedrome it is the place that our OAP’s can go at a very good price. Also, very good for children’s

films. This cinema is part of the history of Bognor. I have lived here all my life. Re-build the pier!!

“Please do not close the Esplanade to traffic. No more flats or student accommodation on Hothamton. One more supermarket would kill off all the remaining shops we have left. We need more car parking for daily use and less for Residents use in the daytime, as they go away to work. Multiplex cinema is not needed in Bognor. We want to get onto the beach easily by walkways.”

“Please do not close the Picturedrome - it is part of Bognor’s history and should be included in the development plans and enhanced as a focal point of interest. It is a brilliant facility and very individual compared to other cinema multiplexes.”

“Please do not harm the Picturedrome cinema”

“Please do not take away the Historic buildings such as the cinema. Old and new can mix together very well and complement each other. Take away the History and you may as well take away Bognor Regis. We have a multiplex cinema at Chichester. What Bognor needs is more quality shops such as Marks and Spencer.”

“Please do something. All we appear to do is talk.”

“Please don’t destroy the old Picturedrome cinema, it’s a lovely old building, looks far better than new builds!”

“Please don’t build a new cinema in Bognor Regis, we don’t need it, we already have Picturedrome!!! A bowling alley or an ice skating ring would be a much better attraction.”

“Please don’t drive the Picturedrome out of business!”

“Please don’t fill Bognor with modernist buildings - it’s not that sort of town. New buildings yes, but in keeping with what Bognor is - a family town for all generations.”

“Please don’t get rid of any parks”

“Please don’t let this wonderful opportunity for Bognor slip away because of opposition from the Picturedrome lobby. With a bit more parking included and decent architects this redevelopment is just what Bognor needs.”

“Please don’t turn Bognor into another trashy seaside town. It needs to be restored to the sweet historical town it once was!”

“Please end the consultation and let’s get building as planned. Then focus on the pier and the railway station.”

“Please get on and do the development to help make us all proud of our beautiful Bognor Regis. We need to keep the Picturedrome as our only cinema. It provides affordable seating in a traditional setting. It is Bognor’s unique selling point. If more screens are needed put them in there. At the Regis/ Alexander centre put in an ice rink or bowling centre. People from Butlins would be encouraged to venture into the town too and spend their money. The nearest ice rinks are Gosport or Guildford and are always busy.”

“Please go ahead!!”

“Please improve our theatre, I often have to drive round to find a space to park, the thought of taking away parking spaces horrifies me. There is no need for extra shop spaces being built when we have plenty of empty shops already!! Fill these up first to draw people to high street and London road. Our cinema is lovely leave it alone, do not put added pressure on a business that is trying to survive and is a great source of enjoyment to ALL ages. Why fix something when it’s not broken!!!!?”

“Please include Wi Fi hotspots”

“Please keep the old cinema it is a place a lot of people work hard to provide entertainment for local people. The Regis centre on the front is run down and definitely needs new blood but not at the expense of the Dome. A new hotel would be good as all hotels in the area are very old and a bit of new blood like an M & S would be greatly used and attract locals from adjoining villages to come into town.”

“Please keep the Picturedrome - I’m disabled and I love it at this cinema.”

“Please keep the Picturedrome!!”

“Please keep the Picturedrome. It is part of Bognor and has been for a very long time with fantastic ticket prices.”

“Please leave Swansea Gardens alone”

“Please leave Swansea Gardens Bowling Club alone”

“Please leave the town alone, maybe just make the seafront more attractive with some planting and seats, if you build all this stuff, my friends and I won’t come again”

“Please listen to local people’s views and concerns. A cinema is not necessary to encourage bars etc.”

“Please listen to what the local residents want and that is NO CINEMA, we need more leisure places to encourage tourists.”

“Please look to the development at Chichester Gate. This was developed with cafes. restaurants and entertainment. You go there now and it is looking very run down. Restaurants are boarded up for month on end; children are advised not to go to the toilets unaccompanied in the bowling alley because of safety reasons from other users of the site and the screens at the cinema are of a much poorer quality than you get from the Picturedrome. I strongly believe that if you went ahead with a cinema and eating complex this would have serious repercussions on other local restaurants and bars as well as the cinema. Bognor already is full of low quality shops and I strongly believe that before very long, even if opened initially, the proposed restaurants and bars would very soon become run down or empty. I don’t want to see any more empty shells.”

“Please no more charity shops! And the removal of that hideous blue monstrosity at the beginning of the precinct!!! No cheap markets like the one that has been at the "Regis". NO MORE SUPERMARKETS!”

“PLEASE NO MORE FLATS ESPECIALLY THE PROPOSED STUDENT ACCOMMODATION MAKE IT FAMILY AND AFFORDABLE AMENITIES.”

“PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT GIVE US A NEW CINEMA KEEP THE PICTURE DOME, IT IS PART OF BOGNOR REGIS AND IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE CHERISHED AND CONTINUE TO BE USED AS A CINEMA. WE DO NOT NEED ANOTHER ONE.”

“Please please please ensure that the Picturedrome Cinema is given all the support to be able to continue. The fact it’s diversified to provide live performances from as far afield as Australia shows their commitment to providing entertainment not only to Bognor residents but those who travel from further away. I refuse to go to multiplexes - their costs are astronomical, in my experience the staff are rude and I've never yet been able to retrieve my pre-booked tickets from their machines on arrival as they’re always broken, etc. The Picturedrome provides the personal touch which is missing from the majority of our lives these days. We go almost every week, and truly can’t believe that a multiplex is even being considered. I applaud ideas to improve Bognor Regis and affordable housing and new bars/restaurants/improving Alexandra Theatre are all
commendable... but not at the expense of a beautiful grade 2 listed building which should be supporting and certainly not threatening with closure in light of the proposals."

“Please progress - have recently moved here with work and never come across a more depressing centre, at present prefer to go to Chichester!”

“Please reconsider the cinema, as we have a perfectly good one already. I cannot see the people of Bognor paying huge amounts for visit (me included). I think a good indoor facility (for children) for when the weather is bad which is often or a (flying fortress theme) ten pin bowling.”

“Please remember visitors to Bognor Regis always ask where are the shops - when questioned they reply where the large stores M 7 S, House of Fraser, Debenhams. As we have none of these visitors then spend their money in other towns this needs action to retain money in Bognor.”

“Please retain the Picturedrome a listed building and scrap the plan for a multi complex cinema”

“Please save the Picturedrome - Independent arts? Like new park?”

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“Please think about the local businesses and the lack of parking this would bring. It would also be sad to lose the cinema.”

“Please think of the future of the picture dome, we really don’t want lose it.”

“Please will you listen and hear that a multiplex cinema is not wanted. Taking precious car parking places will not help if you intend to attract greater numbers to Bognor Town centre. Providing a better theatre with multipurpose use, such as Exhibition Centre and Entertainment Centre should still be the most important focus.”

“Please, Please PLEASE build a decent cinema! It will attract decent customers to the area and would generally be a very welcome addition to the relatively sparse leisure facilities in the area, in my opinion. I don’t want to have to go to Chichester to see the latest films on a decent screen!”

“Please, please, please keep the Picturedrome Cinema intact. Visiting it is the main reason we travel to Bognor. It is a wonderful period piece and should be kept as the centrepiece of any development.”

“Please, we do not need another cinema. Bournemouth spent millions on a multiplex - it ruined their seafront and it cost millions to take it down. Please, Bognor learn from that and don’t waste the money. We have an adequate cinema building here.”

“POSITIVE STEPS NEED TO BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE THIS AREA TO BRING IT INTO LINE WITH OTHER COASTAL AREAS.”

“Please consider to keep our old cinema and not see it pushed off the market. Rather see that improved or leisure for children & young people.”

“Preservation of the Picturedrome is essential. It is an iconic building providing an excellent service at an exceptionally good price. More parking should be provided not existing parking removed. The link with St Modwen should be severed and the entire scheme should be rethought.”

“PREVIOUS COUNCILS HAVE DESTROYED LISTED BUILDINGS. SO PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS TO THE PICTUREDROME CINEMA. LEAVE THE THEATRE IT IS ADEQUATE THERE ARE SHOWS FOR EVERY TASTE. AS YOU HAVE MONEY TO SPARE REARRANGE LADIES TOILET REMOVE SINKS SIDE OF THE WALL RELIEVING CONGESTION GOING IN AND OUT. THEY COULD BE PUT BELOW SHELF NEXT TO DRIER INSTEAD OF DRIPPING ACROSS THE FLOOR. OR PEOPLE NOT WASHING HANDS - I KNOW PETITION HAVE BEEN DONE OVER THIS. WE HAVE THE ROYAL NORFOLK HOTELS NO NEED FOR ANY MORE. DO THESE QUESTIONNAIRES DO ANY GOOD? WE GOT SAINSBURY’S INSTEAD OF ASDA. BUT SEEING OUR CINEMA BEING REFURBISHED AND QUEUES OUTSIDE THE ADMISSION IS REASONABLE. WE’VE A BINGO HALL. THE THEATRE IS ADEQUATE. THERE ARE SHOWS FOR ALL TASTES AND AGE. THERE IS A BAR CAFE AND OTHER FUNCTION ROOMS. ONE POINT YOU COULD SHARE THE MONEY WITH US IS THE TOILET. I CAN’T SPEAK FOR THE GENTS BUT THE LADIES IS BADLY DESIGNED WHERE THE SINKS ARE CAUSING CONGESTION IN AND OUT OF THE ROOM. THE DRIER IS ON THE OPPOSITE WALL DRIPS OVER THE FLOOR TO GET TO IT. BESIDE THE DRIER ON THE WALL A MIRROR UNDERNEATH A SHELF THE SINKS SHOULD BE THERE. MORE SPACE TO GET IN AND OUT. WE DON’T NEED MORE SKYSCRAPERS OR SUPERMARKET THERE ARE LOTS OF EATING ESTABLISHMENTS AND PUBS. I REALISE PLUMBING AND ELECTRICS HAVE TO BE UPDATED BUT DO YOU KNOW THAT THE MAJORITY OF STAFF IN THE THEATRE ARE VOLUNTEERS. WE DO NOT WANT A STATE OF THE ARTS WHICH IF ANYTHING LIKE EASTBOURNE? IS AN EMPTY EYESORE. OUR THEATRE IS STILL GOING STRONG. I WAS AT A ‘SHOW BABES IN THE WOOD’ SATURDAY AFTERNOON IT WAS PACKED. CHICHESTER COLLEGE GROUP NO DIVAS JUST GOOD ENTHUSIAST PERFORMERS. OFF MY SOAPBOX SEASONAL GREETINGS TO ALL THE STAFF.”

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“Proposals should be viewed to support local businesses these developments would threaten existing business and lead to people being drawn away from the main shopping area where there are already shops empty. Supporting local business by building leisure services to compliment the town and have activities to support younger people would be a better served in bringing life back to the town.”

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goers / visitors & shoppers. Closing Swansea Gardens is madness!!
New cinema great - More parking needed"
“Proposals would lessen car parking so people would not be able to
stay and would not return. Too many flats already here. A hotel
could impact on the Royal Norfolk and Royal Hotel. There are three
hotels on Butlins with others a possibility; we need to look after
what we have.”

“Proposed cinema site: Cinema yes but not an abundance of
bars/alcohol. OK for restaurants and cafes (which could be
licenced). Civilized drinking fine but alcohol only bars/pubs will
potentially attract the 'wrong' clientele.”

“Proposed development far too cosy between Arun Council and St
Modwen. More players needed not just one!!!! Also parking not
well enough now.”

“Proposed new flats would damage town centre and loss of parking
spaces at the Regis Centre site would be a real blow. Additional bars
and restaurants would also lead to further noise pollution and help
nobody other than the developer.”

“Providing a new cinema complex, would seriously harms the
Picturedrome, which is family friendly and affordable cost to all
families, and if this is taken away families would be unable to enjoy
a trip to the cinema, as newer complexes are so expensive”

“Provision of any housing should include properties at affordable
rents for local people - specifically singles and couples. No point in
building high spec flats that will sit empty because local working
people can’t afford to rent or buy. Empty flats don’t encourage
people to come to town - too many overpriced properties already.”

“Public exhibition space would be good. Though if an alternative to
the cinema can be found do that. 200+ jobs is a major plus point!”

“Public parking could be a problem and it would not be a good idea
close the esplanade to traffic.”

“PUBLIC SQUARE IN THE CENTRE OF THE HOTHAMTON SITE WOULD
BE BETTER SURROUNDED BY SHOPS, FLATS AND BARS AS YOU SEE IN
MANY SMALL TOWNS ON THE CONTINENT WHERE THEY OFTEN
HAVE SEVERAL PUBLIC SQUARES OF DIFFERENT SIZES.”

“Pull down Fitzleet block and the pier. I do hope this is not MORE
lip service from St. Modwen and Arun and Co.”

“Pull down the Regis Centre and rebuild a new one on the site.”

“Put Bognor back and put our toilets back. We have a good cinema -
no to new one. Stop wasting money - listen to Cllr XXXXXXXX. Q16
Hothamton is the car park for Bognor Town Q18 We do not need
more flats.”

“Put in place things we need. such as a safe play area for children.
We already have a cinema we don’t need another which will no
doubt have ridiculously high costs to see a movie which we could
potentially see at the Picturedrome. if you were to build a beware
cinema the Picturedrome will close and become an empty boarded
up building, hardly an attractive site for an already dying town. I
don’t think k we should build any more flats. the town is already
over populated with the likes of foreign criminals, we do not need
anymore. I am already petrified to go out after dark”

“Put simply, Bognor Regis does not require another cinema. The
existing one is more than adequate.”

“Q 22 - Unless more parking”

“Q1 - Seems amazing that there HAS to be a cinema when Bognor
already has one. Q2 - Surely more parking and less flats needed, on
Regis Centre site to support theatre and ‘new cinema’ Q3 - If have
restaurants - have (some) above ground level to have a view (above
all the cars parked on sea front!) Q4 - Graded heights of proposed
flats at the Hothamton site is good. Q5 - Theatre should be even
larger. Q6 - PARKING is biggest concern.”

“Q11 - Another cinema is not needed - what about a bowling alley?
Q20 We already have Iceland, Morrisons, Tesco, Sainsbury’s, Lidl -
why any more supermarkets?”

“Q11 - Bognor already has a cinema we don’t need another. Q23 -
We do not need a cinema on the Regis Centre site. We have a
 cinema in Bognor which reflects the heritage of the town. If a
cinema is needed why put it on the seafront? Other leisure
activities would be better on the seafront i.e. bowling or an ice rink.”

“Q11 - DO NOT AGREE Q23 - The town itself needs support not
take away people to another area. Leave the cinema alone.
Create ice rink, bowling etc affordable to all. Improve the town
itself.”

“Q11 - gave no space for other choices. What about including a live
music venue and more open leisure space? We already have one
good cinema at Picturedrome - it is a big waste of seaside to build a
cinema unless a screen with a view??? Do not make seafront road
one way. Where will the Traffic go to get back??? or do you plan to
remove precinct in High Street for other direction? If you build a
cinema put it on Hotham site with current venue.”

“Q11 - I do not agree with the premise but am fully supportive of
regeneration. This question is blatantly unilateral and will no doubt
skew the interpretation of the consultation.”

“Q11 - I would only agree that a cinema is a good idea if the number
of screens was reduced. Q11 is not worded well and leads you to
have to give the answer the Council/St Modwen want!”

“Q11 - Keep Picturedrome. Why do we need to have a cinema to
have bars, restaurants and cafes? Q16 - Many more spaces
needed. Q21/Q22 - Impossible to answer in total. Q23 - Not
eough parking. Do not need a new cinema keep Picturedrome.
Do not need another hotel. Design of theatre is much improved to
existing building.”

“Q11 - Loaded question!! Q23 - Bognor needs more car parking
spaces!!”

“Q11 - No cinema doesn’t necessarily mean no cafes etc.”

“Q11 - No, no, no Q19 - No cinema Q23 - These proposals are
just a rehash of old plans. No notice is taken of Bognor residents.
We do not want or need a cinema, we already have one with 2
screens. An ice rink on Hothamton site has been suggested by
residents - NO NOTICE TAKEN. No ice rink between Brighton and
Gosport, therefore needed. We fully expect that again no notice will
be taken of residents’ thoughts and views.”

“Q11 - NOT BARS Q12 - DEPENDS ON THE COST OF ROOMS Q21 -
THE MIX OF USES PROPOSED FOR THE REGIS CENTRE SITE? - SAD I
MOVED FROM EPSOM SURREY, APPROX EIGHT YEARS AGO, TO
BOGNOR. WHEN I WAS A CHILD WE HAD COACH OUTINGS TO
DIFFERENT PLACES, HARDLY ANYONE HAD A CAR IN THOSE DAYS.
WHEN MY (NOW ADULT) CHILDREN WERE YOUNG, WE HAD A CAR,
AND USED TO ENJOY VISITING COASTAL AREAS, WE REGULARLY
WENT TO BRIGHTON AND LITTLEHAMPTON NOT BOGNOR BECAUSE
OF THE PARKING, AND LACK OF FUNFAIR, AND A BORING PIER.
PEOPLE WHO VISIT THE SEASIDE WANT TO PARK AT THE FRONT,
AND OTHER INTERESTING THINGS TO DO ALONG THE FRONT, MAKE
THEM (ALL) WELCOME, GIVE THEM EASY PARKING AND THEY WILL
RETURN.”

“Q11 - PICTUREDROME KEEP IT! FURTHER COMMENTS - REGIS
SITE WOULD HARM BUSINESSES SURROUNDING ALREADY CAFES
NEAR, NEXT TO AND IN REGIS CENTRE SITE. WALKWAY WOULD CUT
OFF EXISTING BUSINESSES. MARKET IS IDEAL PLACE IN PLACE ST MAUR, KEEP IT THERE. KEEP PICTUREDROME - ALREADY INVESTED IN NEW SEATS, VERY CHEAP AND IDEALLY SITUATED. FAMILY CINEMA AT AFFORDABLE PRICES."


“Q11 - UNFAIR QUESTION REGIS CENTRE SITE NO TO CINEMA AND RESIDENTIAL FLATS YES TO THEATRE, RESTAURANTS, CAFES, FAMILY BARS, SHOPS, HOTEL CHAIN AND INDEPENDENTLY RUN WOULD BE GOOD WITH ACCESS FROM THE PUBLIC AREA AND ESPLANADE. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE HOTEL SHOULD BE AT THE FRONT WITH VIEWS OUT TO SEA. NOT THE LEISURE COMPLEX WHATEVER IT MAY BE!! HOTHAMTON SITE YES TO ALL CONCEPTS. ARE THERE NOT ENOUGH FLATS HERE TO PLEASE ST. MODWEN? OVERALL NOT ENOUGH PARKING FOR PROJECT.”

“Q11 - UNFAIR QUESTION - THREATENING QUESTION! Q15 - WE HAVE THE SEA! ME, OR NO-ONE I HAVE SPOKEN TO WANTS A CINEMA. IF HOWEVER, THIS IS A CASE OF THE TAIL WAGGING THE DOG WITH REGARDS TO ST. MODWEN THEN PLEASE DON’T BE DAFT ENOUGH TO PUT IT IN LINE BETWEEN THE SEA AND THE HOTEL - AS YOUR PROPOSED PLAN SHOWS. HOTEL - AS YOUR PROPOSED PLAN SHOWS. IT WOULD BE NICE TO SEE THIS AREA POSITIVELY LINKED TO THE BEACH WITH A PEDESTRIANISED AREA - WIDE AND OPEN. GIVE LOCAL RESTAURATEURS A CHANCE ON NEW SITE.”

“Q11 - We already have a cinema. Q14 - We need something for the young. Bowling alley or ice rink. Q17 - Oppose - Strongly Q20 - Neither - Strongly Q23 - We need bowling alley, swimming pool or ice rink. Car park underneath, cafe and bars and shops to surround it. No to hotels or flats. We already have a very good cinema and so does Chichester. Provide something to bring in money and young family. There’s more than enough residential areas. Residents who have been here all their lives don’t have enough say.”

“Q11 - WE ALREADY HAVE A REALLY GOOD CINEMA Q15 - OUTDOOR MARKETS - (FARMERS’) Q19 - COMMERCIAL - DENTIST OVER THE LAST 26 YEARS I HAVE LIVED IN PAGHAM, THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS PLANS. NONE HAVE TAKEN OFF. WE NEED A MARKS AND SPENCER (HAD ONE YEARS AGO. WE MUST HAVE A DENTIST (IN THE QUEENSWAY). HAVEN SEEN BOGNOR BECOME VERY SEEDY WITH ALL THE BEST SHOPS MOVING OUT. I DO NOT THINK WE NEED MORE CAFES AND RESTAURANTS. TOGETHER WITH A MARKET WE COULD DO WITH A FARMER’S MARKET ON A REGULAR BASIS. PERHAPS ANOTHER SUPERMARKET (ASDA) FOR THE YOUNG HOUSEWIVES, TO GIVE MORRISON SOME COMPETITION. ALL THE OTHERS ARE OUTSIDE ON SHIPNEY ROAD.”

“Q11 - We have the PICTUREDROME. Q14 - Bognor is a SEASIDE town; you wouldn’t want to be near the sea on many Winter days, certainly surely for a supposed evening out. We are not Florida!! ADC need to take off the rose tinted glasses! Q15 - Not a stupid statue. Change the stupid name Q19 - Shop owners are being forced out by business rates AND TOTALLY THIEVING RENTS. Q23 - Bognor was built as a Brighton copy; roads north to south to the sea, the eastern foreshore has been “blanked off” by multi flats, shaving everything behind it, built totally without consideration for ADC/Developers coffers. This is not regeneration, but building for the sake of it. This town is a retirement location, and Butlins and caravan camps are merely seasonal short stay, and so have never enhanced Bognor. Why is Butlins and Chi Uni even being asked for their views?? The hotel trade is non-existent almost. Building of any description will ‘close’ the seafront from the town, and Queensway will take away the southern vista, and much remaining traditional open space. ALL OF THIS COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IS NOT REGENERATION, ITS PROFIT AND GREED. BIN IT!”

Butlins
hotels were Arun’s planning mistakes, how many more are you going to make.”

“Q11 - We want development but not a cinema or hotel. Q23 - We need development but not as proposed and no cinema.”

“Q11 - Why can’t you have something for leisure that we don’t already have i.e. bowling alley/ice rink/indoor children’s play zone then you could still have bars/cafes etc around. We already have Picturedrome and Cinema in Butlins and multiscreen in Chichester. Don’t waste money”

“Q11 - Why is a cinema the only possible attraction? Q16 - Is this as a replacement for Hothamton. Q23 - An improved theatre - good. Less car parking - bad. Another cinema - Will probably fill the one we have. Every plan for Bognor for the last 30 years had ended up with more flats, which have done nothing to regenerate Bognor.”

“Q11 - with Chichester Cinema Complex up-and-running, only 7 miles away, will there be enough clients for a 4-5 screen cinema complex. I doubt it. Q12 - we have enough hotel spaces with Butlins, Royal Norfolk and small private hotels. It could be detrimental to those already in existence. Q13 - I oppose the flats. Judging by what has already happened on the seafront, they could be too expensive for local residents, bought by people who do not even live in the area and let as an investment. If they are not sold, presumably not further development - another ‘white elephant’ for Bognor Regis. Q16 - The Theatre is to have between 430-450 seats, and the cinema 4-5 screens with only 60 parking spaces! This alone will detract potential customers surely, even with seafront parking - people want to park near the venue, as they do in Chichester. As a retired widow, I do not wish to walk through the town to my car late at night. That is the bonus with our present theatre, you are parked right next to it, like CFT. Conclusion - I think the theatre as it stands accommodates all age groups, with excellent parking. The same for the Picturedrome. We do not need any more massive development on the seafront, just some form of reasonably priced entertainment for our young people, to get them off the streets, which I am sure they will be only too happy to advise you via Junior Council. We have totally lost what Bognor Regis was - a lovely Victorian seaside. Why do so many people enjoy visiting Sidmouth. I assume St. Modwen Development are commercial and, at the end of the day, are there to make money. If all fails, due to the current and foreseeable future, will they try and sell it and get out, or leave Bognor Regis with a ‘white elephant.’ Hopefully, Arun District Council have taken care of this issue.”

“Q11 - With restaurants Q23 - I have two main concerns, would we be in danger of losing the Picturedrome if a multiplex is built. If Hothamton car park is built on with 200 apartments, with the loss of the car parking space and the extra cars created by the flats where they ALL park. Plus we will be losing spaces at the theatre car park. This will be made up by extra parking along seafront but that will not be sufficient. Bognor Regis streets are already clogged by parked vehicles.”

“Q11 - Worried about its impact on the Picturedrome Q16 - Not nearly enough Q23 - I am seriously concerned about the lack of car parking spaces near the theatre. It gets full up at the moment at certain times. I am also seriously concerned about the inability of the current Picturedrome cinema. A new multiplex would be far too expensive for local families. I can only afford to take the family to the existing Picturedrome.”

“Q11 - Yes of good quality. Q13 - What about parking. Q14 - If of good quality. Q15 - Not if it is like that rubbish in town centre. Q16 - Needs more underground, would be good. Q19 - Anything as long as it is not tatty like now. Q22 - Only if it is maintained properly. Q23 - The whole problem is whatever is built must be of the highest standard, not like the present cheap, shoddy, nasty Regis Centre. We want quality not quantity. We need a building on the seafront which will withstand the regular gale force winds. Therefore it must be more streamlined, less squared.”

“Q11 is a biased and unfair question. Reference to the Multiplex cinema as being necessary to enable other developments is a total nonsense. I am a regular user of the Picturedrome Cinema and would not under any circumstance use a new multiplex built as part of the proposed redevelopment. In fact I would actually boycott the entire development if it includes such a cinema. As with the vast majority of people living in the Bognor Regis area I am decidedly unhappy at the manner in which the entire process is being handled by Arun Council.”

“Q11 Something other than a cinema Q12 Already plenty of hotel space Q18 Will lose lots of parking Q19 These are all there already”

“Q11 We don’t need a cinema, we have the Picturedrome and another in Chichester. I believe a Bowling Alley or Ice Rink should be re-considered as you have to travel much further afield for these facilities. Q13 The flats [8] S stores is too high. We cannot p*ss foot any longer with the regeneration of Bognor Regis and I’m afraid because of this we will have to go along with all that is proposed. But don’t forget Bognor Regis seafront is a place for leisure for visitors & residents alike - we need to keep open spaces.”

“Q11 Why a cinema? The allocated space for the cinema could be used for an Ice Rink or Bowling Alley much preferable as none here already. To say ‘no cinema - no anything else’ is utter rubbish and very bad business.”

“Q11. If this went ahead the rest of the shops in town would eventually close down. Q12 80 rooms would not generate enough custom to warrant expenditure and potential parking lost. The closing of the front road would cause unnecessary disruption to the flow of transport from one side of town to the other. (the present system works very well).”

“Q12 - in Butlins? Q23 - Boat marina good idea. If it worked when the tide is out!”

“Q12 - Definitely Q23 - Listen to the people of Bognor Regis please.”

“Q12 - If traditionally built Q13 - As long as it’s not in modern style. Q23 - Looks too modern in style. Picturedrome will suffer.”

“Q12 - It won’t make a difference Q23 - I think that 80 apartments is a waste of space!”

“Q12 - Not enough space Q16 - Not enough spaces Q22 - Good idea but not enough parking space!”

“Q12 - Parking Q14 - Definite Q16 - Need parking Q19 - Need to stop it being so windy down there. Q23 - Need to address jobs, access to shops. Need to end pedestrian precinct. Need FREE parking. Need jobs to enjoy leisure attractions. Need people out of Butlins and in town. Need cheap and effective public transport.”

“Q12 - Too large Q13 - Too many Q14 - Maybe but we already have many in town. Q16 - Not enough to replace spaces taken away. Q20 - Not Tesco - who have sufficient. Q23 - Finally I would say that at present Queensway is like a wind tunnel and many people avoid it because of this at most times, being an extreme battle against the wind - due to the position of the tower block! High flats will only exacerbate this problem and this will present people from using shops etc proposed in this area. Another issue will be cars parking for such a ‘hoped for’ influx of people. Building on the very busy Hothamton car park will make matters much worse. Also we have 13 charity shops in town! An example of this is the number of empty shops/sites at present in Queensway.”
“Q12 - Too much space taken Q16 - NO SPACE! Q18 - More!!”

“Q12 - Yes - Not Butlins Q16 - Support - Bring down parking fees Q21 - Amount of proposed public spaces - and toilets Q22 - Its twenty years late Q23 - Safety to the public should be No. 1. Subways might help public to cross roads. All street lighting should be from the centre of roads. Illuminate all signs for emergency vehicles. A parking area at all times. DON’T FORGET COMET CORNER NOT STARTED YET (WHY).”

“Q12 A new hotel is necessary to attract people to Bognor, BUT, is 80 bedrooms necessary. I feel this could be reduced to 50 or 60. Q13 There is no mention of the type of apartments. Are they to be private residential or low cost housing for Arun Council.”

“Q12. Would need to know take up of Butlins Hotels - are they full? Q13. Too many apts. along Esplanade already. Too much emphasis of drawing in vistors and too little on looking at needs of existing community - a known quantity Bognor needs activities for the youth - a bowling alley would be a great asset. Everywhere has a multiplex Bognor has a unique Picturedrome don’t damage it! For as many jobs at this may engender existing jobs will be lost as existing enterprises close!”

“Q13 - Cinema? Q23 - Would prefer to see other leisure facilities that we do not have within 10-30 minutes drive, bowling alley.”

“Q13 - If at affordable prices. Q15 - Outdoor markets - decent Q23 - I have lived in Bognor for over 10 years and its decline is saddening. I feel we should be proud of Bognor and regenerate it now and stop discussing it and provide some action, before it becomes a total ghost town. I also feel the town would benefit from a decent department store e.g. Debenhams opposed to another supermarket.”

“Q13 - If including social housing otherwise no. Q23 - Should been done in sympathy with the surroundings.”

“Q13 - New houses not sold in area and be wary of who would be given homes. Q23 - I think the Council need to work together to support their investment in the Picturedrome. An improved theatre would be good, but a multiplex in the area is not necessary and we also need to address social issues within the town and what would be used and NEEDED. Influx of residences and more late night/public places could have a serious negative impact on the anti-social behaviour issues already apparent in the town. We have a fabulous facility in the Picturedrome not to be lost.”

“Q13 - Regenerate current dwellings that are a disgrace @ west end of Bognor. Q14 - As long as they are more upmarket. Q23 - Bognor needs tidying up - not more people living in boxes. It is a scary place at night; make it safer and more interesting. Not more room for the drunks.”

“Q13 - SHOPS MORE SENSIBLE IF YOU BUILT A SHOPPING MALL ON THE HOTHAMTON SITE WITH DESIGNER SHOPS, SO WE THEN HAVE THE BEST OF BOTH. WE DO NOT NEED ANY MORE POSH FLATS. MY WIFE AND I GO SHOPPING TO CHICHESTER BECAUSE THEY HAVE A LOT MORE VARIETY OF SHOPS.”

“Q13 - would agree if flats are for private purchase. Q14 - the existing one (Regis Pub) is sufficient with existing town centre provision. Q20 - assuming Morrisons is still there”

“Q13, Q16 - SEE BELOW Q17 - SUPPORT IF MORE PARKING ALL ACCOMMODATION NEEDS ITS OWN EXCLUSIVE PARKING, NOT SHARED WITH PUBLIC. PRESENT CAFES, CINEMA ETC WILL SUFFER LOSS OF TRADE. CURRENTLY QUEENSWAY HAS FOR YEARS HAD EMPTY OFFICE SPACE AT QUEENSWAY HOUSE. IT ALSO HAS MAINLY CHARITY SHOPS AND SOME EMPTY PREMISES, SO SUSTAINED DEMAND IS NOT THERE. BOGNOR ALREADY HAS TWO SEAFRONT HOTELS, PLUS THREE AT BUTLINS.”

“Q13, Q16 - SEE Q23 BELOW. Q17 - SUPPORT IF HAVE MUCH MORE PARKING Q18 - 5 STOREYS MAX Q19 - PARKING Q20 - OR PARKING Q22 - AS IS PROPOSED THE SUGGESTED PARKING IS LESS THAN AT PRESENT AND IS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR A STAND ALONE LARGER THEATRE LET ALONE ANY OTHER PROPOSED IDEAS E.G. CINEMA/HOTEL/APARTMENTS. ANY HOTEL AND APARTMENTS SHOULD HAVE THEIR OWN PARKING. THE CAR PARKS IN THE TOWN (MULTI-STOREY) AND ONE BY BUTLINS WOULD NOT BE USED BY VISITORS WANTING ADJACENT PARKING TO VENUES. THESE CAR PARKS ARE NOT LIKED/USED BY MANY LOCALS AT PRESENT.”

“Q14 - But then Bognor will only have £1 shops, cafes and phone shops if other development isn’t brought in as well. Q15 - Something for teens - what about them? Q19 - Except slot machines A youth club is needed - drop in centre. Q23 - There are never developments for the unemployed teenagers or young people. Why can’t we do something to develop them as people. If you have live music, allow the young or young adults to be involved without costing them a fortune. We are a town of old people and immigrants with very low esteem and income. Think of us as a town and not another ugly building with a cash bill for the Council and developers.”

“Q14 - Definitely! Q23 - Bognor Regis is long overdue a redevelopment and desperately needs it to attract tourists to the area and provide key attractions for the residents of Bognor, especially more children’s activities and restaurants, bars and cinema would be ideal! i.e. Nandos restaurant.”

“Q14 - Definitely. Good ones though not snack bars. Q23 - We need decent restaurants/fine dining is a big issue for us. We need to provide ‘QUALITY’ in whatever is approved.”

“Q14 - In moderation Q23 - I do not feel any of the proposed development adds anything to enhance the area. I believe the town would benefit a lot more from small independent businesses, shops, cafes, restaurants, but there should also be focus on points of interest and places that offer local people an opportunity to display their talents. Keep the old cinema it adds character. Only build resi buildings if its needed - are you adding to the infrastructure to support more residents, - schools, doctors, dentists etc.”

“Q14 - Restaurants - 1st or 2nd floor with sea views. Q23 - Bognor is not surviving. Without something to attract young people it is doomed - Build more sports facilities - ice rink, bowling alley, roller skating park - Keep us healthy too. Surprised! NO health issues catered for in stagnant proposals.”

“Q14 - there are enough cafes in the area Q16 - In view of the extent of present and proposed developments we need many more not less parking spaces.”

“Q14 - With sea views. Q15 - Gardens Q23 - Our assets in BOGNOR REGIS start with the SUN and the SEA! Let’s exploit the opportunity of allowing people/visitors to relax, recharge their batteries, stroll or rest a while. Give them things to watch, roller skate arena, fish stall, boule, musicians, gardens, a jetty for crab fishing as part of a public marina! Have you asked the schools via a competition? It’s their future too ... Entrances should be near drop off access to allow parents to see safety arrival.”

“Q14 WE HAVE LOTS ALREADY Q17 TOO MANY FLATS ALREADY WHATEVER IS DONE, THE PLACE NEEDS TO BE SMARTEENED AND CLEANED UP, BUT WE MUST NOT LOSE THE OLD PICTUREDROME - IT IS SO ICONIC.”

“Q15 - Al fresco dining - NO this is windy Bognor not Spain. Any water features would be vandalised and look a mess in no time but it would be nice to have a decent good sized play area for little ones. Q19 - This would be the perfect position for a bowling alley as most people I know do not shop in the Queensway due to it being too
ENOUGH REASONABLY PRICED PARKING.

NO POINT IN HAVING MORE CINEMAS, THEATRES, CAFES, INSTEAD OF ASKING US AND IGNORING US OR MANIPULATING THE ADC LISTENS TO THE RESIDENTS OF BOGNOR REGIS FOR ONCE EMPTY SHOPS NOW. Q20 - NOT ANOTHER TESCO AT HIGH PRICES!

STREETS NOW. Q17 - STRONGLY OPPOSE. Q19 - THERE ARE 7 INCREASING THEY STILL WON'T BE USED PROPERLY - PARK ON CORNER OF PRECINCT Q16 - IF PARKING CHARGES KEEP windy most of the time. There could then be more cafes in there. It would be ideal to be able to say, 'Come to Bognor for the Victorian Experience' make it unique, different from these disgusting modern shopping centres, this is what people want but I fear it is already too late for Bognor. Please, please if this goes ahead put some character in the building and lots of trees and greenery”

“Q15 - AND A PORN STORE OH I MUST SAY, THIS TOOK A WHILE BUT BY GORDON IM FINISHED!”

“Q15 - BEYONCE Q21 - WHERE IS THIS? I LOVE THE PICTUREDROME. PLEASE DON’T RUIN IT! AT LEAST DON’T MAKE ANOTHER CINEMA! WE WILL LOVE YOU FOREVER. XXX”

“Q15 - Craft fairs Q23 - People visiting Butlins who would walk along the seafront and then cut through the Regis Centre into the town wouldn’t visit or shop in the town if this plan went ahead.”

“Q15 - Exhibitions (like Brighton’s library square) Q16 - Someone was killed by this parking in west Bognor. Echelon parking - danger to live main road with cars reversing into it. Q19 - A mixture Q20 - Waitrose - similar in scale to the Littlehampton Waitrose Q21 - Don’t want cinema Too dense Q23 - I find the cinema and chain restaurants development in Chichester gaunt and depressing, sky high charges in the cinema for drink and snacks. Would prefer to add another screen to our existing cinema. I prefer independent cafes e.g. “simply delicious”. Would like a pleasant open space for children and seating area. Would like to keep a view to the sea. I think the development of the centre is exploitative of the town - killing the goose that laid the egg etc.”

“Q15 - Extend car parking facilities Q18 - None at all Q23 - Unless it is completely accepted by Council that multi-storey car parks are essential to attract tourists and shoppers (compare Chichester and Worthing) there is little likelihood of attracting QUALITY commercial firms bringing financial gain to the town.”

“Q15 - How about ice ring Q16 - Want more Q23 - Please don’t take away the history and charm of Bognor with too many high buildings and flats.”

“Q15 - None Q23 - Reducing parking spaces is ridiculous; there is not enough now in the summer. What is the point of having evening entertainment, if there is nowhere for patrons to park and no evening buses? Please - no more flats and no more developers who only want to make money and don’t care what problems they cause.”

“Q15 - None Q23 - There is no need for a new cinema. We already have one. There is no need for a new supermarket either. We already have a new one, Sainsbury’s. If people in Bognor were given a choice on how to develop the town we would choose something as a new leisure facility with a 50 metre swimming pool which will be beneficial. As we DO NOT have this already.”

“Q15 - None Q23 - We love Picturedrome”

“Q15 - None”

“Q15 - PUBLIC ART, BUT NOT OVERPRICED MONSTROSITIES LIKE ON CORNER OF PRECINCT Q16 - IF PARKING CHARGES KEEP INCREASING THEY STILL WON’T BE USED PROPERLY - PARK ON STREETS NOW. Q17 - STRONGLY OPPOSE. Q19 - THERE ARE 7 EMPTY SHOPS NOW. Q20 - NOT ANOTHER TESCO AT HIGH PRICES! WHY WERE RESIDENTS OF ARUNDEL ASKED? I SINCERELY HOPE ADC LISTENS TO THE RESIDENTS OF BOGNOR REGIS FOR ONCE INSTEAD OF ASKING US AND IGNORING US OR MANIPULATING THE RESULTS BY ASKING OUTSIDERS WHO ARE NOT AFFECTED. THERE IS NO POINT IN HAVING MORE CINEMAS, THEATRES, CAFES, RESTAURANT WHICH WILL BE UNUSED IN THE WINTER AND NOT ENOUGH REASONABLY PRICED PARKING.”

“Q15 - THEATRE Q16 - NO CAR WE KEEP TELLING ARUN THAT BOGNOR HAS A HISTORIC LOVELY OLD CINEMA - A MULTIPLEX IS NOT NECESSARY AND FLATS ARE THE LAST THING WE NEED IN A PRIME LEISURE AREA. THE PICTUREDROME IS CENTRAL IN TOWN WITH TWO SCREEN - ABSOLUTELY ADEQUATE FOR OUR TOWN. PLEASE LISTEN TO OUR DEMANDS AND STOP FORCING ON WHAT WE DO NOT WANT!”

“Q16 - Inadequate Q23 - 1. WE DO NOT WANT NOR NEED another cinema. 2. The proposals do not provide sufficient parking. If parking is difficult people will just go to Chichester or Littlehampton.”

“Q16 - Make enough parking. Q22 - The change needs to be for everyone, visitors and residents. Q23 - Covered areas, would be usefu during bad weather, i.e. arcades over new build, a big store, not selling food products, would also be a good idea. BUT are us NORMAL residing residents, really going to get our say? WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PICTUREDROME?”

“Q16 - More parking needed! Q23 - No more supermarkets”

“Q16 - Most parking seems to have been built on. Q23 - Proposals are poorly drawn and not thought out. Most car parking seems to have been lost. The new design for Alexandra Theatre turns its back on the sea and views would be blocked by new buildings. P2 of brochure does not even label item ‘6’ on map which is in fact Morrisons. There cannot be ‘vistas of the sea’ from inland because Bognor town is flat! BUT most important of all we DO NOT WANT a multiplex cinema. We have the wonderful Picturedrome. If the whole investment fails because of this then I say so be it! Bognor can carry on as it is. If you want some decent ideas consult local people "loose marbles.”

“Q16 - NOT ENOUGH PARKING! HAVING OWNED A CAFE FOR SEVEN YEARS ON PLACE ST. MAUR, IS THIS ANOTHER CASE OF "HERE WE GO AGAIN!" WHEN IS THE COUNCIL GOING TO STOP SITTING ON THE FENCE AND SORT OUT THE MESS CALLED THE ALEX/REGIS CENTRE! THERE IS NO WAY ENOUGH PARKING ON THE SEA FRONT PROPOSAL. WHY DO WE NEED A NEW CINEMA? WHY CAN WE NOT HAVE SOMETHING LIKE BOWLING ALLEY? LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT PROPOSAL IN TWENTY YEARS? 1998 - I OPENED MY CAFE - BEEN PROPOSAL AFTER PROPOSAL - GET ON WITH IT!”

“Q16 - PROVIDED LITTLE OR NO LOSS OF CURRENT PARKING PLACES. WOULD HOPE ANY HOTEL FRONTS THE SEA WITH CINEMA ON LAND SIDE. THESE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS MUST BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE FUTURE OF THE TOWN.”

“Q16 - STRONGLY Q23 - Queensway shops are currently failing - will this boost them? Can't agree to less parking. No, no, no to a MULTIPLEX.”

“Q16 - There appears to have been no consideration given to this. Cinema - we already have a good comfortable cinema with up to date films at a reasonable cost.”

“Q16 - We need more parking - it seems as if there will be less, most important. Q17 - Need parking Q19 - Shops - Not successful now. Restaurants/Cafes - Have already. Q23 - Obviously Bognor seafront was a PROPER 'seaside resort' before the local Council decided to bulldoze the whole lot into oblivion (including beautiful Victorian buildings). Although it is mainly beyond being replaced (ever), at least someone is trying to do something - far too late, sadly. PARKING will be one of the main problems I believe.”

“Q16 Echelon Parking in inherently dangerous and should not be considered - as a former Highway engineer - kerbside bays are much safer. If cinemas are considered essential then they should be restricted to 2 screens in order to protect the Picturedrome. Alternatively only one operator [preferably the existing operator].
Concerned over complete lack of parking provision for both Alexandra Theatre and Hothamton sites. Suggest redevelopment of Fitzleet [Morrisons] site could provide greater [i.e. multi-storey] public parking - not just for Morrison’s shoppers.


“Q17 - but see below. Agree this would be a great opportunity for Bognor Regis town but do we need more houses/apartments. If not then let’s make it the shopping centre that people want to come to from afar. Big brand shops like M&S/Debenhams/BHS and others are what people want also an HMV store would be great as at present there are no stores where you can buy any videos etc.”

“Q17 - less apartments - better size - don’t turn it into bedsit land. Is there adequate parking for residents and visitors to the shops - plus parking for Fitzleet House residents?”

“Q17 - No more flats  Q23 - No more flats. No to cinema. Hotel - too large most visitors stay at Butlins?”

“Q17 - Only 100 NO CINEMA We have got one PLEASE!! Yes bowling alley”

“Q17 - SEE BELOW I HAVE RESERVATIONS THAT 200 APARTMENTS ON THE HOTHAMTON SITE IS TOO MANY.”

“Q18 - ‘10’ IS OK  1 - MORE ‘UP MARKET’ SHOPS REQUIRED AS I.E. ‘CHICHESTER’. 2 - ALL SUPERMARKETS SHOULD HAVE A BLOCK OF FLATS ABOVE. TO HELP HOUSING PROBLEM. 3 - FREE CAR-PARKING SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR OLD AGE PENSIONERS.”

“Q18 - 6 storeys is far too high. The area is ugly now - why make it worse? Q19 - The best thing to do with Queensway and Fitzleet is to knock it down. Re seawfront - Why not close it, move everything forward and put parking at the back?”

“Q18 - Not applicable - don’t want any more buildings on that site. We DO NOT need another cinema. The one we have is big enough (with room to expand). What this town needs is a swimming pool, ice skating facilities, 10 pin bowling and the sort of other leisure facilities that provide both locals and holidaymakers alike with facilities year round. The Regis Centre is already an eyesore and the proposals will just make it a bigger eyesore. It’s about time the council gave the residents what they want, not just what the council wants. Bognor would benefit from more choice of restaurants/cafes that are open in the evening. Please FOR ONCE listen to us.”

“Q18 - NOT WANTED! Q19 - NO CHANGE! AS FUNDING IS FROM SALE OF SWANSEA GARDENS FACILITIES, I AM OPPOSED TO ALL CHANGES PROPOSED FOR OUR TOWN!”

“Q18 - 6 storeys would be acceptable but this question is loaded: I do not agree with the residential proposals anyway because they are on car parking space which is already in short supply. Q22 This would not benefit anyone. There is already a good Theatre complex only 6 miles away. A cinemas would perhaps attract new visitors but to the great detriment of a popular independent cinema; the cinema would go bust and another site would be left, an empty eyesore. After some time the trendy cafes and bars would not attract new people and would reduce customers in our local & family run cafes etc.”

“Q19 - and parking Q23 - What you propose will turn Bognor into a 'dormitory' town with more 'lack lustre' shops and eateries. Our assets are the two car parks, the seafront, pier and Waterloo Gardens. Redevelopment should be considered to include all sites (even if it is staged). The object is to help the town to become vibrant and exciting - NOT JUST TO RAISE COUNCIL TAX!”

“Q19 - DEMOLISH THERE ARE TOO MANY FLATS IN BOGNOR REGIS. THE LOSS OF HOTHAMTON PARKING PLACES WOULD BE VERY DETRIMENTAL TO THE TOWN.”

“Q19 - I would’ve ticked “shops” however I wasn’t sure what kind of shops you were talking about because if it’s a good quality shop like Primark and Next then definitely yes, but if it’s some 99p shop then no.”

“Q19 Wind Tunnel - caused by Fitzleet House & Queensway is a problem in designing this area. Q22 Sites have been under discussion for so long, whilst Bognor deteriorates as an attractive place to visit - something needs deciding and acting on - therefore I am neutral on some things I PREVIOUSLY OBJECTED TOO.”

“Q20 - As long as Morrisons get a fair chance! Q23 - Overall I’m sure the proposed plans will go ahead, however, I’m not convinced that overall Bognor Regis will be enhanced. It needs to be a quaint seaside town and not a poor man’s Brighton!”

“Q20 - Asda  Q23 - I think it’s such a shame when our holiday makers come to Bognor Regis there isn’t much for them to do. Also our children don’t have much to do in the town. The shops are closing one by one it’s a sad state of affairs quite frankly and something desperately needs to be done the sooner the BETTER! Kind regards”

“Q20 - ASDA”

“Q20 - Could be both  Q23 - The idea of scheme is good, but it not really worked out properly yet. Some more decisions should be on a visitors parking as well as parking for the future residents. And not enough public spaces proposed for such scheme, where lots of visitors are expected. But too many cafes.”

“Q20 - Do not want Tesco express on this site. If Morrisons moved instead of expanding on existing site this would free the site for large department store. We need shops in the town centre”

“Q20 - HOTHAMTON LEAVE SWANSEA GARDENS ALONE. INVEST IN SEAFRONT AND PIER. WE HAVE ENOUGH RESTAURANTS ETC.”

“Q20 - If Morrisons original plan on their old site is not going ahead, suggested site would be Hothamton site. Also needed in the town, shops such as Argos and department store.”

“Q20 - Not Tesco  Q23 - As long as Tesco do not have the supermarket at Hothamton I embrace these proposals as a positive way forward for Bognor. GET ON WITH IT!”

“Q20 - REASONABLE COMPROMISE DESPITE MY OVERALL APPROVAL OF THESE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A COMPROMISE DEVELOPMENT, MY SUPPORT IS COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN IF THERE IS NO LONGER SOME PARKING AND VEHICULAR PASSAGE ALONG THE SEAFRONT ESPLANADE.”

“Q20 - Too many in town now Q23 - If you build on the Hotham site then who going to pay the electric bill for the year? You I hope. Need to go away and think again.”

“Q20 Would love a leisure activity for e.g. teenagers’ state of the art skate park, open leisure area. Not happy about cinema proposal especially where restaurants should be for sea view!! Really concerned about nature of architecture another tacky option?!! Arts centre with availability & provision for all activities, social not limiting where all ages interact!!”

“Q22 - Bognor not as it was pre-war - nor Paris, London, Zurich Q23 - Regis Centre: Wasted on theatre - people like to gaze over beach, promenade and sea. To make a place attractive give it free
parking as for the Felpham Leisure Centre. People say Bognor
Regis not as it was; but name any resort that's improved - from
Brighton to Deauville."

"Q22 - Bognor Regis needs this! Q23 - Bognor Regis needs this
change to help it thrive. It will be good for the economy and make
jobs for local people and generate money for the town."

"Q22 - Hopefully Q23 - We badly need new shops for people who
live here and for holiday makers. More things to do on the
seafront."

"Q22 - Regis and Queensway but NOT Hothampton site. Q23 - Along
Queensway extra shops be very good; bars too many already.
Safety to consider. Changes to Regis excellent BUT ideas for
development on Hothampton bad idea as so lovely as is. Hotham so
friendly, great."

"Q22 - WOULD HARM IT (SOME) Q19 - QUEESWAY IS A DARK,
DIRTY WIND TUNNEL - AS IT IS NOW IT SHOULD BE DEMOLISHED
ALONG WITH THE SKYSCRAPERS!! REPLACED WITH SOMETHING
MORE ATTRACTION!

"Q6 - FOR FORTY YEARS Q11 - WE HAVE OUR OWN Q15 - ICE
RINK NO NEW MULTIPLEX (WE HAVE OUR OWN) NO FLATS, WE
NEED ICE-RINK, BOWLING ETC. SOMETHING THAT WILL BE USED.

"Q8 - By bike! Q11 - See Q23 Q15 - Where? Q23 - The existing
cinema should be updated and no new cinema needed. Also, the
Norfolk Hotel and site should be used to provide a better hotel
facilities. NO parking (Q16) and the esplanade should be pedestrian
and cars/vehicles excluded.

"Q8 - DAILY Q15 - NOTHING THERE WOULD BE LITTLE OR NO
PARKING SPACES FOR THE SURGERY OR DENTIST AS ALL THE
PARKING SPACES WOULD BE OCCUPIED BY RESIDENTS OF THE
FLATS. YOU HAVE GIVEN NO THOUGHT TO THE RESIDENTS OF
BOGNOR.

"Q8 - DAILY FOR WORK BIGGER SKATE PARK, 1 BETTER THEATRE
NO CINEMA"

"Q8 - Everyday Q23 - Please remove the dreadful sculpture at the
entrance to the precinct, this would make a big improvement to the
appearance of the precinct.

"Q8 - Frequently - Once a week or more - Once a day Q23 - Need
activities for young people, bowling alley or cinema. Something to
keep them off streets. Don't need any more housing. Already too
many people with nothing to do. Need activity centres, instead and
jobs."

"Q8 - I go to Chichester - ashamed of Bognor. Q12 - High standard
hotel Q14 - Provided they are UPMARKET - there are now no
decent places to eat. Q20 - No more Tesco's!! I have traced my
family back in this area from the 1700s and I think now Bognor is a
dissegrade! I lived in Australia for over 17 years and think Bognor has
so many natural assets which are not utilised i.e. the seafront!
There is nowhere to go out for a 'nice' upmarket/decent meal. My
friends and I go to Chichester. Also all the foreigners who now
intimate locals in Bognor are a disgrace and should be dealt with.
Q23 - Our amazing asset is the seafront. We have no upmarket
restaurants/cafes overlooking the sea, to make the most of it like
Littlehampton does. The STATION ROAD area is now a disgrace to
Bognor and residents dislike walking there due to all the foreigners
having around. The properties/shops look dreadful too."

"Q8 - I live here Q14 - See comments Q15 - Where is Place St
Maur? Q23 - Child friendly entertainment in/next to theatre.
Worried about increased vandalism to our property. Can CCTV be
installed? (vandalism 1/12 to my property)."

"Q8 - I WOULD RATHER GO TO CHI - NO DECENT SHOPS IN BOGNOR.
Q11 - LEADING QUESTION! WE DO NOT NEED ANOTHER CINEMA
PARKING AND HELP SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PICTUREDROME WHICH
COULD BE PROMOTED AS A TOURIST VENUE. DO NOT BLOCK OFF
ESPLANADE. IF PEOPLE CANNOT DRIVE ALONG IT THEY WOULD
JUST BYPASS THE TOWN COMPLETELY AND GO TO CHICHESTER.
CHICHESTER GATE IS NOT EXACTLY A SUCCESSFUL MODEL FOR
RETAIL RESTAURANTS."

"Q8 - Nothing there"

"Q8 - PARK IN ALEXANDRA CAR PARK Q10 - WE NEED A GOOD
THEATRE. WHEN A GOOD SHOW NOT ENOUGH PARKING. Q11 -
WE HAVE A CINEMA. NO NEW CINEMA. Q14 - PARKING WILL BE A
PROBLEM. Q16 - WE NEED MORE PARKING. Q17 - EXTRA
PARKING FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE TO GO
TO CHICHESTER FOR GOOD PARKING AND SHOPS?"

"Q9 - 3 or 4 times a day Q23 - The regeneration scheme does not
encapsulate existing amenities and would make already struggling
facilities worse. Any grand scheme for Bognor, should, enhance and
bring existing amenities and facilities forward, which would then
provide support for current struggling businesses."

"Q9 - Away at time Q12 - If plenty of parking is included!! Q14 -
You must provide HUGE CAR PARKS, reasonably priced!! for
potential visitors. Q15 - Car parks, COVERED seating all year,
visitors Q16 - Not enough!! Q17 - More residents mean more
cars not enough space!! Q20 - Multi storey car parks Do not build
on car parks. Q23 - All of these proposals are for more residents
which means more cars and no parking to attract visitors it is
MADNESS!!"

"Q9 - Full of people couldn't get in. Q23 - No to the cinema, we are
so lucky to have our old cinema. Those new ones are just all the
same, like big boxes. Going to our Bognor cinema is SPECIAL."

"Q9 - MEMBER OF CONSULTATION STAFF - TOO BUSY WITH PRESS
SAME, LIKE BIG BOXES. GOING TO OUR BOGNOR CINEMA IS SPECIAL."

"Q9 - Not yet Q23 - PREFER M&S food only somewhere in
scheme."

"Q9 - Not yet Q23 - Visitors come to see the sea and beach, with
your buildings this would not be possible, you have theatre and
cinema, not enough car parking. The only way to town would be a
help for mugging, and cycles causing accidents. Where are the
toilets? Plenty of places for the wino to doss down. I cannot see
any enjoyment for visitors."

"Q9 - Read paper Q23 - I have assumed Hothampton development
car park only. The open square by the theatre must be robust and
of good quality and well policed. There needs to be clearer
provision for families and young people e.g. skating rink."

"Q9 - Working away Q16 - What is an echelon space? Q23 -
Public transport is very limited. Without ADDITIONAL car parking
there is no point in providing extra restaurants etc. Develop station
forecourt and Picturedrome instead. The developers benefit,
Bognor doesn't!"

"Queensway far too windy and cold for most of Q19. I am all for
the reformation of Bognor it would be nice to see classier buildings in
the proposal as most of these illustrations will look terrible in 10
years' time. I would also like to complain about ADC trying to build
on Swansea Gardens bowling green, when Butlins have just paid
ADC 2 million for the land known as Long Brook for 2 new hotels. Us
Bognorians wish to be proud of our town not embarrassed."

"Question 11: (No cinema, therefore no cluster of restaurants, bars
or cafes?) WHY NOT? IS THERE NO ALTERNATIVE? Question

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14: Provided that they are local/speciality caterers - NOT USUAL NATIONAL OPERATORS. Question 16: Support retention by town hall. Oppose closure of sea front road. Question 20: We have sufficient supermarkets in Bognor area already. Question 23: I am against the proposed cinema on the seafront - it will kill off the present cinema which provides an adequate and reasonably priced facility. Any seafront catering should be speciality operator. If the sea front/Esplanade Road is closed or reduced traffic visitors to Bognor will be obliged to go elsewhere. I have practised as a mainly retail and commercial surveyor since 1959.”

“Question 11: A cluster of restaurants, bars and/or cafes. Question 12: Doubtful. Question 15: Outdoor markets - high street?? Question 23: We already have a cinema, invest in that!! Housing would probably end up as social housing, therefore taking no pride in properties and looking dreadful. Bognor needs something like Tower Park in Poole, Dorset (a multi flume fun pool). Would not affect ALC at all. Bognor needs something different to attract people out of area. We have a multiplex cinema in Chichester! Even an ice rink would be better.”

“Question 11: A different attraction - bowling, ice rink.”

“Question 11: Already 2 - Butlins/Picturedrome Question 16: Not enough. Question 17: Too high. Four stores at most. Not enough parking. Question 19: Shops - occupied. Could empty shops have very large posters showing old Bognor Regis rather than just be empty making the town look shoddy. Provide incentives to traders to take up empty units in London Road and the High Street to encourage people to walk through from the seafront to the town.”

“Question 11: I do not see where sufficient audiences are going to come from to make a big cinema viable. The parking provision would not be enough or convenient – See comments on Question 12. Question 12: To be successful an eighty bedroom hotel would need adequate parking on the site. Who, if staying at a good class hotel, would want to search for a public parking space on arrival, be faced with having to renew continuous high parking charges and have to carry their luggage to the hotel? The Royal, otherwise a decent hotel, suffers from this position. Question 13: The developments that need outside funding, apart from the theatre, appear to be largely tinkering with the very few spaces that would remain, providing a covered walkway (who maintains it?) and the ridiculous echelon parking, see Question 16. All the proposed housing would therefore mainly benefit the developers and possibly the District Council. It would remove large amounts of car parking and provide insufficient new parking even for the apartments proposed. These would not enhance the area which does currently provide some sort of open corridor to the sea. Question 14: If there was a real case for this, one feels that some entrepreneur would have found and developed a site anyway. Question 15: I prefer the Place St. Maur to remain an open area used for the public to use that would benefit the town.”

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“Question 11: Ice rink. We already have a cinema. Question 23: We already have a cinema in Bognor. Why not put something else for the public to use that would benefit the town.”

“Question 11: Ice skating or bowling, etc., and a cluster of restaurants, bars and/or cafes. Question 23: I feel ice skating, bowling, snowdrome, indoor skydiving, would be far better than a cinema as we already have a local cinema and multiplex in Chichester. If you have something different you will attract far more people from out of the area. Also a marina would be great.”

“Question 11: Leading statements. Question 14: Enough already. Question 15: Assuming I want the new public space. Question 16: If people can’t park they won’t come. Question 19: Leisure uses - ice rink. Bognor is what it is, an historic town. We love it as it is, we have very few empty shops compared to Chichester. Who is all this proposal for, yuppies buying expensive flats - and off finance from the town. Poorly leading questionnaire format! BACK off and leave us alone!”

“Question 11: No cinema - good. Social housing is not good for Bognor (more immigration from Europe).”

“Question 11: No cinema but delete “therefore no cluster of restaurants, bars and/or cafes?” Don’t agree - this is developer talk. Question 22: This is misleading as redevelopment is greatly needed in Bognor. To answer “would benefit it” is to assume agreement with the package as presented. You need to keep the Picturedrome and allow for parking.”

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“Question 11: Parking. Question 12: Butlins has 3 and will have 4. Parking. Question 14: Not necessarily on Regis site. Question 15: Outdoor markets - only if huge improvement on current. Question 20: If current Morrison’s car park could be general use car park. Question 21 (The amount of proposed public space): Parking. Question 22: This is misleading as redevelopment is greatly needed in Bognor. To answer “would benefit it” is to assume agreement with the package as presented. You need to keep the Picturedrome and allow for parking.”

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paying system. That, and no traffic in the High Street, has affected the shops in Bognor Centre.”

Question 11: Perhaps ice rink/bowling alley will have same effect. Question 22: WOULD GREATLY HARM IT - Would harm historic Picturedrome - can a compromise be reached? WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT IT - Would benefit Bognor, create nicer places and atmosphere and bring people into the town.”

“Question 11: The provision of a 4-5 cinema is essential according to whom! Loaded question - there is an alternative. Question 16: Parking proposal is inadequate. Loaded question! Question 18: Parking provision is inadequate. Question 20: Loaded question - supermarket not required. Question 23: HAVE YOU NOT HEARD OF STATISTICAL BIAS? SEVERAL LOADED QUESTIONS. I had lengthy discussions with the St. Modwen representatives during the consultation. There are potential alternatives to the multi-plex cinema which have NOT been explored. The use of building materials in keeping with local current provision has also NOT been discussed. TRY LISTENING TO YOUR ELECTORATE.”

“Question 11: There would be some and a balance is needed with existing town coffee shops. Questions 13: Oppose on the proposed site. Question 14: Yes, but not to the loss of those already in the town. Question 17: Support but parking spaces need to be retained. Question 22: Would benefit it on the face of it but not as it stands entirely. We do not need another block of flats on the sea front. This area would be better used as indoor facilities in wet weather. Put them somewhere else. A cinema is not the answer. I have concerns about losing parking. There is already parking on the Esplanade. A balance needs to be struck between 'big business' and the existing town cafes. This development does not convince me that the town shops and High Street area will benefit.”

“Question 11: This is a nonsense question and a “cinema” is not the only attraction available. Question 12: Hotel with in-house parking for hotel occupants. Question 13: Only maximum 3 storey (including its own parking at ground level). Question 14: Sufficient to “support” entertainment and attractions in the new complex. Question 16: I question whether sufficient parking is presently planned for. Question 18: 61 parking spaces as on the plan are not enough. Ground floor or underground is needed. I feel the proposals are being driven by the developers "requirement for flats" rather than by what is in the best interests of Bognor Regis and its heritage. Question 21: “The mix of uses proposed for the Regis Centre site”? - NO CINEMA”

“Question 11: This question states provision of a 4 - 5 screen cinema is essential to attract a cluster of restaurants, etc. This is not true! Question 22: This question is slanted towards agreeing to the package as presented. Redevelopment of Bognor is needed but without a new cinema and loss of parking. The planners need to rethink.”

“Question 11: We have a good cinema, also Butlins has one - maybe bowling, ice rink, indoor sports/games area. Question 12: Hotel with plenty of parking - most people will come by car. Questions 16: Parking very limited - Bognor is trying to attract shoppers and they will have very little parking available with these plans. Questions 15: Lots of plants/trees. No mention on plan for public toilets. Question 13: Would support some flats if low in height and only with their own parking, possibly underground. Looking at the plan it seems too many buildings will be squeezed in with very little public space. View to sea from theatre blocked by bars/flat block. Too many bars, etc.”

“Question 11: We need leisure as well. Question 12: Yes - possibly. Question 16: Support but not if we lose spaces. Question 20: Living area for students as well. Question 23: Alexander Theatre must have more seating - at least 500+. Hotel needs to face the sea not Belmont Street with parking below it plus two floors with bowling and leisure facilities on top and a restaurant looking out to sea. Hothamton - only student flats. Attached copy of Esplanade Grande Apartments. This is the design we want copied for our regeneration in keeping with our town. Please take note. If they can do it I am sure you can. We do not want square blocks, tall flats, less parking. We need more parking, a hotel with facilities for tourists and locals attached. Restaurants that look out to sea. Perhaps buildings on the shingle with tourist facilities in it plus restaurant. We are not asking for much but it is what the residents want.”

“Question 12: No, Butlins has 3. Parking - what use proposals at loss of parking. Cinema affordable at Picturedrome. Flats too many. Cars need parking. Would not go into Bognor if this is how it ends up.”

“Question 12: Prefer 4 star minimum, with 24 hour access. Question 13: Glad you call them 'apartments' rather than 'flats'. Why not 'penthouse apartments'? Question 18: Why only 6 storeys. 8 or 10 would live better with the Fitzleet tower. Question 20: If the supermarket option emerged, would this be Morrisons? If so then their vacated present site could be used for more residential, with street level boutique shopping in a covered arcade, linking the retail areas of London Road and Queensway, starting in the gap between Greggs and Burtons. Question 21: The reduction in car parking here will hurt the Picturedrome and The Hub. Whatever is put on the Hothamton site should include more public car parking. The 58 spaces your plan shows is hardly enough.”

“Question 13: Yes, but with proper car parking. Question 17: Oppose - poor car parking. Question 23: In general I like the proposals BUT you must provide far more parking places not take them away. For instance car parking for the new cinema - you cannot expect people to walk half a mile to the cinema as explained to me - try looking at Chichester’s Cineworld site to compare. If not I will OPPOSE any change. This is a seaside town which relies on people coming in and existing people staying in Bognor.”

“Question 13: Oppose - No jobs. Questions 14: Yes, if there is some attraction to the town. Questions 17: Oppose - more people to find work. Questions 22: Would benefit it - would benefit new sites. Would harm it - but harm the Picturedrome. Then what happens to that site. (More indoor tacky markets or charity shops).”

“Question 14: A good restaurant. Question 23: The proposed chevron parking on the Esplanade and a one-way system is a good idea. Making the theatre larger along with a top class restaurant would also be a good idea. Shops in Bognor are empty - fill them first - then propose new ones. Seems to me that the proposal is all for the COUNTY and COUNCIL as a money making exercise - NOT for the people of Bognor. We already have a perfectly good cinema - a new one is NOT required. The cinema is NOT an essential element of the sea front scheme; we have a perfectly good cinema which with a small amount of capital development could become a great asset. As for there not being enough room... raise the site to the ground, use all of the existing space (including that where the market resides) dig a big hole and incorporate an underground car park, or put the building on stilts and build out and over the Esplanade, on top of that put in a new extended theatre, ten pin bowling, ice skating, indoor bowls, curling, a gymnasium. On the top floor make a really good restaurant, with views over the sea, something which people can be proud of and look forward to visiting. I am saying here about the regeneration of Bognor, NOT more of what we already have, there are empty shops in London Road, High Street and Queensway. Get them up and running before the creation of new expensively empty premises. What is the point of providing new accommodation when there are empty flats and
unoccupied homes available for purchase and rent? You may turn round and say that Butlins provides the entertainment for the town, well Butlins does not belong to Bognor and the people of Bognor do not belong to Butlins, it is a business like any other, it’s just a bit bigger that’s all. Butlins can up-sticks and go as and when it pleases, the town will still be there. You know as well as anyone that Bognor sinks or swims by what it provides for Bognor’s population and the holiday trade. If we wish for Bognor to prosper then prosperity costs money in real terms but the rewards for everyone can be boundless. What I am proposing will help in a small way with regeneration, prosperity and employment, not for 3 or 4 months of the year, but for 12 months of each and every year, for years to come. Go to the government, try for a grant, try and get lottery funding, run your own lottery, anything, help to make Bognor the people of Bognor, give them somewhere to go in the afternoons and evenings, instead of them just watching TV or going down the pub, because there’s not a lot else for them to do. A town cannot stand without regeneration; it’s what happens NOW that counts. With regard to the Hothamton site, put the new hotel there, if WE HAVE TO HAVE ONE. Please, please look at these comments with a view to positivity. Are the negatives Worthing considering????? I don’t think so."

"Question 14: Affordable. Question 16: If there is room possible one way system. Question 23: There needs to be a cafe, etc., at first floor level overlooking the sea in front of the theatre. We do not need a multiplex cinema. If the development will not go ahead without the multiplex, then no development."

"Question 14: But limited and sea view. Question 16: Parking inadequate. No need for multi-screen cinema - Picturedrome OK for Bognor. Knock down existing theatre - freedom to redesign whole site. Sort out adequate parking and traffic routes. Plenty of cafes in town - just one with sea view needed. Active leisure facilities needed to combat obesity and binge drinking such as multi-purpose amphitheatre for skating/events. Don’t rush into St. Modwen’s scheme - use local designer."

"Question 15: None. Question 23: There is a cinema in Bognor and plenty of local cafes/restaurants already. Further housing and lack of parking and generic multi-national food chains is a waste of money."

"Question 15: None of the above. Question 23: This is NOT a regeneration it is a housing development and shame on Arun DC for even suggesting such a rip off idea!! Bognor needs regeneration of its facilities. It does not need a load more flats! Nor does it need an EMPTY MULTIPLEX!! NO PARKING!!"

"Question 16: Not enough parking. Question 17: Support with more parking. Questions 23: Parking is a real issue as most residents of apartments have at least one car. Visitors to theatre/cinema/hotels/cafes/restaurants/shops need to park vehicles nearby or they will go elsewhere where parking is available. Suggestions: Make Belmont Street one way only (towards west). Use street as angled parking for whole length one side."

"Question 16: Parking - No loss of spaces. Question 21: Regis Centre Site - No flats."

"Question 17: Not enough water, nor enough sewage to cope now. Question 19: Queensway is an eyesore. A squalor. Do better. Question 23: You say St. Modwen £40,000,000. What is the Council putting in figures %. Money is need for existing facilities. Shops are closing. Roads are breaking up. Are the rest of us supposed to live in squalor? I already pay 1/6th of my income in Council Tax. It’s hard going out here. You want six storey blocks on the south side to blight the rest of the town. Don’t you have any consideration for those living within the town? Think again. Money. Greed. You’re like the rest of the politicians - not to be trusted."

"Question 18: 4/5 storeys maximum. Question 23: For goodness sake get on with a new development before Bognor Regis falls even more into the dark ages! Negative thoughts have been too long considered. The talking has to stop - action please."

"Question 19: Proper shops not charity. Question 20: Need big names, e.g. M & S, BHS, etc. We have enough supermarkets. Question 22: Would have no real impact unless jobs and shops. Questions 23: Bognor is dying because people go elsewhere to shop and do everything else elsewhere. Unless you address this - rest is a waste of time and money."

"Question 20: Bigger and better than existing one. Question 23: As above, the existing Morrision’s supermarket, which we use, is too small. But the town benefits through having a large supermarket and would benefit more if it was larger - it would benefit other shops by attracting more people to the town centre."

"Question 20: If Asda."

"Question 21: Would prefer new supermarket to be Morrision with parking. Then old Morrison’s site to be used for quality non-food shopping. Question 18: Buildings could be higher to link with existing Fitzleat. Parking still essential for Picturedrome."

"Question 8: Live in town centre. Question 23: Seats would not be filled in new cinemas. Town cannot accommodate more residential flats. Surgeries/hospitals/schools cannot cope. For such a short summer span, we have enough cafes, etc. An upheaval for years with disastrous results."

"Question 9: Online communication. So many unsold houses in Bognor’s new development. More would cause problems. Don’t undermine The Picturedrome and all it is achieving. Take notice of the electorates voices. A slight feeling of blackmail prevails within."

"Questions are plainly slanted to obtain an answer favourable to the St Modwen plan e.g. Q 11 clearly makes the developers’ case that without a multiplex cinema there can be no provision for other attractive features. This is NOT a fact. It is a point of view. I disagree intensely with any attempt from a developer paid to make suggestions for our town, or an authority dedicated to its support and improvement, to restrict or slant my thinking."

"Rather concerned re volume of traffic on a one way system - can the existing roads cope?? Already queues during rush hours at major junctions [i.e. Butlins and the College]"

"RATHER THAN MAKING THE ROAD ALONG THE ESPLANADE ONE WAY WITH ECHELON PARKING SPACES - CAN WE ALSO HAVE A CYCLE TRACK RIGHT ALONG THE SEAFRONT FROM BEACH HUTS TO FELPHAM. (MARINE DRIVE) I.E. NOT JUST FOR CARS."

"Re Q16 Echelon parking - If you want people’s opinions then you should use simple language everybody might understand."

"Really unhappy about the potential loss of the Picturedrome. A new cinema whilst a great idea would be unaffordable for most people to attend. I use the Picturedrome purely because of the price and to support the local business. A new cinema would charge three times the amount that I currently pay (£2.50). Definitely not in the best interest of the people and families in Bognor."

"Redevelopment of Pier, make longer with attractions - clubs for children. High wage and permanent jobs before more housing or hotels are built unless it is social or first time buyers. Make our cinema larger."
“Reducing public parking space is totally disastrous. Quite the opposite, public parking space should be increased. We don’t need another cinema either, please abandon that stupid idea. The Regis Centre “improvement” looks horrible, not in a million years is that “quality architecture” - and that walkway will be a wind tunnel. And we don’t need any more flats. hundreds of flats have been built here in recent years and that hasn’t regenerated the town - more of the same won’t make any difference. And there is absolutely NOTHING here to attract more people to the town. Your talk about creating a “destination” is utter rubbish.”

“Ref Queensway: This street has failed as a shopping street due to being a wind funnel, having traffic and difficulties for pedestrians crossing. Ref Car Parking in Bognor: Is quite good (particularly with the parking disc system) and is used by residents of these large residential area. New plans show a big reduction. Esplanade: must be kept two way traffic.”

“Refurbishment of the pier would enhance Bognor Regis.”

“Regarding Q11 - I feel that the Picturedrome already existing in Bognor provides enough entertainment in the way of films, as well as being affordable. A 4-5 screen cinemas, would cause the Picturedrome to possibly see the loss of customers and I would hate to see it forced to close”

“Regarding Q11, why is the only choice a cinema? Why not an ice rink or bowling alley, or just the cluster of bars, restaurants, etc. I would also like to take this opportunity to voice my opposition to the proposed closure of Swansea Gardens bowling green and tennis courts. By reducing the parking in Queensway this will put an almost impossible strain on parking for the many extra people who will be forced to use Waterloo Gardens.”

“Regarding Q11, I would rather see bowling alley with bars, restaurants, not another cinema (as we have one), but there was no option for it”

“REGARDING REGIS DEVELOPMENT. I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF CAFES, BARS AND RESTAURANTS BUT NOT A CINEMA THIS IS NOT NEEDED AS WE HAVE ONE. A SNOWDOME OR AIRKIX STYLE WIND TUNNEL WOULD BE A FANTASTIC ALTERNATIVE THAT WOULD ATTRACT VISITORS SUMMER AND WINTER. DO NOT BUILD A CINEMA.”

“Regeneration is necessary. Residential proposals should not provide student apartments. However regeneration is presented it does not detract from the inferior infra-structure of this piddling town. Third rate uneven shoddy pavements everywhere used as dog toilets, residential roads used as overflow car parks for every size of vehicle with ski slope size cambers and volcanic crater holes. We need people and services to stay in Bognor not only the daily visitors. Regeneration is only start. Get cracking. Residents are sick of self-serving councillors and others who measure Bognor to the lowest standards.”

“Regeneration of Bognor Regis has been promised since I moved here in 1985. Please make it happen this time.”

“Regis Centre - OK in summer with tourists but would you rather go somewhere like Gunwharf Quay in the winter or Bognor Regis. B.R. not anywhere near the same level and never will be!”

“Regis Centre car parking”

“Regis Centre development - an ice rink or bowling would benefit the young people in Bognor - or what do they DO!”

“Regis Centre should be updated and possibly enlarged to be pleasing on the eye, not like an industrial shed (which the plans indicate). It should have a second floor with a glass area, possibly a restaurant to take in sea views which is Bognor’s best asset. Picturedrome should be updated to include modern screens (the recently built cinema complex in Bournemouth lost money and has now been demolished)! No more blocks of flats on seashore, build them at Hothamton, a quality hotel of good design “yes”. Car parking should not be reduced, or you will not attract people. How about providing safe cycle ways?”

“Regis Centre site - Please no flats use this site for leisure etc only. Hothamton site - OK. However where will all the expected visitors park their vehicles? Park and ride? No because of all the housing growth no space.”

“Regis Centre site: I think the height of the residential & hotel areas is too high at up to 5 storeys. Would prefer it to be a maximum of 3 storeys. Car parking - is 60 spaces by the cinema really considered adequate? I’m concerned that all the surrounding roads will be clogged with parked cars in the evenings. Hothamton site: Although Fitzleet House is very tall at over 10 storeys (an in my mind an eye-sore) I think the new buildings should be kept at no higher than 3 storeys.”

“Regis Site: People use a modern cinema/theatre/cafe complex in other areas because they have accessible, adjacent car parking, they expect it in a modern development. People will not come to Bognor to use any of the venues when they first have to brave the elements for a five minute walk/dash to get there, they will just choose to go elsewhere. The Esplanade: In many consultations residents have said it is essential to keep the two way through flow along the esplanade. In the current plan with its ‘echelon’ parking the esplanade will become a dangerous ‘in-out’ car park, a pedestrian nightmare and a traffic bottleneck. This is not acceptable to the people of Bognor let alone the poor confused visitors. The square: Just what the town needs, good idea, wrong location. We are on the coast exposed to all the elements, the square would be so exposed. Take a look at what Butlins did to keep their visitors protected! Or move the hotel to the sea front giving protection to the square which would have moved back to the site of the hotel. Parking: Just not enough. Although expensive try underground, also developers managed to find adequate car parking in the latest sea front flats to meet planning needs. Above the theatre, above the hotel,(3 in plan) raise these cafes to first floor put car parks underneath, get creative but leave the sea front as it is. Covered Walkway: Please ensure you don’t create a wind tunnel. Good Luck!”

“Remove the market from Place St Maur forever!! No to a Children’s play area on Place St Maur. If the supermarket operator for the Hothamton site were going to be Morrisons I might be in favour, but if another operator then I would definitely be opposed. As to the residential element of Hothamton I’m only in support if all, or at least the vast majority, are going to be flats/luxury flats for owner occupiers. I will be opposed if there is a significant amount allocated to student accommodation or say to another large group who will be migratory - i.e. not committed to Bognor Regis as their home but just a place of temporary work or study. In the long run that would be no better than providing social housing on Hothamton. Transitory students or workers will NOT look after their homes have said it is essential to keep the two way through flow along the esplanade. In the current plan with its ‘echelon’ parking the esplanade will become a dangerous ‘in-out’ car park, a pedestrian nightmare and a traffic bottleneck. This is not acceptable to the people of Bognor let alone the poor confused visitors. The square: Just what the town needs, good idea, wrong location. We are on the coast exposed to all the elements, the square would be so exposed. Take a look at what Butlins did to keep their visitors protected! Or move the hotel to the sea front giving protection to the square which would have moved back to the site of the hotel. Parking: Just not enough. Although expensive try underground, also developers managed to find adequate car parking in the latest sea front flats to meet planning needs. Above the theatre, above the hotel,(3 in plan) raise these cafes to first floor put car parks underneath, get creative but leave the sea front as it is. Covered Walkway: Please ensure you don’t create a wind tunnel. Good Luck!”
pedestrianised. It has killed the town centre. The quality of architecture, especially the seafront buildings on the Regis Centre Site, MUST be of a quality that compliments the excellent architecture of The Esplanade Grand a little to the East. Any buildings placed on the Regis Centre Site need to make a statement as they will be in the most prime location in Bognor Regis. I really hope something like what St Modwen are proposing goes ahead - otherwise in my opinion the future for Bognor Regis is very bleak. Thank you to St Modwen for all your efforts over the last six years. Andrew Evans.”

“Removing our history is easy and cinema , and the plans will take away the true tiny part of heritage still in the town. I am all for diversity but Bognor has a bad image at this moment in time you must be aware of that. Putting fancy plastic plaza’s the same as any other town will just take away the special things that this town has. It has history and a cinema that is worth fighting for surely. Posh flats on the sea front and people on the streets struggling and living in hardship (look around), whatever happened to bringing communities back together?? THINK AGAIN PLEASE!!!”

“Residents, cafes, cinemas, market - but where are customers and visitors going to park. Back to the drawing board I think. You have totally misunderstood the quirky nature of Bognor which is an attractive place: developments should reflect this. These proposals are not distinctive.”

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“Save Bognor Picturedrome! Don’t put the Picturedrome cinema out of business. We don’t need another cinema. We have one right by the station. Why not improve the existing buildings / ambience of Bognor rather than sweeping it under the carpet and starting again somewhere else.”

“Save our cinema! The Picturedrome is an iconic part of Bognor Regis. I know of people coming from as far as Worthing see films here as it is comfortable, very good value and the staff are lovely. It cannot be replaced by another heartless company who charge 4 times what Picturedrome do to see a film!!”

“Save our existing cinema don’t want another in Bognor Regis thank you.”

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“Save The Dome whatever happens”

“SAVE THE PICTUREDROME CINEMA!! Very cheap for locals & students. This is a shambles - save the view.”

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“Save the Picturedrome, stop the multiplex!!”

“Seafront - The Esplanade is the only east-west route in Bognor, making it parking is a great mistake. Not enough parking - underground must be provided - no stilt. An attraction for families with young children, adolescents and older people is needed without affecting the Picturedrome. Hothamton - Accommodation for Butlins / Chi Uni is nothing to do with Bognor. P.S. The questions in this are loaded and not impartial - try again.”

“Seafront is visually appealing site. A prime draw in for tourists. The theatre can relocate to purpose built structure incorporated into Hothamton development. (Under the residential towers) THE seafront site needs to be iconic and open leisure family focused healthy space. The cinema in Bournemouth seafront failed and this seafront cinema will too. And there is provision to bring any tourists or people from surrounding areas. A temporary halve size ice rink could provide this during the winter months. This could be placed in a sheltered plaza surrounded by small retail and restaurant etc units. The plaza can be used for multiple uses all through the year. Designs must be iconic. Functional. Practical. Not just stick a kid in a cinema seat and stuff with fast food...if the council are truly suggesting this is best for the people of Bognor they are out of touch with public opinion and government ideology.”

“Seems like a "take it or leave it" situation, allowing for a little tweaking here and there. I feel that there MUST be some way to protect/enhance the Picturedrome cinema, which has a firm following and a great Art Deco interior. This facility cannot be lost
for the sake of a 4/5 screen cinema. Think on, Bognor...look what happened to the Imax in Bournemouth....Overall the whole scheme will enhance the area, but you HAVE to deal with the cinema problem...it will come back to haunt you otherwise..."

"SHOPS ETC ARE ALL VERY WELL BUT HUGE COUNCIL TAX MAKES THEM NON-VIABLE - LOOK AT THE STATE OF BOGNOR TOWN CENTRE. WE NEED MORE PARKING."

"Shops will attract people."

"Shops, bars & restaurants are closing in Bognor Regis. I see no pint in also jeopardising the success of the Picturedrome for the sake of more empty shops, bars and restaurants. Ice rink/bowling much better on many levels no ice rink for miles and encourages people to be active"

"Should have been realized years ago. Hotel should have its own swimming pool."

"Since Bognor already has very well used and comfortable cinema showing up-to-date films at affordable prices, there is no point in building another. Bigger is NOT better. It will become a white elephant. I would like Ice Skating, Roller Booting, Skateboarding, a large community hall where all ages could enjoy varied activities such as those provided by the Laburnum Centre and pool, darts, further education and courses for the Youth with a convivial leisure area. Free or cheap buses could be provided to bring people in from the villages. Bognor has always been known as a 'cosy' town. There is no need to compete with Brighton, Portsmouth and Southampton. When we went to Barbados and said where we were from, without exception, everyone knew of Bognor and had good stories to tell about it. They loved the sea, the sand, the pier, the shops and the friendly residents who also love Bognor for these reasons. We all know what will happen. The scheme will be approved. Voted in by councillors who couldn't care less about Bognor. Buildings will be torn down, as we have seen in the past, money will run out nothing will go ahead except that property developers will move in and Bognor Regis will be all housing but with nothing provided for anyone to do. And all for the sake of a cinema that no one wants. Morrissons will pull out. They have a new store at Littlehampton. Asda was pushed out to provide a cinema that no one wants. Morrisons will pull out. They have a new store at Littlehampton. Asda was pushed out to provide a cinema that no one wants.  Littlehampton has all the food stores we need. We need folk like (5 named individuals) to take over the plans. Look how Spirit FM evolved out of Bognor Radio. Persistence paid off. Who knows what will happen to ‘dear little Bognor’?"

"Since there is already a cinema in Bognor, I don’t see the need for another one, especially one that would cost a lot more money, I would not attend an expensive cinema and would instead watch films at home when they are released to DVD. I agree that Bognor needs to be made more attractive to visitors, however I am not sure that a cinema/restaurant complex would do this. When a similar scheme was developed over in Chichester it did bring more people in to Cineworld but I do not think it greatly benefited the surrounding businesses as people would simply park at the complex and only visit there. I would have thought that a nicer public area with shops and restaurants along with an updated theatre would be enough of a draw to the area. If the theatre is nicer and better performances are booked there, then people will attend. Jeopardising the only current form of entertainment in the town centre, that has put a lot into attracting people in seems foolish to me and unnecessary. For young families it is the only place that they can afford to take their children out for a day trip."

"Sincerely hope that all these proposals will take place very very soon."

"Some careful development is needed to improve Bognor but not at the expense of existing hard working business."

"Some concern over quantity of parking spaces"

"Some future accommodation for registered health care residents, to further their contribution to the community and to make status similar to normal Bognor Regis residents, would apparently be helpful if placement or accommodations become available."

"Some money should be used to preserve existing heritage sites and amenities, such as the Picturedrome Cinema."

"Some of the housing should be used for student accommodation for the university as there is not enough"

"Some of the proposals are acceptable, but others are not."

"Some of the proposals are of course beneficial, but squashing too many people into too small an area with all the attendant parking and quality of life restrictions cannot be good. I know people need accommodation, but it is counterproductive to herd too many people into too small a place. I also think it would be a great shame to put our lovely unique cinema at risk. St Modwen is in it for the cash, fair enough, but Bognor does have the advantage of lots of visitors from Butlins who do have money to spend. I lived in Whitstable when it was a dire place to be, run down, small dirty junk shops and dead high street. By careful nurture they have developed the town into a thriving and bustling town with the best High Street in England. I don't want to lose the bowling green and there are plenty of cafes already. Avoid chain stores and improve the toilets, especially at the Alexandra theatre."

"Some of the proposed building in theatre area are unlovely, and could look dated in no time. I think we deserve better design, more linked to both the future and our Victorian heyday. Thanks for listening Joan Dunlop"

"Some of these questions are loaded, looking for answers that will support the development. We seem to be losing a lot of parking spaces at the same time as attempting to attract more visitors. How will this work? If a cinema complex (can’t believe that is the panacea claimed) goes ahead, will council continue to support the Picturedrome?"

"Somehow I cannot see these development proposals ever happening - just as the previous plans failed. My main concern is the parking. If the scheme does provide bars, cinema etc on the Place St Maur site, where on earth are people supposed to park to enjoy these facilities. If the theatre will hold 100 people and there are only 60 spaces in the car park, how can that cover, theatre goers, cinema goers, people visiting the flat occupants and general public enjoying the facilities, especially since the Hothamton site will also be denuded of spaces. This I think is something you should address immediately and make sure you publish the information because how are people supposed to enjoy the facilities if there is no parking. Have I missed something or has common sense gone out the window?"

"Someone should stop wasting time with all this crap and address our social problems like junkies, dealers and surplus council officials just trying to look good."

"Something needs to be done - Bognor is dying. Pedestrian walkway along frontage good idea."

"Something needs to be done sooner than later this town has been ruined by the Bootheman years. I have lived here all my life it's disgusting what's happened to this once lovely seaside town and sort the Pier out build a new one."
“SOMETHING NEEDS TO HAPPEN IF BOGNOR IS EVER TO BECOME VIBRANT AND AN ATTRACTIVE PLACE TO LIVE AND VISIT. IT’S BEEN TOO SHABBY AND RUN DOWN FOR TOO LONG. IT WAS TELLING THAT M&S MOVE OUT - LET’S TRY TO ATTRACT GOOD BUSINESSES.”

“Something to encourage the young to use area and stop in Bognor. Dance Hall/Disco/Club”

“Sorry, but we don’t need loads more flats everywhere [what an eyesore] - we’re not in certain parts of London. We need something original [got a lovely historic cinema - which is half the price of a multiplex]. Seems to me everything is catered for Butlins!”

“Sounds good - bars would be good”

“Sounds like a very good idea. The town will definitely benefit from it.”

“Specifically re Regis Centre site proposals:- 1. Inadequate parking provision to support proposals (verbally told might have Park & Ride. 2. Proposals make no use of the lovely sea front vistas for the public and remove an existing restaurant that does. 3. Bognor Regis does not need a second cinema and certainly not on the sea front. To attract restaurants etc. consider use of railway station buildings, frontage, near existing cinema. 4. Why is proposed hotel at the back does not need more apartments along the sea front. Retention of mixed use in proportion is vital for the site. 5. Bognor doesn’t need more apartments along the sea front. Retention of mixed use in proportion is vital for the future.”

“Spend less money but put the heart back into Bognor. Stop traffic jams by opening the bypass between Felpham/Middleton and North Bersted. Yet another 2.5 year delay. Reduce parking charges and provide more for holiday makers and locals alike to attract everyone. Promote and be proud of our unique National Treasure, the Picturedrome. If you can’t fill the seats for a 2 studio cinema, you haven’t a hope of doing so in a multiplex. We don’t need a multiplex cinema. We don’t use the theatre much. It’s obviously not what Bognor wants or needs. We need to be DIFFERENT. It’s a recession and will be for many years. ATTRACT people by low prices and giving them something DIFFERENT. Not the same old boring development which only serves the developers. It’s time Arun Council listened to the people it is supposed to serve. Give Bognor the same revenue and attention as you give Littlehampton and Rustington. LISTEN TO US. We pay you to look after our town. Get the basics right and the rest may follow.”

“Spend money on the pier or on places that will benefit local residents.”

“Spend more money - elsewhere. Where it’s needed. Schools, Roads, Children”

“SPORTS GROUND”

“St Modwen appears to be holding Bognor to ransom with a take it or leave it attitude - we do not need another cinema! There must be other ways to regenerate and other companies who would carry them out! Bognor needs to keep the Picturedrome and to maintain its viability! It should have a greater profile. Bognor needs adequate car parking because without it none of these proposed buildings will be visited. Regeneration yes, but not at any price!”

“St Modwen has no concern for Bognor Regis. They are not local, have no connection to our town and how it works. They are concerned with building for profit and never mind the cost to humanity. We do need some improvements to Bognor, but this is not the right thing, or the right way to do it.”

“St Modwen is talking of investing £40million to generate profits, not to improve the lifestyle of Bognor Regis residents. Change does NOT equal regeneration. I suggest you local government officials read and inwardly digest Councillor XXX’s letter on page 58 of the Bognor Regis Observer dated November 22nd. Then read on through the letter from XXXX. I can’t imagine anything worse than the existing Hothamton site being ‘improved’ by the construction of some 200 apartments mainly on its existing public car park. This scheme flies in the face of current thinking behind out of town retail centres - without adequate parking provision you will not get the punters!! Bognor Regis already has the worst provision in Arun District for car parking; this proposal is going to make it even worse. You lot appear mesmerised by £40million regardless of the adverse effects on our skyline and exiting retail outlets!!”

“St Modwen’s plans were totally different originally, when put forward some years ago; they were accepted by the majority of Bognor Regis residents. Now EVERYTHING is different, I totally object to their plans, I have seen the devastation they have brought to other towns. KEEP THEM AWAY FROM BOGNOR REGIS. Let’s ask other development planners for their schemes PLEASE!!!!!!!!! Bognor Regis was a lovely little town when I first came to live here, over the years ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL have made it their business to destroy all that was good, PLEASE DO NOT PUT THE FINAL NAIL IN OUR COFFIN.”

“St Modwen’s proposals are unimaginative. Clone town developments do not bring regeneration. The lack of parking spaces is very worrying. We all know the Multiplex will put the Picturedrome out of business”

“ST. MODWEN DESIGNS ARE OLD FASHIONED, FLAT ROOFS ETC. AND THEY EXPECT TO MAKE MONEY ON THE RESIDENTIAL ASPECT AND MANY PEOPLE AVOID BOGNOR BECAUSE PARKING IS ALREADY DIFFICULT AND OLDER PEOPLE NEED CARS FOR ACCESS AND CARRYING SHOPPING.”

“St. Modwen recently placed an advert in the national Press in the hope of attracting new shareholders this therefore poses the question: how much finance do they really have and if they are in need of financial replenishment what then would the standard of their planning development be? A vastly reduced standard can only be the answer. Place St. Maur is a place of ‘ancient lights’ and a place where the 6,000 tourists holidaying at Butlins traditionally have always come to enjoy for exercise and the market that has been there for many years thus adding to their holiday enjoyment. Also the excellent add-on services this market offer the Bognor Regis community cannot be underestimated especially the food stalls. For example last Christmas Even I entered Morrisons which was FULL TO BURSTING with customers and I thought ‘I’m in a hurry and need my Salad produce for the Christmas Holiday and don’t want to have to deal with the wonderful crowds’. I immediately went to Place St. Maur and bought all my salad produce from the fruit and vegetable stall holder! We have a perfect BALANCE here in Bognor Regis with things as they are. I suggest that the Alexandria Trustees spend their money more wisely and do the simple but essential maintenance jobs i.e. the guttering in front of the main door! I sincerely know after an extensive Yorkshire coastal surveyance this SUMMER 2012 (Filey, Scarborough, Whitby and et al) that the Capital Gains investors and shareholders of St. Modwen would get better returns on their money by investing in the Yorkshire coast. Why? From what I saw there is a real need for regeneration along the Yorkshire coast, Yorkshire is the biggest county in the UK with a huge under employed population in need of some recreational activity. Also St. Modwen could contact Vince Cable and arrange grants to develop solar heating and artificial light for the Yorkshire coastal development as they do indeed have fewer sunshine hours than us here in sunny Bognor Regis. And on the ‘global stage’ and competing for new expanding markets from the BRIC nations the development of this industries i.e. solar and artificial light would really put the Capital Gains and shareholders to real use for the whole of UK PLC and not just for a few of amateur trustees running the Alexandria...
Theatre complex and Hothamton site. I hope this has been of help to you and I am sure Vince Cable would be most pleased to hear from you. Also the Justice Department of the Government might like to see a copy of all your plans in using as an inspiration to other charitable bodies in the UK who are looking to raise standards and skills for those in need of retraining. I also surveyed the coast line up to Edinburgh so should you wish to use my knowledge and wish my opinions then I can arrange a Consultancy Fee and I charge by the hour.”

“Stand alone theatre cannot pay its way - combine theatre with a multi-purpose Hall [cap.1400] then when it’s not used as a theatre it can be used for orchestra’s / swing bands / exhibitions / conference and can hire in a mobile Ice Rink. As it is the theatre is closed more than it is open [dead space] a waste of space ad money. Build the multi-purpose theatre / hall on the Hothamton site first, then switch tech gear from current one to new [saving money] before demolishing Regis centre - that would leave room on the Regis centre site for 10 Pin Bowling / Lazer Quest etc. [I am a former promoter who used to have the Rex Ballroom in Bognor] Please don’t give us more of what we already have - give us what the town needs and wants.”

“Start ASAP please”

“Start building early and attract more tourists.”

“Start immediately - desperately needed”

“Start taking notice of what the people of Bognor want.”

“Still feel that closing seashore to one way traffic detrimental. One of joys of living near the sea can travel along and view beach with people enjoying themselves.”

“Stop building Tesco supermarkets. You are ruining local business and ruining our town. Seen it become a ‘Tesco town’ in the last few years. Furthermore, Chichester has the shops to go with the restaurants and cinemas, surely people will go there instead which is a shame. Make sure the people at Picturedrome don’t end up redundant.”

“Stop talking and start improving Bognor Regis.”

“Strongly oppose the potential loss of the Picturedrome. This is one of a few of its kind in the country and should be promoted and cherished. If people want the dearer multiplex facilities then go to Chichester. Strongly support the expansion of the alexander Theatre and surrounding infrastructure- but do not see how a multiplex cinema is required to achieve it. With the Picturedrome and the ability to show films at the Theatre, why would anyone need a multiplex cinema?”

“Strongly Oppose: Echelon spaces on seashore vehicles traffic must be permitted. Unrestricted use of seashore - as at present. Flats should be kept away from Regis Centre. Put a larger/higher flat block at Hothamton”

“Students flats not needed. Very poor design of buildings no character in final shapes and position and road access.”

“Students make a large population of Bognor Regis and we cannot afford to be paying a silly amount to go to a multiplex cinema. KEEP THE PICTUREDROME running as it is - it works in a town like this. A multiplex will very unappealing to the eye and ruin the town.”

“Suggest extending pier to original length.”

“Support if additional to Picturedrome (offer something different) but keep P/D DON’T WANT CUL-DE-SAC”

“Surely Bognor has more than enough residential accommodation. Do not agree with more buildings at Hotham Park. Also another supermarket surely not.”

“SURELY NOT ANOTHER SUPERMARKET? IS IT TRUE THAT ARUNDEL IS BEING ASKED TO COMMENT ON THIS? ANOTHER WAY FOR ADC TO OUTVOTE THE REALLY INTERESTED PARTIES I.E. THE RESIDENTS OF BOGNOR REGIS?”

“Teenagers and adults would like an Ice Rink or Bowling Alley - we have a cinema. A multi-screen cinema + 450 extra seats at theatre and yet more flats - where do you expect people to park? Are you planning ‘park & Ride’? Wake up. ADC have money only for Littlehampton - were Bognor residents asked to comment on Littlehampton’s regeneration - I think not. Flats will not encourage tourism - if theatre can’t be viable without funding from more residential buildings - forget it! In 1965 there was much talk of regeneration for Bognor Regis - 2012 and little evidence of much progress. You describe in the brief a need for ‘high quality architecture’ - will it all be like that monstrosity called ‘Health Centre’. ADC is not really interested in Bognor Regis - this is all pie in the sky - so dream on! Bognor Regis should free itself from ADC as soon as possible - then we will progress. The plans are really DULL and BORING - it suits ADC - they only support Littlehampton.”

“Thank you for not giving us the very tall flats. We been waiting so long - I say go ahead with it all as quick as you can, even if we have to sacrifice the cinema, but I don’t think it will come to that. We’ll still have it for a while during the building and I think local people will support it always. I have only one big concern - all these folks who we hope will visit Bognor - where will they park their cars? It’s bad enough trying to find a parking place in the summertime even now?”

“Thank you for the opportunity to comment. 1, The proposed amount of parking left in the Town Centre is woefully inadequate and will be seriously detrimental to the town’s future. What is the point in making a wonderful Theatre if no one can visit it except on foot or by inadequate public transport? There is nowhere for the visitors to either cinema to park. Given that the car park on the sea front at the end of Gloucester Road is used in the summer for people to park when using the launch ramp (you cannot find spaces along the esplanade for a car and trailer in the summer months (if we have a summer that is). 2, I congratulate the council for engaging a Theatre design company to redesign the theatre. The proposals look interesting and exciting. Subject to confirmation of these plans being acceptable to attract the sort of bigger budget shows and agreement in principal from these acts that they will visit the theatre when complete then I see the Alexandra theatre proposals as very encouraging and am broadly in favour of the proposal SUBJECT to increased good (innovative) parking. Without the parking, the project will not succeed. 3, On the subject of the Cinema which has been well publicised, I have no objection to a multi screen cinema PROVIDING there is a written contract between the new Cinema and the Picturedrome that ensures that the Picturedrome continues to thrive including financial penalties and recompense to the Picturedrome in perpetuity should it suffer in any way. It was mentioned that those running the Picturedrome have expressed an interest in running the Multiplex. I think this is an excellent idea and if the two were tied together and run by the same organisation and contractually obliged to do so then this should safeguard the Picturedrome. Those running the Picturedrome should be given first refusal on the multiplex on this basis. Should this occur I would support the multiplex. 4, The proposals do offer regeneration to Bognor but only after the hours of darkness. If the Alexandra Theatre were to have facilities for exhibitions, conferences, business meetings either in the main auditorium or in other rooms that kept it busy and vibrant throughout the day too
then it would be far better used. Much of the rest focusses on night time use. The hotel on its own will not bring people to Bognor. The regeneration needs to snowball from this point onwards for it to succeed and for daytime regeneration to bring life back into the town. 5. The proposed one way traffic still the Esplanade needs careful thought and a nearby thoroughfare in the other direction (Spencer Street?) MUST be provided if people are not to start avoiding going through the town altogether. This is a good start but needs more thought and common sense.”

“Thank you”

“The A259 upper Bognor needs to be by-passed before any development around Hothamton Park is considered.”

“The ADC needs to take notice of the Bognor residents for a change. Why do we need St. Modwen?”

“The addition of a Cinema complex adds nothing to the Town. It threatens a unique and very attractive venue, the Picturedrome. People in surrounding towns already have such complexes; why would they be attracted to Bognor? The suggestion that no other attraction could be considered commercially viable, without which any development will not take place suggests that there are good reasons for Bognorians to be worried. Either St Modwen lack imagination or they are pressing for the most profitable development regardless of the impact on Bognor residents. I believe it is the role of the Council to be an advocate for the people of Bognor and I worry about the apparent collusion that they are engaged in with St Modwen. The questionnaire is itself presented as an ultimatum; either support the Cinema complex, or await declination. It is difficult to respond to the questions regarding the development of a Supermarket, as this may depend on what Morrisons plans are. Two supermarkets would appear unnecessary. I appeal to Arun District Council to take account of the wishes of the people of Bognor. Many people do not have the resources to travel to venues outside their immediate environment: remember that the outcome will have a great impact on the quality of life of the community for decades to come. In this respect you are powerful people and your decision on this will be a substantial element of your legacy. With this in mind, you can be honourable in your decision making if you place these long term considerations above what may prove to be a short term profit making development.”

“The Alexandra Theatre and whole building needs upgrading and improving. If the plan for cinema inclusion in the development is the only option of the scheme proceeding and the Picturedrome closing, then this is totally unacceptable. It should not be a ‘hands tied’ situation by the developers. The fine building of the Picturedrome should definitely be retained in Bognor.”

“The Alexander Theatre should have a capacity of 1,000+ to attract top class acts etc to perform.”

“The Alexander Theatre will be a good thing in Bognor because you can put more films on.”

“The Alexandra Theatre and Regis Centre is an eyesore and a wasted opportunity. It definitely needs redevelopment. The Hothamton site needs more thought, we don’t want blocks of flats. I would like open gardens. Maybe small retail units to try and attract more people to Queensway.”

“The Alexandra Theatre could be improved as it is now. Keep the cinema we have - Hothamton site as a car park - generally clean & update what we have.”

“The Alexandra Theatre should be brought back to life as a fully working impressive theatre. It should not include a cinema, if people want to spend their money they can go to Chichester; Bognor Regis Picturedrome is amazing and should not be put under jeopardy. It is a useful part of the town. The Alexandra Theatre should have a change of staff and brought up to date as it used to be years ago, to bring people into Bognor Regis, not just sit and only get used a couple of times a year.”

“The Alexandra Theatre should be revamped and also the surrounding area - plus a few good class restaurants. A cinema here would detract from the seaside atmosphere, the bandstand, pier and other appealing features of Bognor.”

“The amount of parking now is insufficient so the number of lost spaces in new plan is stupid. The local cinema is brilliant and they have spent a lot on improving the seating/decór service and use of soil. I would hate to see it fall now. I hate the Chichester cinema and have such problem parking there it puts me off going. The Chichester site has hotel, restaurants, bowling etc so even that size car park is too small so only having the proposed number of spaces for Bognor is beyond belief. Heard that ice skating was not viable, what about roller skating where the floor could be used as a dance floor too. A bowling alley, plus eateries, pubs, cafe, amusements and maybe a smaller hotel”

“The architecture is not inspiring. I do not agree with pre -requisite that it needs a cinema to fund the other development. The parking provisions are inadequate. Bognor needs to play on the strengths of the sea, weather and investment in something to attract visitors that will spend more than a day trip. Investment in the pier more constructive. No objection to residential developments.”

“The area already has too many blocks of residential flats. We do not need any more hotels or flats spoiling the skyline”

“The area is already overcrowded and built up with flats from Butlins to the Regis Centre. Building more will only bring a short term gain and long term problems of parking and social crowding. The seafront is a great place and having a well planned open public space and a good theatre area that should be promoted. The Hothamton site and the Regis centre car park are used regularly by my family for shopping, cinema (Picturedrome), and the theatre. If you build on the car parks people cannot use the facilities easily. I do not want the Picturedrome cinema to have competition from another cinema, I can afford the Picturedrome ticket price and value it a good social activity. I think the open spaces should be improved and not lost and I like the children playground on Hothamton site as I do not know of any other play ground in central Bognor.”

“The awful looking building that is the Alexandra Theatre should be pulled down and a new building designed to be in keeping with the local architecture should be erected. The town does not need a block of square Lego bricks on the seafront. The Hothamton site should be left as an open space as it has been since the Pavilion was pulled down. Enhance it yes, but don’t build on it”

“The beach and seafront were always a big attraction to the town and the site should be complimentary to the seaside. It may be possible, if necessary, that the theatre could be improved by public support with funding raised.”

“The biggest asset we have is the seafront. There is a need to really link this to the town. At present it is too divorced and whilst these new proposals go some way, greater thought needs to be put into achieving this. There is a great deal of wealth around this town. To get it spending in the local area the plans need to attract suitable retailers as opposed to the more downtown offering we have at present. Should we not also look at improving London Road and the High Street with more attractive shops etc? Are mature tees an option - see French towns. Also, using London Road is not good due to many delivery vehicles and cars with blue badges. Surely a car park can be incorporated close to the shops purely for their use.
Finally, why not bring in the parking disc (FREE) like in Littlehampton. Whilst you will see lower revenues from this move it will attract people to the town. Be brave in the way you think - stop looking short term.

“The Bognor Picturedrome is unique and must be saved. It would be such a waste of a beautiful building and it has been refurbished so nicely it is a pleasure to be inside and watching the great films that are shown there.”

“The building of a multiplex cinema and the effect on the Picturedrome would be a crime. My family and I are unable to afford the prices in these multiplex / restaurant affairs, they are an eyesore and would not bring any benefits to the residents of Bognor in my opinion”

“The buildings and facilities in and around Bognor Regis were the reason I choose this University because of its quirkiness. If I wanted a high tech area I wouldn’t have chosen to study here”

“The buildings are all too big for the area. The public seating area is too small to make it viable. Who wants a car park on the Esplanade what an eyesore. Over all a great disappointment after such a long wait.”

“The cafe and restaurants in the proposed development should be of high standard to attract appropriate people into the town, and not be a duplication of seaside cafes and fish & chip shops”

“The car parking is of much more value to the town. It’s unlikely that any business in Queensway will prosper - just look at it! It’s a wind tunnel as well. How can student flats attract visitors to Bognor? No more seafront flats!!! Keep our trees open areas. Why are you bothering with all this?”

“The car parks are of much more benefit to Bognor Regis than more flats. Coffee shops would take their chance against the established ones. No more seafront flats.”

“The character of the promenade would be lost by the scale and soulless facade of the proposals. A cinema of the proposed size would attract cars and there is inadequate provision for the number that it would generate. Multiplexes are best suited to out-of-town sites where vehicles can be more easily accommodated. The Regis area is an invaluable prime sea-front site, not the place for an indoor cinema which does not utilise the beauty of the surrounding features. Huge flat glass and concrete surfaces appear incongruous with the local surrounding Victorian buildings. It is neither architecturally attractive nor an artistic enhancement of the area. Visitors come to Bognor to enjoy the sea-front, not sit in a cinema. I feel the area could be far better utilised regardless of the "carrot" offered by developers. With innovative investment, a more appropriate and sympathetic project could pay huge dividends in terms of a unique selling point. 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from the town centre. However, I think the apartments will benefit Bognor, but I think the prices will be too high for most people to pay on an average wage.”

“The consultation is a sham - the leaflets are all in favour of the proposal and this is outrageous. A cinema will destroy the current one - Bognor is nothing like Eastbourne as the large cinema is out of town and Eastbourne is huge in comparison! Who in their right mind would park a mile away in a dingy multi storey car park to go to the sea front? You can see this from the Chichester Gate complex where the car park is often oversubscribed and parking is a nightmare - the area would be overrun. We cannot take large numbers of flats and the resultant cars and traffic chaos, Bognor and the surrounds are already at breaking point and the school’s oversubscribed- our granddaughter cannot even get a place in a school 300yds from her home! This is an ill thought out scheme that would be profitable for the developers and Arun, but is not likely to lead to anything but grief for us.”

“The consultation times were all held during working hours so those of us who work fulltime were unable to get to any of the consultation events.”

“THE COST OF GOING TO THE CINEMA WOULD TREBLE WO WOULD BE OUT OF REACH OF LOTS OF PEOPLE. AND IS IT TRUE THAT THE PICTUREDROME WOULD NOT GET THE SAME FILMS? ALSO TO RESTRICT THE FLOW ALONG THE SEAFRONT IS WRONG.”

“The council need to encourage more large store names Waitrose, M & S etc - Bognor always seems to get treated badly in favour of Littlehampton. Station Road is a dump - why not help the shops to have the frontage painted.”

“The council needs to fund existing cinema and sort out the pier eyesore!! Bognor needs more investment in hotel accommodation to encourage tourism to Bognor. And make Bognor the holiday destination it was when royalty visited in the past! Worthing has become the preferred choice for holiday makers and people retiring due to its investment in the pier and seafront facilities. The council is just going to ruin the Bognor area just because the council is just thinking of the extra money from development and the extra council tax from increased properties. The council doesn’t care if they are ruining the area as long as they generate the extra money government have cut from their budgets, so there’s no restriction on building of any sort as it’s all about money!! The council will not do the right thing, only what makes them money and will keep building in Bognor, to keep the money coming in. I agree the Alexandra complex is ugly development [that was agreed by the council at the time] and needs to be replaced with a development to increase tourism to Bognor and improve the seafront. If you need new cinema complex then we also need to build a new pier as well as that is also an ugly eyesore and badly maintained part of Bognor. The council will do what they want and these surveys will end up in the bin and not change any decision already planned by the council !!”

“The council should be improving the small local businesses that are already in the Bognor town centre. Introducing a multiplex cinema when the Picturedrome already provides a brilliant service is ridiculous. Bringing in chains of pubs and restaurants will close the independently run businesses. Bognor doesn’t need any more apartments either. Two bedroom houses are what is in short supply. The people who live in apartments are generally the elderly or the single young. With housing prices being so expensive the cost of a deposit is now huge and therefore more young people are waiting till they are in a relationship with two incomes coming in to buy and therefore are thinking long term and buying small houses not 1 bed flats.”

“The council will do what it wants despite public opinion i.e. public wanted Asda - council said no. The council will do what is best for Littlehampton. No interest in Bognor”

“The current cinema is just right for Bognor.”

“The current cinema is very cheap to go to and people are supporting it more since it has been rescued. A new cinema could take away the choice of films the current cinema is able to offer and this will make it less viable. I think the proposal of a new cinema would undermine all the public support that has been shown to save the current cinema. I agree the site on the seafront needs to be developed, but Bognor doesn’t need a new cinema when it currently has a very good one.”

“The current Regis Centre is an eye sore - Bognor has a huge problem with lack of affordable apartments.”

“The current shops already struggle and you are proposing to build more. There are already many large supermarkets, so why would another one be a benefit. We already have a number of large hotels that are struggling to be viable so why would another one be successful? All in all this does not seem like a good enough solution.”

“The demographic is challenging - who is the development for? There is a problem in Bognor Regis with poverty / under achieving etc. I struggle to see the viability of the scheme. Q11 Impact on rest of the town Q16 I think the level of underground parking is optimistic given the location. Q20 If residential is needed - residential, otherwise mixed use.”

“The designs are too modern and futuristic for a nice seaside town like Bognor Regis - LEAVE WELL ALONE.”

“The developer’s insistence on the inclusion of a multiplex cinema complex as part of the scheme is ridiculous. We have a grade 2 listed cinema that provides the latest films at a bargain price with the Chichester multiplex for those that like an expensive night out. The multiplex issue should be firmly shelved once and for all in favour of an alternative such as an ice rink - this would make Bognor a real destination for people from a wide area rather than having to travel to Gosport or Guildford. Even a bowling alley would be an improvement - the one in Chichester is very busy and the area could certainly support an alternative. WE ARE ALREADY REPRESENTED BY A CINEMA AND DON’T NEED ANOTHER ONE!!!!!”

“The development is good but you need to make sure there is adequate parking especially for the flats. Many new builds have inadequate parking and this means parking occurs curbs and green spaces which takes away from the feel of the area.”

“The development is, in principle, a good idea. However, a multi screen cinema will kill the Picturedrome which has been kept alive by the town council and locals. There is a multiplex in Chichester, not far away. A Snowzone on the other hand would attract people from a much wider area as the nearest is Milton Keynes. The increase in visitors would be vast.”

“The development of a cinema multiplex would destroy the trade available for the Picturedrome cinema. This is an independent, very well run cinema and it would be more than a shame to see it shut down due to some cinema chain, charging prices that the people of Bognor do not want to pay. Independently run local businesses are becoming a thing of the past, and that should not be the fate of the Picturedrome.”

“The development of the town depends entirely on what that development is for. Is Bognor R. used to be a tourist destination is it now?... Butlins for instance.. If the idea is to generate income for the town then that development must seek to do that. I mention Butlins because it appears there business is booming, yet it’s a
The Town must encourage those who stay there to achieve what is best for the local community and not what will make achieved. The current proposals are selling Bognor short and need Regis a new arts centre as other seaside resorts have successfully space to attract artists, photographers, etc who could sell produce range of shows and productions. Not elitist. A gallery area for local centre. The centre to include a viable theatre putting on a wide wider area would be a well-run, well planned and executed Arts needs especially if it receives funding to improve the facilities. one way system will be a disaster for both traffic flows around the Hothamton site to park as that will be gone. Making the Esplanade a shop or visit the sea front. Nor can persons re-locate to the screen cinema, a theatre, living in the new developments, visiting to parking for those staying in an 80 bed hotel, those visiting a 3-4 town centre. At the Theatre site there is nowhere near enough second rate proposals. Both development areas will have a developed. (A two pier town).”

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“The development will give us nothing we don’t already have, we have a cinema a very good one, where the prices are cheap and making us use it more, I will not go to the new one, I can’t afford it, you are bring new cafes and restaurants do you know how many we already have, go and count about, 15 why would we want more, also the eating place that are already here, it’s like cutting their throats, please go back to the drawing board, and get us something we don’t have.”

“The enforced closure of the Picturedrome cinema totally undermines any support that I might have had for the proposed development.”

“The entertained needs to be unique to this south coast area as cinema is saturated in the local catchment area. The seafront is Bognor’s main asset and access to the sea front with leisure only based businesses being based in the last remaining frontage to the sea front. flats may bring short a term funding boost but visitors need facilities and interests to return, these businesses need to be supported all year round so the available area for development should be put out all leisure companies to bid for inclusion.”

“The entire proposal is a necessary and an excellent improvement for the development of Bognor Regis. “Aside” it would be nice if a new pier and an improvement of the old pier could also be developed. (A two pier town).”

“The entirety of the development lacks vision, imagination and will not benefit the town. A significant re-think is needed to these second rate proposals. Both development areas will have a significant impact on the availability of parking provision near the town centre. At the Theatre site there is nowhere near enough parking for those staying in an 80 bed hotel, those visiting a 3-4 screen cinema, a theatre, living in the new developments, visiting to shop or visit the sea front. Nor can persons re-locate to the Hothamton site to park as that will be gone. Making the Esplanade a one way system will be a disaster for both traffic flows around the town and for those visiting wishing to drive along the sea front. The 3-4 screen cinema is not needed. The Picturedrome fulfills local needs especially if it receives funding to improve the facilities. What would make a significant difference to Bognor Regis and the wider area would be a well-run, well planned and executed Arts centre. The centre to include a viable theatre putting on a wide range of shows and productions. Not elitist. A gallery area for local and national art and photography exhibitions. Perhaps a single screen cinema/or built into theatre for art/foreign films. Studio space to attract artists, photographers, etc who could sell produce at venue. Perhaps a dance studio or similar? Let’s make Bognor Regis a new arts centre as other seaside resorts have successfully achieved. The current proposals are selling Bognor short and need a significant re-think and a new vision. The developments must achieve what is best for the local community and not what will make the most profit for a huge building company with no really interest in the wishes or desires of local residents. Go back to the drawing board and offer something much better!”

“The Esplanade is an important east/west route through the town and should be kept two way. If some traffic is diverted along Clarence Road it will provide more difficulty for pedestrians from the east getting to and from the town centre; there are a large number of retirement flats in this area. A pedestrian crossing should be provided. The hotel should face the sea. I suggest that the building at the junction of the Esplanade and Clarence Road be increased to six storeys with the lower three storeys as a hotel and the top three as flats. The block next to the Town Hall could be increased to four storeys and the land currently allocated for the hotel could be used for parking to replace that one the Esplanade. With regard to the Hothamton site there seems to be a quite inadequate amount of parking space. For a town to prosper in the 21st century it must have plenty of parking spaces and easy access for vehicles.”

“The Esplanade Road must remain two way. I suggest it stays as it is at the present with current parking. The Regis site will be enhanced with a well laid out square for relaxation, entertainment and restaurants which could become the focal point of Bognor. Access to the sea front would be on foot, by a bridge or ramp over, the esplanade road paid by the money saved in not changing the road. The Hotham site proposal has too many apartments at the loss of parking spaces for visitors and locals. Bognor has two large supermarkets on the Shripney Road and a third in the town. No more are required. The return of Marks & Spencer (men’s and ladies clothing) might stop the exodus of shoppers to Chichester.”

“The existing cinema needs to be saved. I am completely against new cinema to be build, we already have nice and affordable Cinema and we don’t need another complex what not going to be popular anyway, because prices be much higher. Instead of cinema there could be build something else, what we don’t have anywhere near. We have a cinema complex in Chichester, and many residents from Chichester are coming to Bognor cinema, especially during half terms to watch new films. If new cinema be built it will be empty because not many people can afford regular visits and we lose our Picturedrome, a fantastic venue.”

“The existing supermarket fulfills the supermarket need. Bring back the Ice Rink & Marina”

“The facade of the buildings resembles the one they are pulling down in Bournemouth. A cinema would not be viable.”

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“The first attempt at a Theatre was the air conditioning was awful otherwise a nice little theatre. Oppose large cinema complex as money isn’t good at the moment. Hope it won’t be another gag!”

“The first thing you need to do is make the town centre safe. I for one feel unsafe walking there. You rarely hear English spoken.

“The idea of building a multiplex cinema in Bognor Regis, which has a fine two-screen picture house, which would not survive this scheme, and so close to Chichester, which has a multiplex already, is dreadful. The only conclusion that can be drawn is that the council is embarrassed by the well-loved Picturedrome, and is seeking a “back-door” way to bring about its destruction.”


“The hotel should face the sea not have a cinema blocking its view. Swap them around. Seems to me a straight line to the new A29 roundabout would suffice? I don’t think visitors want a cinema when they come to the seaside, it is FULL of mainly eastern Europeans who will not support any of the venues.”

“The heart of Bognor was ripped out years ago by Councillors - don’t let it get worse. Will St Modwen be able to deliver complete package or go bust and leave us with a building site. Who are all these people waiting to take on bars/restaurants? Q16 - Not enough detail to decide. Q17 - Too much Q20 - Not enough detail/is it either or Q23 - Where can people sit in cafes for coffee and see the sea. Where can they park? Where is the infrastructure to support the people in all the new flats? Why would people flock to a 4 screen cinema paying top price when there is a very good cheap alternative. Have the consultants actually visited Bognor - it is FULL of mainly eastern Europeans who will not support any of the venues.”

“The idea of a multiplex cinema being essential to provide footfall is fanciful. Hay have you visited Chichester Gate Leisure Park? Do you really want one of these, a large, soul-less desert that cannot sustain its restaurants? Bognor has an excellent cinema that the residents have fought long and hard to retain. Don’t kill it off through misguided commercial fantasy. If I want to visit an expensive, characterless multiplex then I only have to drive 6 miles. I don’t want one as the centre-piece of a degraded Bognor Regis. Surely an Olympic sized Ice rink would be a great attraction to the town. I would imagine that it would be well used by residents and visitors, and would soon adopt a future Bognor Regis Ice Hockey team.

There are not many Ice Rinks in thelocale - lets provide a real resource that is lacking. Do NOT reduce the width of the sea-front road to provide parking, or make it one way. The drive along the sea-front is a really great asset to the town - please don’t meddle with it. All your proposed enhanced pedestrian routes across Belmont Street will be far less attractive due to the increased traffic.

The current block plan for the Hothamton site continues the blank, hard, wall of buildings along Queensway. Where are the inspired creative ideas that we see now? I really doubt the wisdom in many of the ideas put forward in this plan. Past ventures have cost the town its character, some are still un-workable and leave a lot to be desired. The ‘great’ idea of the part-pedestrianisation, part ‘anyone can drive down there if he wants to’ system in the High Street is still a problem. Do you realise that most motorists do not recognise the ‘Cars and motorcycles not permitted’ sign amongst the jumble of information on the pole. A simple ‘No Entry’ sign with the exceptions written below would be far more effective. Why does the much fanfared Bognor Relief road around Bersted end up with a slalom of junctions and roundabouts at the Rowan Way end, when a straight line to the new A29 roundabout would suffice? I think it is time for a fresh consortium of creative minds. I really am not inspired by a presentation that seems to believe that a photo of a twilight seascape taken from an Ikea bedroom looking out over a city full of skyscrapers will convince me to go for the scheme. How can a picture of a girl drinking coffee help me to assess your scheme, unless you think I do not know what the business of cafes is all about? How can a picture of a large terrace restaurant, most probably in some cosmopolitan city like Berlin, with large buildings in the background help me visualise Bognor? And why did you change the colour of the chairs from their natural wood to red? Come on, please, help us with some real visualisations”


“The idea of regeneration is sound, although if the developers mean to make a profit through building blocks of flats wherever they can squeeze them in, I think it will fail. The theatre needs tidying up but a cinema (as has been suggested) is not essential. A development of a facility for younger people such as ‘Top Golf’ would be more useful. At the moment the developers are looking more towards future profit than enhancing the area. I have not seen any proposal to increase car parking facilities in the vicinity.”

“The improvements to the Hothamton and Alexandra Theatre proposals appear very impressive but I do have concerns about the impact the Regis site proposals will have on the Picturedrome. This cinema is unique and provides a much more relaxed atmosphere than the major chain groups. I do not believe it will be able to survive if another cinema is built in Bognor.”

“The inclusion of a multiplex cinema would undoubtedly force the closure of the Picturedrome, as the only reasonably priced cinema in the area this would be a disaster. This would mean a great many of Bognor’s disadvantaged families would be unable to afford to go to the cinema. Also Bognor already has a great many cafes and places to eat, these would I fear suffer should there be a range at the proposed site.”

“The issue of car parking does not seem to have been addressed. You cannot build on 2 major car parks and not replace the car parking elsewhere. What is the point of trying to bring people into...
Bognor if they can’t park anywhere? Bognor does not need another cinema. We are all more than happy with the Picturedrome and its prices. Most multiplex cinemas are suffering in the recession and more and more people are watching films at home now, so it will become a white elephant. Bognor has got hardly any leisure attractions and it is plainly daft when you have the opportunity to build something new, to double up on the only thing that we already have. I do not believe that nothing else is viable. The businesses that I have heard mentioned that would only be interested in coming to Bognor if there was a cinema, are not the sort of businesses that we would want to attract anyway. It would be nice to take the opportunity to encourage local businesses to provide something unique in the area, not make it look like a clone of any other town. There are so many supermarkets springing up nearby that we don’t need any more and a supermarket would have no effect in bringing people into the town, particularly if they can’t park. Everyone is fed up with the bully boy tactics of Tesco locally and are very against another Tesco supermarket on this site. 

Morrison’s have plans to extend and I think that would be welcomed by most people. The only large companies that would be welcomed on this site would be more up-market companies like Marks and Spencer or John Lewis, which would have a very positive effect and attract more people into the area. Bognor has been on a downhill slide since Marks and Spencer moved out 20 or so years ago. You have still not listened to the Bognor people who have overwhelming said that they do not want any more flats on the seafront. What everyone wants is a regeneration plan that will give Bognor something unique, that will excite the locals and make people want to visit Bognor. They can go anywhere for a multiplex, but they can’t go anywhere else for £2.50 tickets for a film. There is nothing in these plans that excite me at all.”

“The key for me is to retain the Picturedrome Cinema. I’m supportive in principle of developing the theatre & bringing more bars, restaurants & apartments to the area, but the cinema is a magnificent old building & still hugely popular. It’s part of the overall charm of the town & it MUST STAY!!!”

“The key issue is that there is no money available unless developers contribute it. Therefore the complete overhaul of the town that is needed to create an environment for and delivery of true regeneration is impossible. The main element will be apartments and low quality leisure facilities with some minor landscaping benefits for the theatre and that part of the seafront. Using the central seafront area for a cinema is a terrible waste of potential for this site. Bournemouth is knocking down a seafront cinema because it didn’t work, so Bognor builds one to add to the two we already have. Makes no sense. The ‘design’ is blocky, cold and tacky, not uplifting, as is the Hothamton site which seems like a council estate site, and the District Council, don’t mess up this chance as we have so

“The lack of public parking spaces is my main concern, I can see the development of the Regis Centre site becoming a scaled down version of the problems at the Chichester Gate leisure complex where the lack of parking is becoming a serious problem, especially with cars being parked on grass verges and in nearby residential streets. The view that potential users of this site would be happy to park at Gloucester Road or London Road seems extremely far-fetched. If I lived on the edge of the town I certainly would not want a late night walk through the town or along the seafront to get back to my car. I would prefer to drive to Chichester or Gunwharf Quays where parking is nearer and more convenient (if insufficient at times in Chichester) to the leisure facilities. I have no concern over the inclusion of residential developments, these days we must be realistic that these are needed to pay for the rest of the developments. At the Hothamton site I think relatively tall buildings could help to soften the stark appearance of Fitzleet House, but I would be keen for this not to be a solely residential site, and at least to have shops/cafes/restaurants along the Queensway frontage. I know there has been some talk of the possibility of Morrisons being tempted to relocate there. This would be a preferred option from my point of view as it would free up the large town centre site for retail/residential uses, and could also include parking which would be much nearer to the Regis Centre site than the other alternatives. I enough parking was available in the town centre (perhaps a new multi-storey car park?) other outlying car parks such as the ones in London Road and Lyon Street could be freed up for disposal for development. I think the hotel is broadly a good idea, as are the restaurants and cafes, I think these developments could help improve existing facilities in the town by introducing a measure of competition. However I’m not convinced that the same can be said for the cinema proposals. To tell me at the consultation exhibition that the people who oppose the cinema on the grounds of the potential negative impact on the Picturedrome are doing so to be "deliberately mischievous" seems very wide of the mark. The present cinema is clearly underused and could be better supported by the town but on the whole people are very fond of the Picturedrome and I think the District Council should be careful in its proposals not to deliberately cause problems for one business by promoting the development of another. In the development of these proposals I would like to see that far more care has been taken to work with the town council and the lessee of the Picturedrome to find a way forward that benefits everyone and not just simply dismiss the concerns as "mischief"… I think the proposals for renovating the theatre and the provision of the new covered walkway to extend the Arcade are broadly good but I think I would like to see more evidence that the changes will increase the use of the theatre sufficiently to warrant its central place in this leisure scheme. For years the theatre has been underused and as a local resident it has consistently failed to draw my custom from the Chichester Festival Theatre so I’m not yet convinced that a new building will be the draw for theatre companies that we are told it will be. Perhaps cinema operations could switch to the new development, to protect the investment in restaurants and cafes that we are told is so dependent on the presence of a cinema on the site, and theatre/community uses could transfer to the Picturedrome building? I think many people would like to see more evidence from ADC and St Modwen that ideas such as this have been looked into before being discounted. For years Bognor has lost iconic buildings such as the Rex and the Southdown Bus Station to the demands for a long list of regeneration schemes that have ultimately come to nothing and I think many in the town now see it as the direct responsibility of ADC in this current round of plans to ensure that this situation is not allowed to continue. It certainly feels like this is one of those once-in-a-generation chances to finally do some good for Bognor and I’m really keen that we as a Community, and the District Council, don’t mess up this chance as we have so
often in the past. I look forward to the publication of more detailed proposals next year and the opportunity to comment further.”

“The last thing Bognor needs is to be the same everywhere else - repeating Chichester’s leisure development would be an expensive mistake and adding tons of flats will over strain our infrastructure even more.”

“The local infrastructure will not bear a further large increase in residential accommodation. What is needed is more active leisure facilities, such as a bowling alley. The proposal to site another cinema there is not called for when there is a good refurbished cinema already in the town. Bognor Regis town would be better left alone than have all these flats built. There is a net loss of car parking space, further exacerbating the town’s parking problem. How are we supposed to attract more people into the town if there is nowhere to park?”

“The local people in Bognor Regis like the cinema as it is. It has charm and is not too large to let children go on their own. If people want a multiplex they are willing to travel to Chichester for it”

“The loss of parking indicates a proper lack of knowledge of the present environs. The consideration of creating a cinema complex and associated cafes etc reinforce the lack of knowledge as mentioned before. A proposal to make the esplanade a one way route indicates stupidity and lack of traffic flow.”

“The loss of parking spaces is worrying. Saying “better management” will solve the problem is not sufficient. You need a PARKING STRATEGY/PLAN. - There are no facilities (other than the cinema) for the youth of Bognor “

“The loss of so many parking places on the Regis Centre site sounds a death knell to a new cinema and the theatre. People will not visit unless the parking is convenient and the town centre parking is not convenient. When the weather is wet they will choose a cinema like Chichester that has parking close by. The cinema will be a white elephant, Bournemouth couldn’t make theirs pay and their catchment area is much larger ours. Cinemas all over the country are struggling against the many ways people now have of receiving home entertainment and, sadly, the cinemas are losing. The proposed echelon parking along the Esplanade means a one way system along the front but there doesn’t seem to be a plan for traffic going in the other direction and, after all, this is the main east-west route through the town. This should have been decided before anything else surely. The thought of flats and a cinema built on the last open area on Bognor sea front is terrible to contemplate. If you think we need another cinema at least build it somewhere else, not on the last prime sea front area. On the Hothamton site again you need a re-think. Firstly the Queensway. There is no point in thinking of cafes etc. along the street as, when the wind blows, it is like walking through a wind tunnel and another tall building will only make matters much worse. Sharing parking between residents and the public on the Hothamton site sounds a recipe for disaster, especially as the number of parking places appears to be inadequate for the number of flats proposed. And why would you think another supermarket would be good? We are overburdened with supermarkets and certainly don’t need another, especially as it will probably be Tesco and we have enough of those already. People visit Bognor Regis for the sea front and the beach, but you are removing so much parking that the day visitors will be deterred and, yet again, the people of Bognor will have been let down. At the consultation there was some talk of a marina but, after years and years of hearing about such things, no-one holds out much hope. Arun District seems intent on building on every piece of open space that we have with no consideration for how the Bognor townsfolk feel and what they want.”

“The loss of the car park would kill the gain of a new development. We would rather be able to park near to amenities. This would also kill the Picturedrome of which will then lose a great deal of the people that come to see it as the cost at the new complex would be too high.”

“The loss of the existing cinema would be a disaster to those who have limited funds, as they certainly could not afford multiplex prices. Loss of existing car parking spaces would keep shoppers away, thus losing revenue to local traders, who would eventually have to close - which would make Bognor Regis a very sad place. There should be more leisure facilities and the Alexandra Theatre made bigger and used not only as a theatre but also a hall for dances, events and exhibitions. Coaches should be allowed to park on the sea front, to attract more less able visitors and families with young children. The railway station must be more approachable, with direct and easy access to the town and no busy/dangerous roads to cross. This may not be viable, then safe crossings from all entrances should be implemented.”

“The loss of town centre parking totals, combined with the threat to impose a multi-screen cinema or do nothing in its place is a clear case of St Modwen blackmailing the Public of Bognor into something they neither need nor want. When the cinema becomes underused and goes bust through overpricing and lack of custom, how will Arun re-develop the site then? If you really need to redevelop the Regis centre site that badly, try a mixed leisure site. One that uses more than a one trick pony High-cost cinema to attract people to bars and cafes. Look at Chichester Cineview complex, the attendant places are virtually empty for most of the evenings they are open as well as the screenings it boasts. The empty seats are paid for by those who do want to attend in the evenings and at weekends. Endless showings and empty cinemas are not a good business model without exorbitant prices for those seats that are sold. Daytime and most evenings, the food and drink places are always empty, the cinema is insufficient to support them wholly. There is a seafront and a tourist budget that will attract people to restaurants etc without having to destroy part of Bognor’s heritage to satisfy shareholder’s greed through St Modwen. The cinema merely gains additional funding that pays for that part of the site from a multinational cinema corporation such as Vue or Cineworld, thus improving St Modwen’s profit margin, not the site or Bognor. Multiplexes are having a really bad time in these economic conditions. Would Arun be happy to lump itself and its taxpayers with a white elephant that will annoy residents and probably end up with a picket line and public boycott? Think of that bad publicity. ADC destroy local independent to satisfy developer’s greed.....”

“The main concern is that you are developing on two massive parking sites. The development will potentially bring 450 people to the theatre and then several hundred more to the cinema and restaurant complex. These people will have to park somewhere and you have only provided 60 spaces on the Regis site, most of which will be taken by the council offices, the residential properties and the new staff. The parking on the Hothamton site will be gone entirely because the only spaces there will be used by the new residents. I think you should consider the addition of a multi storey car park somewhere or alternatively make the Esplanade into one big car park along its entire length. Bognor is in desperate need of development.”

“The main feature and most important for any seaside town is its Pier. It is the focal point of the seafront. Restoration of the Pier should be the main priority for a resort worthy of the name. (People do not come to Bognor to admire blocks of flats!) The Pier already has a very good theatre - sadly not used. Q11 - Also it has space for a restaurant, bars, cafes and public seating. The Pier used also to...
provide group live entertainment. Remember: The image of the Pier is the image of Bognor.”

“The main objection I have to the proposals is that the one real and actual asset that the town has namely the Picturedrome Cinema is under threat of closure and ”re-development”. The town needs a multiplex cinema complex as much as a fish needs a pair of shoes. Also the town centre already has a plethora of “al-fresco” dining places and coffee shops. I really think that if Bognor wants to attract people into the town centre they should build something which would be a sustainable entity like an ice skating rink or a bowling alley.”

“The main problem is the provision of sufficient parking particularly during daytime in the summer months. The other issue is the viability of the Picturedrome in competition with the new multiscreen cinema.”

“The major concern is the Alexandra Theatre site and the continued proposal of a multiplex cinema. The majority of Bognor families cannot afford multiplex prices. The Picturedrome is a great cinema and is affordable. I would prefer other family friendly options such as soft play & undercover adventure playground, Laser Tag, Bowling etc.”

“The money should be better spent on the seafront itself. The Picturedrome should be maintained, better advertised. There is no point of having a new complex if there is not enough parking.”

“The multi screen cinema would be the death knell of the PICTUREDROME. If this were to happen I would revert to using Chichester facilities i.e. restaurants bars shops”

“The Multi/miniplex cinema will turn out to be a white elephant just like the one at Bournemouth (which is being pulled down) especially as there is not enough parking for all the visitors St Modwen seems to be expecting to frequent the cinema and numerous cafes and restaurants on this space. With reference to the Hothamton site, again there will only be limited parking, so where are all the shoppers at the supermarket supposed to park? Fitzleat Multi-storey is not big enough or suitable to take all the cars St Modwen are expecting to visit the “Regenerated Town”. Also it is not the safest place to park especially at night. On an evening out I for one prefer to use the Hothamton site as it is bright and open. Therefore I have grave concerns re this development and hope that it is not a “foregone conclusion” as promised.”

“The multiplex cinema is a bad idea, a bowling alley would be better. Improving the theatre is good and maybe more cafes but, though I don’t drive, I think the lack of parking would defeat the whole object. The Picturedrome should be preserved as it is an excellent cinema and much more. I disagree that the only way businesses would come to Bognor Regis would be if there is a multiplex cinema, look at the bleak complex at Southgate Chichester and the fiasco in Bournemouth.”

“The nearest Skating Rinks are Brighton & Portsmouth - an Ice Rink in a large catchment area would attract children whilst their parents went shopping. Where are the public toilets? Multiplex cinema is only 15 mins away in Chichester -visitors to Bognor seafront need to see the town not 100’s & 100’s of flats. This is a seaside town not a housing estate!”

“The need for a new cinema is not needed when we have a perfectly good and restored cinema in Bognor with great tradition. I like the idea of restaurants, bars etc and some quality housing central to Bognor.”

“The need for redevelopment in these areas essential. I regret the possible loss of the Picturedrome however.”

“The new cinema would harm Bognor and would spoil the current one.”

“The new parking on the existing seafront road is a misuse of a valuable public space. People NOT cars should be free to flow from the town to the seafront. Generally the site proposal would be better reversed with the parking on the north side and the buildings moved south. The positioning of a plant room in the south elevation and a cinema (closed to outside view) is misplaced. Not enough appreciation has been given to the most valuable asset, the sea.”

“The obvious benefit of these proposals is for St Modwen making lots of money building apartments. Building a multiplex we don’t need and will provide films that are too expensive for local families to see is disgusting, once again the council is not in touch with local residents. Come out door to door and ask us what we want! The Picturedrome is preferred by local parents who can go to see all the latest films for a fraction of the cost of a multiplex (e.g. Cineworld Chichester), it is naive and insulting to think that we believe what the council says about competition being good for the Picturedrome. I use the cinema a lot; I have two children at school in Felpham. The tidying up of the theatre and other development will help Bognor but I strongly oppose the thrust of the present proposal.”

“The old cinema would be greatly affected by a new cinema - there is a great need for more restaurants”

“The old style Picturedrome I a visiting point for Bognor Regis, people come here just for that style cinema, if people wanted a big cinema there is one in Chichester. I myself have friend who travels from Chelmsford in Essex just to go to the Picturedrome”

“The one cinema we have is the only one needed. We need more leisure facilities not further housing”

“The one thing that angers me intensely is the thought that our much loved cinema, the Picturedrome would cease to give decent films. There is a Multiplex in Chichester we do not need one in Bognor. We do not need Arun messing up our Bognor Regis anymore.”

“The one way road along the seafront is not acceptable”

"THE ONLY BENEFIT IS TO ST MODWEN THERE IS NOTHING FOR THE RESIDENTS OF BOGNOR WE DON'T NEED MORE FLATS OR SUPERMARKETS AS WE HAVE THREE ALREADY, WE NEED MORE FREE PARKING NOT LESS WE DO NOT NEED 2 CINEMAS HOTHAM PARK NEEDS MORE SPACE NOT LESS"  

"The only reason I go into Bognor more frequently now is the disk parking scheme. Before this was introduced I went there perhaps once a month. The multiplex scheme is unnecessary. We have an excellent and well patronised cinema which would be killed by this scheme. The multiplex and surrounding shops cafes etc would fail due to lack of convenient adjacent parking. Chichester Gate is failing and that has several times as many spaces as are being proposed here. What Bognor needs is a proper full on Arts Centre with facilities for all the local people. This works very well in Havant without requiring rapacious developers to ruin the town. I suggest you go and have a look. As for Hothamton give it to Waitrose. If Littlehampton can have one why can’t we.”

"The only thing that would sorry me would be the loss of the Picturedrome Cinema and I would hope that provision would be made for the town to retain this important feature."

"The only way is up! Any improvements can only benefit the town.”

"The only way to encourage more people to the town is by providing more car parking spaces. The multiplex cinema is not wanted by residents, but a covered area [all weather] could be provided at the
Esplanade bandstand [see Eastbourne]. The Picturedrome must be kept as our primary cinema and if St. Modwen can’t accept this - get someone who will.

“The parking would be a major issue. Security at night would also need to be considered.”

“The Picturedrome Cinema - is a brilliant local asset. When patronised managed or maintained with very affordable prices. Whilst I appreciate that the multiplex cinema will attract larger numbers of people will they be spending money at local venues/businesses or only at the multiplex? Keep the Picturedrome - Please. Something must be done for Bognor “doing nothing is no longer acceptable.”

“The Picturedrome cinema caters for what the residents of Bognor want, if you want to go to a bigger place to see a film, then you go to Chichester. The theatre at present suits the community fine, we have shops, you just need the companies to fill them, you can't have empty shops in the town and then an ultra-modern centre, people would not come to Bognor if the town isn’t right. There are already 3 hotels at Butlins plus the B and B’s in the town, there’s the Royal Norfolk as well, that probably doesn’t fill all of its rooms. As for accommodation on the sea front, only people with loads of money will be able to afford those and they will not be working in Bognor. We need things for the young of the town to do and sitting in a multiplex is not going to do it for them, A bowling alley would be good, an ice rink would be lovely, (you never know Bognor might have the next Torvill and Dean,) but it is so expensive and time consuming to go to an ice rink elsewhere. You would have people coming from Chichester, Havant, Littlehampton, Worthing, etc to use it. At the end of the day, spend the money on getting the shopping area up to scratch, Bognor Regis must be the Mecca of betting shops, Mobile phone shops and Charity shops. This has dragged on for a long time and I would like to see the shopping part of the town brought up to scratch, to use the Picturedrome for what it is supposed to be used for,”

“The Picturedrome cinema is a real asset to the town. Any proposals to build a multiplex on the Regis site or anywhere else in Bognor would harm it.”

“The Picturedrome cinema is a unique part of Bognor. Getting rid of it would be a great loss to the town and its history. But I am completely for redevelopment of the area in relation to places to eat and shop. Yet a supermarket is unnecessary as Sainsbury’s is not even dry yet!”

“The Picturedrome in the town MUST be preserved at all costs and allowed to maintain financial viability. This cannot happen if a multiplex is built in the town.”

“The Picturedrome is a classic part of Bognor, and should remain as it is. It is the only cinema I can afford to take my children to, and I love the way it has been preserved over the years.”

“The Picturedrome is a family friendly cinema and doesn’t deserve to be closed due to a new and more costly cinema.”

“The Picturedrome is a fantastic asset, which must be supported. By including a multiplex cinema in the development would lead the Picturedrome to close. The Picturedrome is fantastic value at £2.50 or £3.50 a ticket, and has seen recent investment in both seating and digital technology, and the architecture is beautiful, thus making it a special evening out. There are plenty of restaurants and pubs within easy reach. The only downsides are the toilets which can be simply refurbished, and the car parking.”

“The Picturedrome is a huge draw to Bognor to people from outlying villages. The only reason my friends I visit the town. Affordable cinema in a friendly vintage setting it makes Bognor unique. Please don’t do anything to harm its future.”

“The Picturedrome is a unique and valuable asset and has adequate parking for visitors at Queensway. A new cinema would be harmful and wouldn’t be attractive enough to draw attention from other surrounding areas. More independent shops, restaurants should be encouraged to distinguish Bognor.”

“The Picturedrome is a viable, historic, attractive asset to Bognor Regis - and affordable. The cinema suggested could be replaced by another cultural development e.g. Art Gallery, Concert Hall attractive to headline acts, good orchestras etc. I would hope that at the same time the pier could be cleaned up and more attractive visually and semi derelict buildings on the Promenade reused or removed.”

“The Picturedrome is an adequate cinema for Bognor Regis. I fully oppose the plans for a multiplex cinema and also an additional supermarket at Hotham Park. Otherwise I agree with the proposals.”

“The Picturedrome is an asset that you must not get rid of. Why not plow some funds into this site? Make it smarter, develop the facilities, add another screen etc. By providing a multi-screen ‘all sing and dancing’ cinema you will be pricing local people out of the cinema. People travel to Chichester or Brighton for a fancy cinema. Your main goal seems to be making money out of people - double edged sword the way you are going about it. Why not develop the area around the station into an arts/creative quarter? Make the gateway into Bognor a welcoming site, not an old, cheap, decaying eyesore. The Alexandra theatre needs to be changed and developed...but again, PLEASE don’t price all your facilities out of local peoples' pockets.”

“The Picturedrome is doomed if a further cinema is built. What would then become of that site now that it is finally looking presentable? It is the only good value cinema a lot of families can afford. One ticket at a multiplex or a family trip to Bognor Regis. If I went to a multiplex it would be one with parking. CHICHESTER.”

“The Picturedrome is one of Bognor’s greatest assets. It provides a genuine cinema experience in an atmospheric setting showing up-to-the-minute films at a fraction of the cost of a night out at Cineworld down the road in Chichester. The Picturedrome must not be shut down!”

“The Picturedrome is part of Bognor’s history and by putting these developments forward you are pushing to lose yet another piece of Bognor’s heritage. Also bring the pier up to date”

“The Picturedrome is unique as an experience and is the cheapest cinema we know. This makes a difference for families and children on tight budgets. A multiplex would charge far higher prices and would probably ‘steal’ first run films from the Picturedrome. I also don't like the fact that we are being forced to accept the cinema for the sake of the restaurants and other outlets. However, investment is always welcome in the town but not at any price.”

“The Picturedrome must be kept at all costs it is a major part of Bognor Regis. Yes I support modern change but please keep some of Bognor’s heritage. Also bring the pier up to date”

“The Picturedrome must be protected. Any development this must be considered.”

“The Picturedrome should be kept as a Cinema, it is a beautiful historic building (Bognor does not have many of those), any Development done to the town should not be allowed if it will harm the viability of the Picturedrome!”
“The Picturedrome theatre is the reason why we come into Bognor Regis. While there we often have lunch and sometimes do some shopping. With the addition of a Multiplex theatre that would no longer be a draw to us as we cannot afford the high price of movie tickets charged by multiplexes. The Picturedrome is a great landmark and one the town should be proud of. We always enjoy our visits there and it brings us into the town. With the closure of the Picturedrome we would no longer have a reason to visit Bognor Regis, which would be the case if the proposal goes forward as it now stands.”

“The Picturedrome will be protected - I HOPE - by funding from St Modwen (they get something and we do too). Queensway is a nightmare in the wind - research needed re: the height of buildings there. Parking is ALWAYS an issue. How will St Modwen draw businesses in when shops are still closing now? There doesn’t seem to be enough focus on leisure and tourism - lots more work to do!”

“The Picturedrome will not survive and will be forced to close. Bognor will lose around 100 parking”

“The Picturedrome would be lost if a large picture complex was built, the area would be better using the site for a local sport complex low cost the residence to encourage healthy life styles.”

“The plans appear to have been drawn up by someone with little knowledge or experience of Bognor. They are full of assertions for which no, or unsatisfactory, evidence is given. Another cinema is not required and it would make economic sense to use that place for another leisure venue. There is no evidence that a study of the effect on traffic flow of making the Esplanade one-way has been undertaken. All in all a haphazard, unprofessional, and unconvincing set of proposals leaving me fearful for Bognor’s future.”

“The plans for regeneration of Bognor - excellent refurbishing Alexandra Theatre - A big Plus. New jobs for the local people - wonderful. Improvement to outside of theatre - public places - fantastic. But NO to cinema, please keep the Picturedrome”

“The plans have not sufficient car parking. I feel traffic flow will be adversely by these plans.”

“The plans propose a 4-5 screen cinema and the development as a whole is designed to bring people into Bognor Regis but where will they all park? Surely more than 60 spaces will be required if there are going to be enough visitors to make the site profitable and to allow for the hotel and residential developments? But taken as a whole I’m supportive of the plans to regenerate a tired part of the seafront.”

“The premise that the new development must have a cinema complex [rather than other attractions] would seem to be likely to mean that the historic and popular Picturedrome would have to close, which would be a sad loss.”

“The present Bognor is acceptable to most people, we just need a few different shops/ things to do more in bad weather so visitors can have things to do inside. I would strongly oppose the sea front road being built on as this is my main route when driving around the town. The internal streets are too congested now and with less car space even more impassable as you try to manoeuvre round the town. I feel very angry that after the recent investment to buy the Picturedrome we are now faced with losing it anyway through this proposal of a new cinema which will also be way above the cost of a night out for local families. I do enjoy going myself and seeing the most up to date films - IN MY LOCAL CINEMA.”

“The present cinema is perfectly adequate for Bognor’s needs. Why develop another soul-less place.”

“THE PRESENT DRAINAGE AND SEWER SYSTEM WOULD NOT SUPPORT ANY MORE RESIDENTIAL UNITS, THE RECENT FLOODING PROBLEMS INDICATE THIS.”

“The problem with the entire proposal is loss of parking throughout Bognor. Inadequate parking would be provided for the new cinema and cafes. On street parking and a one way esplanade will cause traffic chaos - UNACCEPTABLE.”

“The problem with these proposals is lack of parking. No one will use the proposed facilities if they can’t get close. The only parking of any size is the Fitzleet multi-storey. The lifts are constantly out of action and filthy dirty. Also the park is also quite full & it’s necessary to go up to the top.”

“The proposal for a multi screen cinema is unnecessary and detrimental to the continued existence of Bognor’s existing cinema. There are proposals to increase the number of screens at the Picturedrome which would make more sense. There is no way that Bognor can support two multi-screen cinemas especially when there is are two cinemas close by in Chichester. If you want to provide more film screenings of big blockbuster films you may want to consider screening films in the Alexandra Theatre just as they do at the Connaught Theatre in Worthing without significantly affecting the existence of Worthing’s Dome Cinema or the other uses of the Theatre. I fully support the redevelopment of the Alexandra Theatre and the proposed development in Hothamton. It is the rest of the development on the Regis Centre site that I feel requires a bit of a rethink. What would actually bring people to Bognor that other local towns (Chichester, Worthing, Littlehampton, etc.) don’t have? That’s something that requires serious consideration. Bognor does not currently attract local people from outside the Bognor area because it has little to offer them. By providing something that would attract these people you would create something that would also attract visitors to the West Sussex area rather than providing something just for residents of Bognor and visitors staying in Bognor.”

“The proposal for a new Bognor would only benefit the developers, why not encourage more shops like M&S, BHS, Asda, and the like to come to Bognor, improve the beach area so young families would come for holidays, it seems we are steering towards the richer class of person. Many people who live in Bognor are pensioners, or young families on low income. The new apartments along the front are only for the rich who in many cases have them as holiday homes. Gone are the days when Bognor was a place to be proud of, now it is dirty, nearly every shop is either a phone or charity shop or cafe. Use the money by all means but don’t overcrowd it with more people living in the “apartments” putting a stain on the schools, doctor surgeries, the DSS. Make it a place to be enjoyed by all, young and old, not a ghost town as it is at the moment.”

“The proposal is not good enough - just look at Chichester Gate - Most restaurants go out of business very quickly. Have the planners “noticed” all the hotels already at Butlins!! - Rubbish”

“The proposal of cinema insistence borders on blackmail.”

“The proposal shows no benefit to the people of Bognor especially the younger generation. More flats are certainly NOT needed on the seafront, - or a hotel! We need more leisure facilities in the town and use of the seafront.”

“The proposal to build a multi screen cinema would destroy the character of Bognor. It would clash completely with its image of an atmospheric Victorian seaside town. Central to this is our Picturedrome cinema and any proposals which threaten its existence should be completely turned down.”

“The proposal to include a multiplex cinema would harm the existing Picturedrome cinema and should not be part of any proposed

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development. The reduction in car parking will greatly affect the town centre especially as the developments proposed would increase the influx of residents and visitors with even less parking facilities."

“The proposal varies very little from the original one and could have been prepared in about half an hour. The complete refusal to consider anything but a cineplex is a disgrace. Has anyone considered the number of parking spaces being removed? The additional requirements if these proposals went ahead and the actual number of places to be provided if the development went ahead (bearing in mind the loss of Morrisons car park). This whole proposal is a disgrace and St. Modwen should be told to stop wasting our time and just go away and stop claiming fees for writing fairy tales.”

“The proposal would benefit form a multi-storey car park if that’s possible”

“The proposals are a cynical, blinkered, uncreative and very eighties set of ideas. There is nothing new here and it has nothing to do with regeneration – just a quick buck for an investment company that hasn’t proved itself elsewhere. Colliers have done an appallingly lazy piece of research both on this town and Arundel where they weren’t even aware of the Victoria Institute’s constitution. Bognor Regis deserves a lot more respect and a lot more forward thinking.”

“The proposals are for more housing, but even less parking. This cannot work to produce a good thriving town, where visitors will be unable to park. This proposal only appears to want to make money on selling housing and as for the hotel = we have many in Bognor Regis which could do with some trade, without Butlins complex!”

“The proposals are great, but I think that if they were to build a well-known club such as ‘Liquid & Envy or Fabric’ this will then attract a lot of young people to spend most of the night out in Bognor Regis instead of going elsewhere, plus you may get an increase to the young people coming into Bognor.”

“The proposals are incomplete they show car parks being built on but no proposals as to how the parking required to make the regeneration a viable scheme. As it stands the scheme is flawed and will not work. A cinema, restaurants etc need people and they need places to park. Additionally the town has an excellent cinema which provides good facilities and experience, back what we have, don’t destroy it”

“The proposals do not show any real incentive for visitors to visit Bognor. The suggestion is for a 4-5 screen cinema but no parking no one wants to walk too far in the rain and wind. There are no benefits to Bognor in building student flats on the Hothamton site what visitor would want to look at them. We need something different a new pier, live performances on the bandstand a fun fair on Hothamton site.”

“The proposals for cinema and theatre would only create future white elephants. Ground level parking should not be reduced and many more parking spaces would be required for proposed theatre, cinema, restaurants, bars, cafes etc. re height of buildings. Remember Croydon’s winds. Bognor weather would be good enough for needed visitors for about one third of the year only.”

“The proposals for Hothamton, as outlined, will bring no benefit at all to the town. The Leisure proposals, cinema issues aside, for the seafront site are insufficient given the high price in terms of enabling residential development and loss of overall parking provision, on both sites. We live in the town centre and have to park on the street - there isn’t enough parking already - COULD DO BETTER!”

“The proposals for parking are totally inadequate. Bognor does not need 200 apartments on one of its largest car parks or 80 flats and a hotel on the Alexandra Theatre site. The original plans included improved shopping choice and facilities - these all appear to have been forgotten. People are not going to shop in Bognor if they can’t find parking spaces. What happened to the proposed Shopping Mall? Why are people in Littlehampton and Arundel being asked for their views? No one asked Bognor about the changes to Littlehampton.”

“The proposals have no details that would prove the assumptions made i.e. no estimates of costs or values; no evidence of the justification for a large hotel (e.g. Visitor numbers currently not accommodated). There is too much interdependency of the various proposals and there is no ‘Plan B’ for each proposal. In summary, too many opinions by the developer/district council that cannot be proved and too few facts. Considering the time and expense to date, including the extra time given to the developer due to the economic climate, this whole presentation is a major disappointment.”

“The proposals include up to 280 apartments which would produce a lot more cars yet they would be building on some of the town’s best car parking areas. Perhaps you should just close the seafront and turn it into a car park! A hotel is not required as Butlins has plenty. OK build some flats on or near Regis site and improve Regis site and theatre. Use some money to upgrade Picturedrome. Leave Hothamton site for now until the county as a whole improves. You need to retain more than ample parking in the town otherwise people will not visit. Keep the seafront traffic two way otherwise you will just clog up the town. Is it a good idea to sell off all your best sites in the middle of a recession?”

“The proposals look attractive and, I believe, will restore Bognor Regis to a thriving English seaside town, with a much needed modern twist. However, to ensure its success I believe much more car parking will be required.”

“The proposals risk undermining the existing cinema, which is unique and a valuable community asset, as well as being a beautiful building.”

“The proposals seem biased, leaving no choice for an alternative. Bognor has enough housing development already and Fitzleet House is a blot on the landscape, we don’t need more like that. A multi-cinema complex will close down the Picturedrome which should be kept going. We need to redevelop the Regis Centre which was no doubt viewed as modern and innovative when it was built. A bowling alley and wine bar would be more beneficial.”

“The proposals should be scrapped in their current form. St Modwen should resubmit and also other companies brought in - as before. The proposals would greatly harm this town we do not need flats or a hotel. The existing cinema is great.”

“The proposals will reduce the number of parking places to such an extent that it will damage retail even further. There would not even be enough parking to service the enlarged theatre and new cinema. The new cinema will destroy the existing cinema which does a good job. ADC has agreed to developments all over the town without sufficient parking - we are now buried under parked cars in our streets - these proposals will make the situation much more difficult.”

“The proposals with the new cinema and other establishments like restaurants, shops, etc. will only force such lovely establishments as the Picturedrome Cinema in Bognor to close and it is a great establishment! Provide investments by all means but not to the cost of other small and beneficial businesses!”

“The proposed 1-way street along the seafront would create so much traffic in other parts of the town (where would the traffic go?). On-site parking is key to any development. The Chichester Gate development proves that. Parking if difficult nearly all the time
in their car park. When we go away and stay in a hotel, secure, on-site parking is one of the key considerations we look at before booking. Access to Bognor Regis from London, along the A29 is severely hampered by the level crossing at Woodgate. The provision of a bridge would again, I feel, by key to help the development succeed."

“The proposed 4-5 screen cinema would not be needed as Bognor already has a very good cinema with friendly staff that charge good prices, I’m worried that a new cinema would charge more but force the Picturedrome Cinema out of business. From what I believe the Picturedrome is able to expand to 4 screens, surely this would be preferable?"

“The proposed buildings are too high. There is already a cinema in the town. Instead of this massive redevelopment why not make improvements to the current Regis site, e.g. landscaping, fountains, seating (with shelter from inclement weather). There should be a facility for a good market somewhere. Why not close part of the esplanade one morning a week and use it as a market area (this works well on the continent). Basically, Bognor looks shoddy and run-down, but its character could be retained by a sensitive upgrade. The building attached to the back of the Town Hall is an eyesore. Build a 2/3 storey block of flats in its place, designed to match existing flats. The Regis pub should be knocked down and replaced; it’s a very unattractive building. Update the general pedestrianised shopping area; many areas above shop fronts have been concreted over, e.g. above Barclays Bank in the High Street. Get rid of the ridiculous rusty metal sculpture thing opposite the arcade. Repaint and update the entrances to the arcade. Provide more bike parks (there are insufficient already), allow cycling everywhere like on the continent.”

“The proposed developments could bring in multinational and national businesses that will effectively take away from the individual character of the town. This will undoubtedly harm many small local facilities and businesses, not to the benefit of the local community. Whilst appreciating the need for some improvements and developments, to not recognise that it is far better to encourage and promote and develop that which already exists and is part of the local community seems extremely short sighted, and in the long run will simply turn Bognor into another faceless "Arndale"." The proposed flats add to the monster on Queenstown. However, levels of flats on some parts necessary for economic reasons. If there is to be a "Water feature" could it be a low tech paddling pool, drained nightly or cleaned with the streets daily, seating of course to encourage families to stay and spend to benefit town traders.”

“The proposed improvements to Bognor are long overdue.”

“The proposed plans are highly desirable. The present cinema is an ancient travesty - parking is non-existent and how can any council waste money on its preservation and make it a listed building is beyond me. The Reynolds Depository looks much better.”

“The proposed Regis centre site should not include a new cinema. The cinema in Bognor is very good and well-priced and replacing this with a more expensive 4/5 screen cinema is not a positive move. I think if space is used to put restaurants and cafes this would be a good idea, but no more apartments.”

“The proposed would severely impact existing cafes on the High Street, the Picturedrome and existing hotels guest houses and B&Bs A more attractive public area, multiple functional leisure facilities, e.g. skating/rollerblading rink, laser quest, adventure play area, climbing wall area etc”

“The provision of a multiplex cinema as the ‘anchor’ of the new development is absolutely damaging to Bognor Regis which already has a Grade 2 Listed cinema which is well run and popular. If you build a new cinema on the Regis centre site it would most likely make the Picturedrome unviable as the new releases would go to the new cinema. [If they didn't this would fold] If the Picturedrome folds that whole central area by the station is blighted.”

“The provision of multiplex cinema will greatly harm the Picturedrome; as will further restaurants to the existing cafes and bars. Parking and access have not been thought through. The developer’s picture of Bognor takes little concern for the surrounding environment and the views of residents given these consultations have been going on for years. Any identity Bognor has will be lost.”

“The Queensway has always been a backwater and I have my doubts that it will cease to be so if the proposals go through.”

“The questions are biased to steer respondents and the consultation is being carried out throughout the district which will dilute the results. The only surveys that matter are those which are statistically valid and are carried out in the Bognor Regis area. Chichester should also be including as the aim of the council is to discourage out commuting and attract business from Chichester. Just 60 public parking spaces on the Regis Centre site demonstrates Arun Council’s dishonesty in claiming the plans will attract visitors.”

“The questions you have put are obviously loaded in favour of making the changes. My main objection is the cinema - I attend the local cinema as it has much more atmosphere due to the fact that it is an original building and is cheap to visit, I would not attend the cinema at all if it was modernised like the Chichester one and could not afford the prices. Leave the Picturedrome alone!!”

“The reality is apart from weekly shop at supermarkets in Bognor most people I know like myself, spend our leisure and social time in Chichester, with lots to offer. We spend a lot of money in their Bars, Shops, Restaurants etc”

“The reasoning for having a 4 - 5 screen cinema is faulty - it is only proposed to support funding for other proposals. There is no need for another cinema - the needs of film goers in this time of television, internet and the like have been fully provided for.”

“The redevelopment of the seafront into part pedestrian and gardens, children’s play area (traditional seaside). Cafes as now. The money will come to the town if you get the people!!”

“The reduced provision for parking is my greatest concern. I believe that most of the reduced parking will be taken up by residents of the new residential accommodation. Any new one way traffic additions, which may be under consideration, will really inconvenience Bognor residents and visitors. We already have many ethnic and pub restaurants, and other than those, restaurants in the town centre seem to struggle to survive in season, never mind out of it. Any in the new proposed centres will be high-priced, or chains. Another concern is that the developer will not complete the public areas, having built the profit making residential part of the plan. As for the multi-screen cinema, that is blackmail. Q11 is heavily loaded - I think the whole questionnaire comes down to that one question.”

“The regeneration could be fantastic for Bognor Regis. My concern is that the town cannot support two cinemas and the local Picturedrome could not compete with a multiplex cinema, I know that the council disagrees, but can only give one example of a town where this has been a success, how many have failed??? The Regis Centre should concentrate on the theatre side of the proposal bring in my entertainment, art, street entertainers, comedy, make the area into a unique cutting edge arts centre, NOT force a unique traditional beautiful cinema fight for its life , and eventual closure. As a resident of Bognor Regis I urge you to reconsider this part of the proposal.”
“The regeneration proposals will attract an increase in the number of residents and visitors. Therefore the number of parking spaces must be increased NOT decreased”

“The Regis Centre currently employs volunteer staff, as I need a full time job I am unable to join. I currently work in Chichester. An opportunity to be part of the new proposals, I would be able to help my community to grow and thrive. Bringing more people to Bognor can only help the economy. Job vacancies in town are very limited if any.”

“The Regis centre has always felt dismal and depressing. As a resident for 35 years, I have not attended much at the Centre because there is no character or ambience. It feels more like an old fashioned public toilet space and was obviously a poor choice even at the time of building. I am therefore wholeheartedly behind any plans which would bring Bognor up to date and take away that dowdy 'tacky' feel. My only concern would be the future of the Picturedrome Cinema which is one of the best retro cinemas I have been in and has iconic design features. The current management have worked so hard to provide an excellent programme including the live streaming of National Theatre plays. If funding could be found to keep this cinema, surely it could become the Art cinema for Bognor as New Park is to Chichester? It would be a travesty to see this building undervalued and left to decay. So much of old Bognor has been lost.....let’s not lose the last vestige of what was good.”

“The Regis Centre site has the right balance. Hothamton has the potential to become a town centre anti-social hot spot to join the sunken gardens. Hothamton needs a supermarket/retail park to include parking. Argos/retail park would be ideal as they are interested in Bognor.”

“The Regis Centre site is a prime seaside site. A cinema is unsuitable for this. Bognor Regis has one of the highest sunshine quantities in the UK. The Regis Centre site should take advantage of this. The current level of inside/outside use on that site is fine. It is just the building which is an eyesore. Revamping the building, retaining its use and marketing/promoting it is required. Better cafe facilities within and retaining the parking on that site is a better solution. Building on the existing parking would be a disaster, particularly with the proposed cinema. How can you possibly attract custom when parking is so restricted? The solution is to smarten the building, smarten the outside space. Provide outside seating, possibly a fountain and better access to a cafe with outside seating. If the green space there was adapted the market could even expand to provide more custom. This space needs to be improved to create more activity which will attract custom to the town and kiosks/businesses along the seafront. Residential building on the Hothamton site would be a disaster. It is too close to bars and restaurants and would soon become ‘very low grade’ accommodation and probably just become a landlord’s haven of further rented property. To be honest it wouldn’t be such a disaster to bring back the old England shaped paddling pool!!!”

“The Regis centre site is far too ambitious and pretentious given the present weak financial state of the country. I particularly want to take issue with the statement that a cinema is essential to the success of the site. This is a very precocious argument on which to base the long-term viability of the Regis centre. May I remind all concerned that we already have a fabulous retro-classical cinema (the Picturedrome) offering entertainment at affordable prices thereby providing local residents and visitors alike with an outstanding facility. It is a priceless gem which must be preserved for the benefit of the town’s people many of whom are living on fixed incomes and would not be able to afford the inevitable high prices the proposed new cinema would have to charge. Far better to spend scarce resources on a more focused and realistic programme of improving existing facilities instead of destroying what we already have in the dubious name of progress. The proposed plans for more shops/cafes/supermarkets/office premises will most certainly have a negative impact on existing facilities many of whom are struggling to survive with several having gone bankrupt. The fundamental law of supply and demand seems to have been completely disregarded when formulating the new plans. Finally, I sincerely hope that the short-term attraction of inward investment will not override common sense. The unintended consequences of building a white elephant could prove disastrous for a town which has already lost much of its old fashioned seaside charm.”

“The Regis centre site requires parking for cars and coaches. A 450 seat theatre requires major parking space as does parking facility for the existing shops. There should also be an attractive multi use open space for public events (e.g. existing sands of time, Lighting seaside lights, birdman, Rox concerts, markets and new events), for the residents and events that bring tourists. The Open space has to have to lead people from shops to beach and vice versa to allow the economic regeneration of Bognor with its tourist asset of beach foreground and the existing shops, cafes, to service residents and tourists. There is no need for a mini cinema complex as Bognor has thriving cinema that services the residents and tourists very well. Improvement of the Theatre would be more welcome instead of a re-cladding of the existing building. It should be given more space to allow it to be more financially efficient such as a conference or exhibition space and a larger rehearsal room. The building of more flats on the seafront damages the beauty of the asset of the beach. The building on the Hothamton site is also short term financial gain as flats as the car parking supports the shops and existing cinema. A proposed supermarket on the site would cause damage to the economic viability of the existing town centre. Attractive open space is an appealing aspect to residents and tourists. I also remember Bognor thriving with play areas for families, small shops and leisure facilities for all the family this is an opportunity to recreate it not to damage all potential by reducing parking and placing too much residential flat. This is time to look at what is right to make Bognor thrive again as a seaside town with excellent facilities e.g. toilets, Theatre, Open space for events, parking to access it, and good quality cafes and play areas to showcase shops and beach.”

“The Regis Centre site should be redeveloped with things to attract people to Bognor during the day, not a cinema which will simply replace the one we have already, or flats, as there is plenty of new residential development north of the Centre. Parking provisions should be made underground as if there is not enough parking - whatever you put here will go bankrupt.”

“The Regis site desperately needs renovation but a multiplex cinema there is a complete waste of the site. The seafront doesn’t need to be filled up with a multiplex and yet more flats. Bognor has an existing cinema which, with some investment, could become more appealing than it may currently be to people who don’t support it.”

“The Regis site was originally proposed to be a hotel and mariner and we ended up with the Regis Centre as the costs made it unachievable. We already have a very good cinema at reasonable prices, if we have a new one the prices will increase. Arun should use the money in a more effective way by trying to increase the use of the Theatre and getting some good acts coming back to the town like we used to have and have an exhibition centre which could bring a new business to the town. You need to leave the Picture dome alone as it has just had a refit and come up with plans which are achievable. The town needs investment to bring more shops, high street names, and not bars and cafes. Modwen have made plans previously and they were not accepted and once again they
are drawing up plans which are not in the interest of the residents of Bognor.”

“The residents of Bognor DO NOT want a multiplex cinema, both St Modwen and Arun District council are aware of this. Where do you expect the residents of the flats (possible 80 cars), the guests at the hotel (another 80 cars) and others to suppose to park? GO AWAY AND RE THINK THE PROPOSAL!”

“The restaurant and cafe at the Regis Centre site are not frequented enough at present so I don’t see any benefit from having new places to eat at this site. I thought Bognor Regis decided 2 years ago that it had enough flats. Why don’t we partner with Butlins to offer a leisure activity at the Regis Centre? They seem to make a success of their site. Link it to their proposed Watersports Centre and have a joined up thinking project.”

“The restaurants must be of a high standard - not McDonalds or TGIFriday type. The existing cinema building should be kept and alternative use found for it. Improving the rail service to London would be the most efficient development for Bognor.”

“The road by the sea should remain 2 way; any restriction would be detrimental to traffic through Bognor Regis. Echelon parking would be a safety hazard, cars moving out onto the road.”

“The scale and massing of any development must reflect the scale and massing of surrounding areas. No attempt should be made to squeeze in a quantum of development simply to maximise developer margins. Your proposals rely on massive increase in footfall, yet you’ve done little to increase parking.”

“The scale of residential development is too high. Local infrastructure is already under so much pressure. Existing parking in Bognor centre is already stretched especially during summer months and more parking is needed for local people, not less. I also think that a new cinema would mean the end the Picturedrome which would be such a pity - this and the station are the only two fantastic old buildings left in the centre worth looking at. I like the idea of making the centre more attractive and more shops or a supermarket would be good - also the renovation of the Alexander Theatre.”

“The sea front is Bognor biggest and best asset. South facing and one of the warmest towns in the country so we must not waste it. I do not think the public space (key 10) is large enough. It could be designed with an ‘in the round’ type seating with a central space that could be used for entertainment, either organized or spontaneous - bands, plays, busking, outside theatre in the Summer, clowns and children’s play area when not in use. The sea wall is quite high at this point along the promenade so a 1st floor cafe/restaurant with views out to sea would be a great attraction to locals and visitors alike. Very few towns can boast a beautiful sea front like ours - finite and should not be wasted - it is a waste to build a cinema on this site - the last thing a cinema needs is a sea view! If we have to have a cinema, build it on the Hothamton site along with the bars and cafes. Hope my opinions and ideas are a help, I have lived in Bognor 25 years and love this town, always boasting about it, it is a great place.”

“The sea is the jewel in Bognor Regis crown use it maybe a LIDO”

“The seafront at the moment is full of flats. I feel that we need something for the holiday people. To have a cinema (multiplex) would not work in Bognor. The people of Bognor like their small cinema and would not pay the money which would be treble to our small one.”

“The seafront has already lost much of its character. Turning it into a housing estate will not make it more attractive. Residents in flats are likely to object outdoor entertainment, and want evening performances curtailed. The sea front will thus cease to be a useful public space. There is a multiplex cinema in Chichester. It is expensive, and to me unattractive, I much prefer the Picturedrome. This set of proposals appears to be about raising money for the promoters, while reducing public facilities.”

“The seafront is Bognor’s greatest asset. Unless the proposed developments are accompanied by corresponding regeneration of the promenade and pier (for example, as has been done at Weston-Super-Mare), then Bognor will continue to be seen as an unattractive, down-market, and decrepit seaside resort. With a bit of thought and creativity, such improvement need not be overly expensive.”

“The seafront proposal is even uglier than the existing Alexandra Theatre and Regis Centre which is quite an achievement. The proposed option is the cheapest possible public development that St Modwen think they can get away with to acquire a highly valuable and highly desirable sea front building etc. Bognor can do and should do better than this. The loss of public parking and the ever increasing cost of shopping in Bognor is killing the town centre - this proposal makes matters worse.”

“The seafront road (esplanade) must remain open as there is no other viable route for east-west traffic. Bognor has more than enough residential apartments/flats on the seafront already. One cheap way to improve the Place St Maur site would be to get rid of the tacky market.”

“The seafront/Regis Centre proposal should have more green laws and benches/seating, not paving, to benefit all. Therefore less paving please.”

“The shops and cafes in Bognor are already struggling - why build more? Gardens & trees are needed - not public squares! The apartments - are they for sale? - If so - what price bracket do they fall into - or are they just more accommodation for immigrants? Would it not be better to modernise and smarten up what we already have? Do we need these developers, who stand to make a lot of money selling the idea to the public as improvements?”

“The sites and the facilities available currently need to be taken into consideration, the restaurants could complement the existing cinema on the Hothamton site, and the theatre site needs more parking and the theatre with possibly a bowling of facility that doesn’t exist within the town already.”

“The sites need redevelopment but by providing a new cinema is not the solution. I think you will find people will prefer to visit the existing cinema as it is affordable, if you want to pay three / four times as much to watch a film then you can simply go to Chichester where there is ample parking. The seating in the existing cinema has been upgraded and is now one of the biggest and best cinemas around. Money should be spent on refurbishing the exterior of this listed building and retaining one of Bognor most iconic buildings. I also feel that the reduction in car parking generally will cause problems. There is no point building entertainment complexes if there is nowhere to park.”

“The sketch of the new building for the Alexander Theatre looks like concrete which after a few years does not look good, bricks last longer and do not need the maintenance. Why have restaurants and cafes on the ground floor when you could have lovely sea views from the first floor! Something surely when visiting it would attract. If you want visitors to Bognor you need to provide parking for them not to mention local people. There is no mention on this form about the proposal to sell off Swansea Gardens, which would be a big mistake, in the great Olympic Year we have just enjoyed, we need to encourage sport and advertise it.”

“The sooner the better for everyone.”
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“The St Modwen proposal is not in the best interest for Bognor Regis. Taking away the parking spaces along the seafront would not benefit the town and would deter the tourist. The last thing we need in the town is a 4-5 screen cinema, they are too expensive. The Picturedrome is a listed building and has survived all the other cinemas which have closed. Young people are not being considered they do not have the funds to spend in cafes or at multiplex cinemas. The Alexandra Theatre is most important and well supported; if you reduce accessible parking in the town Bognor Regis will die.”

“The structure of this survey tends towards a yes/no/maybe for the scheme as it is. There is no scope for real engagement with the process to pick out some elements and not others. It is a great shame that the combined creative skills of people in the town have not been harnessed. I hope that it is not too late - I would strongly recommend a community design consensus process which leads towards a convergent conceptual design. I would propose a much lighter development of the Regis centre site towards a place for the people, a coastal park with the theatre site being the focus for redevelopment and not just a hang-on: Monies realised from Hothamton development would fund a fun, green and engaging park. The Theatre site should be developed towards an outdoor performance venue (as well as internal). Personally I see no reason why the Hothamton site if designed well should not go higher than 6 -storey. Why not allow some beauty alongside the beast of Fitzeleet? High quality architecture is cited but the images submitted no sense of optimism in this regard - I found it condescending, unusual and incredible to use 'early stages' as an excuse for poor design. The Regis centre site could have been designed by 5-year children and Lego bricks. Both sites should aim for award-winning destination status with high design and arts values. Bearing in mind the history between Arun DC and Bognor Regis, I think it is vitally important that ADC sets out and agrees its main objectives* for regeneration with the people of Bognor first. Then a community-led design process works towards some viable solutions. It is disingenuous to appoint an external regeneration consultant to present almost a 'fait accompli' when there is so much at stake. There needs to be some more facilitative skills in this process - A food hall close to the Theatre would enable local businesses to offer various types of food and cuisine within a communal setting - there appears to be nothing to support and encourage local businesses in the current schemes (*The objectives of this 'regeneration' are unclear and muddled - they need to be stated for what they are, and then debated and agreed BEFORE the process starts) I believe a clone town development such as this is not going to really regenerate the town - the risk is we end up with more concrete, more empty premises in a few years and more hopes deferred. Which is why I say let's create a place for people on the seafront and let's get a high-class mixed-use development on the Hothamton site. The Arun Plan cites protection of green spaces and further enhancements of green spaces. Let these development each prove that. I would like to see greater transparency in ADC's financial dealings in these proposals both in existing and previous costs, and in eventual incomes and capital gains. Also more of the localism agenda in the provision of regeneration (partly as mentioned above) …”

“THE 'TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT' STATEMENT RELATING TO THE CINEMA NEEDS FURTHER DETAILED EXPLANATION. I WOULD SUPPORT ADDITIONAL 'RESI' RATHER THAN A CINEMA - LIFELESS OUTSIDE OF SCREENING TIMES AND SPEND TENDS TO BE CONTAINED WITHIN COMPLEX. WHERE CAN THE BUSINESS CASES BE EXAMINED.”

“The theatre should be self-funding. I strongly oppose a multiplex cinema which would put the Picturedrome out of business. An Asda would be better than a new cinema.”

“The town centre is very shabby and unattractive at the moment. There is no incentive to go there.”

“The town centre needs more regeneration, which means bringing jobs into the area. There's no point in providing housing with no employment prospects. Bognor needs something not easily found in this area; a skating rink would be ideal, despite the objection that it would not pay; we think it would be VERY popular as people have to travel some distance to a skating rink at present. We definitely DO NOT want a multiplex cinema - that will only be duplicating what is easily available in Chichester.”

“The town does need a revamp as it is dying a death now, but I feel with new bars/clubs it will make the job of the police a lot harder - more drinking = more antisocial behaviour / public order offences.”

“The town doesn't need a multiscreen cinema. We had 3 cinemas not so many years ago! If you close the road that runs along the prom you will kill Bognor. We do not want more flats etc - they move in from out of town and then complain about things that have been here for years.”

“The town has a more than adequate cinema and does not need another. The theatre would benefit with the improvements but a much better advertising campaign would be useful and attracting known acts during the summer season to attract the tourists. The theatre itself needs a more prominent position along the esplanade rather than in the back street as it is now. As it stands at the moment the theatre only attracts locals.""

“The Town has lost too much of its heritage and must strive to keep the existing Picturedrome! We must not feel that development hinges on one modern cinema! A reasonable priced cinema with a lot of support and heaps of character! We are a Victorian town and should claw back some of Bognor’s historic appeal! Combine this with some all-weather leisure activities and some affordable quality dining / cafes and we may just make it!”

“The town is fast becoming a dormitory town with a huge European contingent. The provision of a multiplex and associated restaurants may only attract visitors in at weekends and when there are popular films to watch. Once the parking is reduced there will be no where to park - it’s ok saying there will be parking near the town hall but where are all the new residents going to park their cars? Will there be allocating parking spaces for the new residential areas? By reducing the car parking we are pushing away summer visitors who want to spend time on the beach - why are there no proposals to improve the beach area - surely we want to encourage families into the town - not just films goers? We need a much better shopping experience - there is no reason to go into Bognor at the moment - it is easier to go to Chichester, Portsmouth or Brighton. Shopping is the main attraction, films and restaurants are part of that experience but not the major player.”

“The town itself does need redeveloping but in a sustainable manner. The current state of Chichester gate, with closing restraints and a steady decline in passing trade should be taken into consideration. The cinema should remain as an independent cinema because of all the funding and effort recently put into renovating it, and the price per film is acceptable for the area in which it lies - Cineworld prices are much too expensive. Bognor should embrace its cultural heritage and use the 'seaside resort' tagline to its advantage - it’s a unique selling point many towns would love to have.”
“THE TOWN NEEDS A CINEMA AND MORE QUALITY FOOD OUTLETS. IT DOES NOT REQUIRE MORE FLATS OR APARTMENTS ON THE FRONT.”

“The town needs jobs. I have lived here 20 years and too many people chasing real jobs. After the influx of Polish families another generation growing up need to have jobs available.”

“The town needs more indoor attractions for local people to use all year not just cater for holiday makers. We do not need another CINEMA as the one we have is enough and the cost of the new one will be twice the money so people will not be able to use it plus the town is deserted in the evenings.”

“The two Hotels we have are dated and tired. Why not bring them up to scratch instead of using public space. We don’t need a multiplex we have a cinema. Make sure all building work is carried out by local firms first so money earned will be spent locally. Also you have to be careful it’s not a ‘stag’ destination.”

“The vast majority of residents have chosen to live in Bognor because it is a small, quiet town. The increase in housing, making the town larger, is almost universally unwelcome, particularly as very few new jobs are being created.”

“The very vocal minority are trying to impose their views of displeasure on us all. Do not listen as they want financial gain, especially regarding the cinema which has drained public funds so an individual can profit. Scandalous! We need this new 21st century approach.”

“The view into the site from the seafront risks exacerbating previous mistakes of an excessive mass and unsympathetic style. (Regency style would seem best for this location. From the top of London Road, you should see sky not this new development, behind the turret of the Arcade. This will require reducing the height of the western end of Block 3. If the mass of the development is essential to its economic viability, consider sinking one or two storeys below ground. Consider sinking the seafront road (as is done in France) to allow free pedestrian movement across to the beach.”

“The way that the proposal has been publicised and the way this survey is slanted make it impossible to give a proper view however it seems obvious to me that adding an entertainment centre without car parking will it get used. To say that people will have to park in the multi storey and walk is to misunderstand people. The reason that Chichester theatre and cinema are successful is because you can park outside them. All of the crime studies show that people have a fear of crime. They do not want to expose their families to the risk of a trek through a town centre, possibly after dark, to go to an event. The seafront is our biggest asset. Why turn it into a car park? Who wants to sit having a drink on the seafront watching people park their cars? Why are we being told that unless we have a cinema the development will fail? ADC is the customer. It dictates what it wants not St Modwen. If the people say they don’t want a cinema it is for the Council to find a way to deliver what they want. This is a chance for Bognor Regis to stand up and be different. The seafront could become a lovely place to stroll, relax over a meal whilst enjoying the sea views, link up to Hotham Park to enjoy the scenery - there are so many opportunities that are not met by this proposal. Finally and importantly - this survey should contain a Data Protection box explaining who the controller is and what the data will be used for. Without it, it is in breach of the Act.”

“The whole idea of a multiplex, more housing and another supermarket in town is a complete joke... We do not want or need a multiplex. At the top it says Your town, your future, your say and that is a complete lie. It is Arun District Council making all the decisions they do not care what the people of Bognor Regis want. We need things done to improve the area and attract people in. How is building more housing going to attract visitors. Our lovely Picturedrome serves the area just fine so why waste the tax payers’ money on rubbish. It really is about time that ADC listen to what we want, instead of people from outside our area making the decisions. If they do not want to listen then maybe it is time they stood aside and allowed the people who really care about Bognor do the decision making.”

“The whole of existing Queensway premises and car park would benefit from a facelift. Safeway’s and Queensway shops/flats are a blight.”

“The whole of the Arun District lacks any decent cinema to visit meaning that a trip to the cinema involves traveling to either Chichester or Brighton. Despite living much closer to Bognor Regis, I currently have never visited it to use the Picturedrome or to go shopping. However, should a new multiscreen cinema be created/built with restaurants that are generally associated with such development (Pizza Hut and Nandos etc) I would most definitely regularly visit Bognor Regis both for eating and to attend the cinema.”

“The whole package will only work if there is enough parking. Chichester is a short drive and has a multi-cinema so it would make sense to have something different to make people come here like a ten pin bowling alley or Ice skating + the cafes and bars etc.”

“The whole proposal is a travesty and be extremely detrimental to the charm that Bognor has at present.”

“The whole proposal shows no empathy with Bognor Regis at all. Should be Regency Style. Thoroughly DISGUSTED. Refurbishing existing hotels has been IGNORED.”

“The whole proposal would give Butlins a run for their money, why should we rely on private enterprise like Bourne Leisure take all the profits?”

“The whole scheme lacks imagination - there is nothing new for the town. The loss of vital car parking will reduce footfall in the town centre and lead to loss of businesses”

“The whole thing needs rethinking, or better still don’t waste money on plans but improve services INSTEAD! It is plainly obvious that we have a good existing cinema - so if the plans don’t work without another you need to start again - the Town also has other good facilities that need retaining/enhancing”

“The whole town centre as laid out at present lacks any form of quality. Where are Marks & Spencer’s, British Home Stores etc - all you have are charity shops in abundance, cheap cafes and restaurants who vie with each other to offer the cheapest all day breakfast! We were told the charity shops exist because the shops can’t be rented out because of extortionate rents and go on offer to charities at subsidised rents - is this so? What has happened to the once thriving Hotham Park? - No pets corner - no band concerts and lacking advertising. Parking charges too high - see Littlehampton - 2hrs free!!”

“The wider views of the whole of the BR community and those of potential/new or increased footfall users must be taken into account versus vested interests. Losing a scheme again for BR as before would be disastrous and leave the area unregenerated for many years as other developers would shy away. We cannot afford to subsidise any alternative leisure facilities anymore.”

“The wording in some of this questionnaire suggests to me that the answers given can be used to suit a for or against argument which is disappointing but expected. I confirm here that I am not in favour of a new cinema.”
“There appear to be many restaurants etc already in Bognor. Do we really need more? Also why are Littlehampton and Arundel being included in the survey it will in no way affect them.”

“There appears to be not enough parking. Cannot see what is going to attract people to Bognor - why do we need another cinema?”

“There are 2 buildings of great character in Bognor which would be destroyed by this development - the cinema and the Royal Norfolk. Development should build on and enhance character not Kill it. Constant growth is unsustainable.”

“There are already 5 hotels - 3 in Butlins and 2 on the seafront. We do not need another cinema - the Picturedrome is a charming cinema and to create another would be detrimental.”

“There are already a number of housing developments taking place across Bognor, so is there a need for more housing? However restaurants around us would make a nice alternative.”

“There are already more than enough homes along the seafront, Bognor needs some open space for people. It doesn't need more flats, it doesn't need another hotel and it certainly doesn't need or want a new cinema. If all the new developments are totally reliant upon a new cinema (which I don't believe for one second) then screw up the plans and start again.”

“There are already too many new houses in Bognor; the schools can't cope now so why even consider building more!”

“There are already too many residential properties along the sea front as the land has nearly all been sold off for ugly flats - there are very few places to eat “al fresco” for example apart from the dive that is the Regis. It would be nice to have a sea front like Worthing - more cafes, restaurants - why would you want even more residential accommodation and lose a large amount of the Regis car park? Why keep throwing money at the theatre which, to be honest, only puts on a good show once a year at Christmas? If it can’t support itself, it shouldn't be there. The Picturedrome is currently the best feature of Bognor - it is friendly, refurbished and, most importantly, very reasonably priced. We do not need a multi-screen cinema in Bognor charging £7.50 a time - there is one in Chichester. A new cinema will not encourage people to come and stay in Bognor - at the moment the only people who come and stay are in Butlins and they only pop out to the town to do a bit of shopping, there is nothing else to do in Bognor. We need more nice cafes (but not expensive fish and chips shops) and bars etc (not sleazy pubs).”

“There are enough apartments; you need more quality facilities e.g. a good supermarket + a good cinema to encourage more people in, with more parking areas too.”

“There are enough shops and cafes / bars and a cinema already to serve Bognor area - new ones will only close existing businesses. There was a children's area at Hotham car park in 1973, but the Arun Council decided that more car parking was required not less as proposed. Why is another supermarket required when there is one in the town with its own car park? Q12 - Not in this situation Q19 - There are empty shops already - Bognor town centre built up enough”

“There are lots of new houses going up everywhere when there are plenty of houses sitting around empty especially housing for the elderly. If anything build some more housing for people on council waiting lists. with all these new developments everywhere we don’t seem to get more schools to cope or more doctors and then it is bad that hospitals get closed down and not re-opened as promised which puts even more strain on the NHS which government keep saying is struggling well trying living in the real world where we mere mortals do where we can’t afford private health or education which will just get more clogged up by so many more new housing estates”

“There are not enough jobs or money in Bognor to support these schemes. There is too little car parking space. Butlins has three hotels so we do not need another one. Bognor should be content to be a nice seaside resort, a pleasant place to live or visit not a “rowdy Blackpool”. More clean toilets and clean safe streets will encourage visitors to stay and spend time in the town. Small shops and cafes not Tesco are what we need to keep Bognor interesting.”

“There are not enough jobs to justify more residential development.”

“There are plenty of bars and cafes in Bognor and you can't move for supermarkets, we do need more housing but we need things like doctors surgeries and other facilities such as parking so that the town can flow, at the moment we are getting to point of gridlock with all the additional housing in North Bersted and Middleton but no additional services to support this additional population. If you are a car driver as I am who needs to get to work getting in and out of Bognor is always a major headache. When it comes to Hotham Park this should have been left as a park which was well utilised, since the changes I find it a bland area with no character and to suggest building on one of the few places families who do not have access to a car can go and walk and maybe picnic strikes me as the height of foolishness. In essence these proposals strike me as an expensive white elephant as the Regis Centre was before it”

“There are plenty of empty properties and development opportunities in Bognor Town. We have the Royal Norfolk and other hotels in Bognor which are not exactly overcrowded and the Pixie hotel which is now empty and up for sale - why would we need further hotel accommodation ? We have Butlins also which is expanding year by year which is half the problem; people spend on site and not in the town. The council would do better to develop a new pier and encourage people to enjoy the seaside! Take an example from Bournemouth, closing down the IMAX Cinema on beach and bars in the beachfront development - one Huge White Elephant. People come to the coast to enjoy days out in the fresh air not to be stuck in a cinema. We have an excellent cinema i.e. Picturedrome in Bognor and if this development went ahead the Picturedrome would most certainly suffer and probably close. We also have excellent cinemas in Chichester with houses many screens, and are only 15 minutes away from Bognor. I would like to say we would like to keep the character of the town with its quaint squares and open spaces, lose this and all the towns’ character is gone and you could be anywhere. Look at the existing Tower Block which is completely out-of-character and in our opinion you are about to make the same mistake. It would be more beneficial for the developer to build on a scale to suit the town instead of thinking of profit.”

“There are plenty of local eating places and bars that need the support. Having a multi complex will not give the encouragement the town needs; concentrating on one area will only cause damage to others. Especially small businesses. The town a good old clear up and a re-vamp of what is already there. The small cinema is fantastic and in a building with history, the funds should help the running and support of this!”

“There are several empty shop spaces that need filling, not new areas that need building. Improve public transport to Bognor. Make Bognor a good place to live by increasing policing, invest in the schools. Building apartments which locals cannot afford, getting rid of parking for anyone that does visit. All these things go against what is sensible for people that live here.”

“There are so many things in Bognor Regis that are crying out for improvement. A pier with no seating is laughable. We need more
green spaces along the seafront, not yet another apartment building i.e. block of flats. The High Street needs regeneration and incentives for business to open.”

“THERE ARE THEATRES, CINEMAS AND RESTAURANTS IN CHICHESTER AND AN EXCELLENT CINEMA AND RESTAURANTS IN BOGNOR. THERE ARE ATTRACTIONS AND HOTELS APLENTY AT BUTLINS. A FEASIBILITY STUDY WOULD IN ALL PROBABILITY SHOW THAT THE PROPOSALS HAVE NO LONG TERM VIABILITY. THE ADDITIONAL VISITORS WOULD NOT BE ATTRACTED IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS AND THE SPEND PER HEAD WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH FOR NEW BUSINESSES.”

“There are too many empty shops in BR, several along Queensway, so we don’t really need more. BR doesn’t need another cinema & modern multi-plexes are cost- prohibitive to families, especially from deprived areas. The way to the sea front should reflect what it is, not be baulked by yet more flats where the owners aren’t local & moan every time there is an event on or near the sea front.”

“There are way too many residential flats being built. I think if they were built then it definitely shouldn’t be a social/non-social mix like the housing estates being built. That is a complete deterrent for me, I have a hate for ‘free’ social housing when their next door neighbour works their arse off to get the same. It’s good that Councils offer affordable housing but please can they just stop being on housing estates. There must be some houses in a working area that are empty and can be made into affordable housing? We definitely need new restaurants, they are all rubbish round here and I tend to visit Chichester. A Harvester and a Prezzo style would be good (Well for me anyway). Please please please ignore Picturedrome requests. The new seats hurt after an hour and I got told off for putting my feet up. Honestly the people protesting the new cinema are backward thinking and extremely annoying (and probably don’t even go). It’s brilliant that jobs are going to be created, the job is getting extremely lazy Bognor folk to apply for them. As the only working man out of 4 siblings it does get annoying at xmas time!”

“There cannot be a sustainable business case for 3 cinemas within less than 10miles of each other. Chichester gate development has had 2 or 3 of its restraints close which shows that this business model is not sustainable and will result in more unused retail space in Bognor. Furthermore when comparing the proposals with Chichester gate car parking will not be sufficient and you won’t be able to park. In general the proposals are not thought out and extremely short sighted. The only sustainable proposals here would be to include something that is not currently available in the area or to West Sussex e.g.. Ice rink, Snow Dome etc.”

“There has been an extensive campaign saying that the arrival of a multiplex cinema in Bognor will be key to the success of the project, and I think it is essential that as part of the package the Council uses its powers to insist on a design which will be inviting and sustainable. Regarding the height of the proposed town centre flats. I can see the logic of having a taller building to give the tower block a little context. I am not against tall interesting buildings, however the current block is an eyesore and it should surely be part of the longer term plan that it would be demolished and replaced with something more attractive. In that context it would seem to be short sighted to build something to enhance it. I would propose limiting the current proposed development to four floors, and eventually replacing the eyesore building with an exciting alternative. Would it be possible to put the Fitzleet building in the pot for St Modwen to redevelop?? Would this make the package more even more attractive to St Modwen and make an instant improvement to the town?"

“There is a danger that any character would be lost if residential development takes place along the sea front. Bognor is fortunate to have a building of character like the Picturedrome which serves the public in an imaginative and economical way. It must not be sacrificed for the erection of a multi screen cinema”

“THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR COVERED AREAS FOR DAY TRIPPERS NEAR TO THE BEACH. PROVISION OF EASY ACCESS TO THE SEA FOR FAMILIES WITH PUSHCHAIRS IS VITAL. THE SUPERMARKET SHOULD REMAIN IN THE CENTRE OF THE TOWN OTHERWISE THE TOWN DIES. TAKE FOR EXAMPLE EASTBOURNE AND WEMYOUTH WHERE TACKY GOODS ARE OFFERED IN THE OLD SHOPS BETWEEN THE BEACH AND THE SHOPPING MALLS. IN THE PROPOSALS THERE APPEARS TO BE AN INCREASE OF RESIDENTIAL AND VISITOR PROVISION BUT NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN PARKING. GIVEN THE CONTROVERSY CONCERNING THE CINEMA WHY ARE THE PEOPLE NOT ALLOWED A VOTE. THE VERY PLEASANT REPRESENTATIVE FOR BOGNOR I SPOKE TO HAS NOT LIVED HERE AND APPEARED TO BE KEEN TO CREATE THE BRIGHTON AND CHICHESTER ATMOSPHERE OF VIBRANT SEAFRONT RESTAURANTS OR THE CITY GATE COMPLEX. HOWEVER LIVING IN THE TOWN I KNOW HOW THE STRONG WINDS DRIVE PEOPLE AWAY FROM THE SEAFRONT IN THE INCLEMENT WEATHER. I SUGGEST THAT THE INCOMES OF LOCAL PEOPLE COULD NOT SUPPORT THE UPMARKET RESTAURANTS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE. FLATS ON THE SEAFRONT SHOULD NOT BE HIGHER THAN THOSE ALREADY PRESENT. THE PROPOSAL OF TALL BLOCKS OF FLATS ON THE HOTHAMTON SITE FOR STUDENTS AND BUTLINS EMPLOYEES AS SUGGESTED BY THE ST. MODWEN REPRESENTATIVE IS APPALLING. WHAT ABOUT HOMES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE SEEKING SOCIAL HOUSING. THESE BUSINESSES SHOULD DEVELOP THEIR OWN ACCOMMODATION.”

“There is a great need for some kind of development for the young people 14/15 age to get them off the streets town centre where they hang about drinking as being a resident I see nearly every evening. As far as putting a supermarket it is not needed or flats.”

“THERE IS A NEED TO IMPROVE LEISURE ACTIVITIES AROUND THE SEAFRONT AND TOWN TO BRING MORE VISITORS TO THE TOWN.”

“There is a need to improve the site but not to remove an amazing public park that serves the community and attracts many people to Bognor. The theatre has no place in this modern age when Chichester is 7 miles down the road. We also have the Flee pit cinema which is also amazing. The site should be developed for people to use and live, in keeping with the moving times........”

“THERE IS A NEED TO MAKE PROVISION FOR CHILDREN, ELDERLY LOCAL RESIDENTS AS WELL AS HOLIDAY MAKERS AND ALSO FACILITIES SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ATTRACT VISITORS BACK TO BOGNOR. EASY ACCESS TO THE BEACH FOR EXAMPLE.”
“There is a need to provide attractive seating/leisure areas on the seafront - incorporating planted areas with flowers and shrubs & grassed areas - at times when the tide is high people need an area to sit and enjoy and with sufficient interest for children to keep them occupied, something like a water feature with intermittent water spouts. I’m not happy about the proposal to provide car parking between the restaurants and cafe area and the seafront as anyone sitting there would simply have a view of cars and the road (I like the former proposal where there was no road along that part) so I think there is a need to look at other ways of providing plenty of car parking. How about the plan many years ago to build a marina? That would change the whole feeling of area.”

“There is absolutely no need for a new Cinema, this would not be used because there is already an existing Cinema which provides good choice. If this closed then that area of Bognor would become even more shabby and depressed - it is already close to becoming a Polish enclave!”

“There is already a wonderful cinema in Bognor Regis and I have no idea why you would want to destroy it with these proposals. I would prefer that you support the Picturedrome rather than put up some soulless modern monstrosity”

“There is inadequate car parking proposed. If a new cinema (but preferably not - 10 pin bowling or better still ice-skating as there is none in the area at all) is built, people would not expect to walk from further afield car parks in order to access it. This would mean they would not return but would go instead to somewhere like Chichester and the area would soon go into decline. Bognor needs to attract people and the only way to do this is to provide a facility that is different to other local places. If people do not want to use the local cinema they can easily access Chichester as it is near the train and bus stations. Similarly there is ten pin bowling there. We are told that restaurants will not come to the site unless a multiplex cinema is built. Then let them not come and instead provide a decent restaurant run by the local authority such as The Pump Room in Bath. That way local people would benefit not food chains. The people of Bognor have clearly made their wishes known and it will only cause resentment if their views are once again ignored. I think it is very bad that Arun council have activity been promoting the scheme to the extent of trying to influence school children and using them to influence their parents without giving people with differing views the same opportunity.”

“There is insufficient car parking space in these proposals. The esplanade parking being "potential?!", I was told at the exhibition that the question of esplanade parking and traffic flow through the town was still to be looked at. Clearly the above is a necessary precursor before any decision is made.”

“There is more than enough residential development in and around the Bognor Regis area, no more please! Especially around Flansham/North Bersted, & also keep the Picturedrome, part of a Bognor amenity”

“There is no demand for additional cinema space. With shops etc closing all over the town, what is the point of additional shops etc unless in the form of a superstore. A really super Regis Centre surrounded by a park with enlarged parking space, including charabancs, sufficient to remove roadside parking on the seafront. I am told the multiplex cinemas in Chichester & Portsmouth are not paying their way. If there was a superstore on the Regis site, Hotham Park could be devoted to residential. Seafront flats must provide for noisy seafront entertainments.”

“THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR A CINEMA IN BOGNOR. WITH OUR POOR TRANSPORT LINKS WE WILL ONLY HAVE OUR OWN RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT IT 10 MONTHS A YEAR. I WOULD NEED TO SEE EVIDENCE THAT ANOTHER TOWN WITHIN 4 MILES OF A CITY HAS HAD SUCCESS WITH THIS APPROACH TO BE CONVINCED. IT SEEMS UNINSPIRED AND SHOWS A LACK OF AWARENESS OF LOCAL CONTEXT.”

“There is no feature attraction in Bognor [i.e. Brighton Eye / Spinnaker Tower]. There needs to be something different to attract people from outside the area to come here. No real use made of the sea or seaside location.”

“There is no ice rink along the south coast, the nearest is Gosport or Guildford, building this instead of a cinema will attract thousands of visitors and give Bognor Regis something that the other towns don’t have.”

“There is no need for a cinema - the Picturedrome brings character to Bognor and works perfectly as a cinema. Me and my friends wouldn’t go to the new one if it was built as it would cost too much money.”

“There is no need for a cinema on this site. The Picturedrome provides an excellent service. Looking at the similar development Chichester Gate many of the restaurants are empty, the cinema has not benefited the other trades on the site.”

“There is no need for a multiplex cinema in Bognor! We have a cinema that is affordable and well-presented already.”

“There is NO need for a multiplex cinema. There is already one in Chichester and two in Portsmouth. What Bognor needs is something unique that will attract visitors. I think some sort of water sports facility perhaps a proper 50m pool with diving, a lido and maybe a flo-rider (static wave surfing).”

“There is no need for a new Multiplex cinema as we have the very attractive Picturedrome with 2 screens and great ticket prices. Bognor attracts all types and ages, including a lot of families due to Butlins presence, and the town already offers good value in cafes and entertainment. KEEP THE PARKING AS IT IS - i.e. 2 HOURS FREE STREET PARKING IN LOTS OF ROADS, AND CAR PARKS REASONABLY PRICED. DON’T SPOIL THE TOWN! IT’S FINE THE WAY IT IS.”

“There is no point of any of this if there is no parking and people, including me! go to other towns”

“There is not any adequate parking provision included for Regis Centre. If flats are built for example where would owners park. Any attraction needs parking nearby. We are being held to ransom with cinema or nothing. We have a cinema so think again!”

“There is not enough car parking proposed for the developments you will need a lot more especially if the Gloucester Road car park is taken over by a watersports centre. You can’t provide more facilities to attract people to the area but end up with less car parking than we have now!!”

“There is not enough parking spaces to accommodate a cinema when full - Restricting access with cars along seafront will deter people coming in - Need to ensure London Rd is not affected with passing trade”

“There is nothing in Bognor Regis for young adults, nowhere to eat and drink apart from grab run down pubs. All the local young residents all head for Chichester on a Friday and Saturday evening to places like the Slug and Lettuce, Nandos, Pizza Place, Ask, Zizzis... the list goes on, Bognor has nothing! We also desperately need a selection of decent shops like M&S, Primark, BHS, all Bognor has is mobile phone and charity shops. The whole town needs a massive overhaul, it is run down and scruffy and all the residents travel to Chichester, Portsmouth or Worthing for any quality shops and nice places to eat and drink. Our seafront is a feature you should utilise with the plan of new trendy bars and cafes where people can sit outside and eat and drink in nice surroundings.”
“There is nothing in this proposal that will give Bognor a boost. A new cinema is not needed as the Picturedrome is quite adequate and cheap. People come over from Chichester to go to this theatre because of its cheap tickets. A new multiplex will be a lot dearer in price the normal family out of going.”

“There is nothing new in the proposals - there is nothing that is imaginative at all. Try someone LOCAL to redesign Bognor. We want something for the youngsters, plus/or a bowling alley, ice rink etc. i.e. something DIFFERENT! We don’t have to have another cinema, just so you can get rid of our existing gem (which is what you are obviously aiming at)”

“There is nothing proposed that we do not already have in Bognor. We already have shops, bars and a much loved cinema. Would prefer something we don’t have in or around Bognor such as bowling or ice rink.”

“There is very little information on the costs/risks to Arun District Council and its Council tax payers. I emphasise “risk” Has there been study????? 100% successful, 75% successful less than 50% successful”

“There must be another leisure activity that the Regis centre can be used for rather than another cinema. Bognor does not need another cinema at the cost of the Picturedrome as we already have Cineworld 15 minutes up the road. The Picturedrome is part of Bognor’s history and should be treated with the importance it deserves. Yes definitely change the Regis centre area it is an eyesore and apart from the theatre does nothing for Bognor but not with another cinema. That cannot be your only option.”

“There must be other means of attracting bars and restaurants other than a new cinema. Bognor currently has adequate cinema facilities which has council tax payers money already invested via Bognor Town Council, this investment will be lost as a result of these proposals”

“There needs to be bowling or roller or ice rink where youngsters can meet and coffee bar with music for teenagers.”

“There needs to be public toilets in the proposal to replace the ones being removed this I feel is essential”

“There seems to be a real agenda here to take away the character of a small town and make it just like every other town. Bognor is in desperate need of regeneration but there are no quick fixes to this. Taking away those things that give it character and individuality, such as the local bars, restaurants, cafes and excellent cinema (all of which WOULD suffer under the Regis development proposal) is not the way to go. Let’s give Bognor some dignity and pride. Support existing local business, give rent and rates breaks to encourage retailers back to the town centre and do something about the parking! If it were easier to get free parking in Bognor, more people would visit (2 sites is not enough). I myself prefer Littlehampton because of the abundant free parking, choice of shops and general atmosphere. Bognor seems to have one white elephant after another (take down that stupid needle/sun/turquoise and gold monstrosity at the end of London Road PLEASE!) and it’s an embarrassment. Sure this is the easiest way of “regeneration” but at the expense of all the existing local traders who are fighting for their lives. Let’s have a good local plan which supports all those who are living and working in the area. Don’t leave it down to the builders...they will promote what is best for them not for the town and by pushing this through you will be doing the people of Arun a great disservice.”

“There should be more provision for young people. There is a centre for them to gather and use their leisure time.”

“There should be no more blocks of residential accommodation anywhere in the town centre. A 4/5 screen cinema would be a white elephant. A bowling alley or skating rink or swimming centre or sea life centre or Victorian active museum or museum of horrors or covered market with evening opening would be better.”

“There should be something more for teenagers rather than a cinema or open public space. Perhaps a bowling alley! Parking is a concern as there are not enough places to park close to the main part of the town. Losing the Hothamton car park would make things worse during the summer months when parking is already difficult. What will happen to the Picturedrome if this proposal goes ahead?”

“There will be insufficient car parking for the proposed hotel and flats. At multiplexes such as Chichester, the restaurants are closing down, why should Bognor be any different. A ten pin bowling alley would be an asset, although St. Modwen is not obviously considering this. The Picturedrome should stay. There are already two cinemas in the town, the afore mentioned Picturedrome and the cinema inside Butlins. Butlins have increased their hotel accommodation. But they offer free entertainment inside. St. Modwen has the council over a barrel in that they say without the cinema the whole scheme will not be viable. What a waste of money already spent, and how much will have to be paid if the local people do not wish to have the proposed scheme, I am sure St. Modwen will have a clause to say that a considerable amount of money should be paid to them in compensation. They have never listened right from the start to the views of local people and I doubt if they will do now. The council have already paid money to ensure that the Picturedrome stays at public request. Ten pin bowling, children, teenagers, twenty one year olds, middle aged people and even old people play. Morrisons is obviously waiting to see the outcome of this consultation before they consider upgrading their store. It is a nightmare, with too few check outs and too small aisles. It was appropriate when it was built but not suitable for 2012 onwards. The staff of St. Modwen do not listen, they will not be left with the parking horror which their plan seems to indicate as they do not live in the area, and after they have regenerated the town they will off and blow the consequences which the residents will have to put up with. Have they thought that the property market is in the doldrums, people are renting rather than buying, and already Bognor has the new Bersted Estate (formerly Site 6) which is not fully occupied or built. The five/four bedroomed houses have been reduced to smaller houses, and consequently 100 more properties have been built on land which floods (or did flood) now the flooding affects other accommodation which is owned by hard working people who have lived in the town or bought property as retirement properties. The amount of low cost social housing has had to go up because the houses have not sold, and problems are associated with some of these tenants. The way it is stated by St. Modwen that without the Multiplex Cinema the project will not go ahead sounds like blackmail to me, and also the comment regarding the Hothamton site - without this development the Regis Centre cannot be built. I hope I have misunderstood their comments.”

“There will be less parking spaces therefore will not improve more visitors coming to Bognor.”

“There would no point in destroying the investment that I have in the Picturedrome. In my opinion bring back Bognor Regis Town Council, out of Arun!”

“There would, in my opinion, be no benefit from the provision of a multiplex cinema and it would certainly destroy the existing Picturedrome. Consider the eyesore in Bournemouth; that I believe is finally due to be demolished. Chichester is very close and offers plenty of alternatives to our Grade II listed cinema. What happened to the old proposal for a marina? Such a development would
potentially raise the level of Bognor Regis’ image. The existing proposal will fail to do that.”

“These development proposals seem an opportunity for developers to benefit, but at the expense of Arun residents’ wishes and existing facilities - in particular our unique and irreplaceable Picturedrome cinema. The entire Queensway development is a 1960s blunder which Bognor has tolerated for almost 50 years, but is ugly and like a wind tunnel, and no business thrives there, except low budget ones. So please wake up and look at what has happened to Chichester’s hopeful plans for their cineworld complex - it has become another failure. People like and need community, so the quirky Park Road (Chichester) cinema has thrived. Give Bognor some aesthetics and self-respect - don’t just bow to the developers. How about building on the already present jet-ski community and their needs. Don’t miss what is happening at grass roots level because developers see a chance to line their own pockets, but the people aren’t interested. Remember you are there to serve the people who voted for you and who pay their council tax, not anyone else.”

“These developments would attract more students and tourists, possibly families. It would give Bognor its spark back. However, I do understand that residents may feel uncomfortable with the it looking out of place and potentially threaten other local businesses.”

“These developments would put the cinema out of business.”

“These proposals are a repetition of the municipal vandalism that destroyed Bognor Regis in the 1950’s and 1960’s, demolishing beautiful Victorian and Edwardian buildings and the original theatre. Echelon parking on the Esplanade would be hazardous even with one way traffic. Total parking provision is woefully inadequate for visitors and residents.”

“These proposals are for the benefit of the developers (to make lots of profit at the tax payers’ expense) and would not help or be of use to the residents of Bognor Regis.”

“These proposals do not relate to the town of Bognor Regis and will not transform it into a mega star resort. You make no reference to the provision of e.g. medical services, parking for these hundreds of flats. A block of 200 flats, six stories high on the Hothamton site is inconsistent with the character of the surrounding area. Where are all these people going to find jobs? I think the whole development is founded on a fallacy. Bognor is a small seaside town; it is not a Mediterranean Riviera resort and never will be. THE ONE THING WE DO NOT WANT IS A MULTIPLEX CINEMA. The Chichester Cineworld is like a ghost town. We’ve already got a perfectly good cinema, popular with residents. We need studio space for art, dance, drama projects, not more screens. If the Regis Centre is not big enough to provide some leisure area for the youth of the town, why can’t you use your ingenuity to find somewhere else for it? Underneath a block of flats, perhaps. All you can come up with is more flats.”

“These proposals do not take into consideration the Picturedrome Cinema that already exists in Bognor. It is a listed building, so there is nothing to benefit from making it go out of business. I’ve lived in Bognor Regis for over a year now and I love going to that vintage classy cinema, where the staff actually care. I also like the affordable prices - meaning that local schools can arrange trips there for days out. And anyone can afford to go to their local cinema without being priced out by expensive large brand cinemas. How many parents could afford the price of a chain cinema, which is always ridiculously expensive (and that’s before you buy food and drink too)? The Picturedrome has just invested in new kiosks for food and drink, and lovely new chairs. They are also thinking about putting in two additional cinema screens. Why not fund them to improve our already existing and charming cinema, which most people in Bognor Regis prefer and love, than giving money away to strangers? Think about helping a local business that has been in Bognor longer than I have been alive before you put it out of business. Secondly, as for the proposed changes to Queensway and the additional shops and hotels. It is pointless to increase the traffic into Bognor until you have improved the roads. I don’t need to remind you of the recent floods we just had. The roads were so poor that Bognor practically came to a standstill because of it. That should not happen. Not only that, but our roads and even our pavements are in terrible condition, riddled with potholes and rubbish. So before thinking about increasing the strain on the roads, sort them out and make them safer and more efficient first. It might be of benefit to make new roads so traffic will ease in and out of Bognor Regis better. Anything has to be better than just letting in hundreds of thousands more cars to damage our roads even more. I say this even though I don’t drive, and if a pedestrian notices how bad the roads are when getting lifts or in taxis, I can’t imagine how frustrating they are for driving residents of Bognor Regis. Lastly, as for the proposed parking along the Esplanade. For the same reasons as before, and because there is already ample parking around Bognor within walking distance of the beach, I do not think this is a good idea. I oppose turning our lovely beach front into a line of parked cars. I do agree possibly with disabled parking spots here and there, but surely anyone else should be able to park and walk a bit. It’s not that far from other parking sites.”

“These proposals do nothing for the residents and visitors to BR, nor will do anything to attract people / businesses to the town; they do appear likely to line the pockets of ADC and St. Modwen. > The seafront needs to be a place for leisure only, it should not be used for more flats, accommodation does nothing to attract people to BR, inland sites are more appropriate for accommodation. > Parking is a huge problem in deterring people from visiting BR. Any reduction in available parking places and the never ending increase in parking prices will cause BR to become more of a ghost town. > Leisure facilities with inexpensive / free parking easily available will bring people into BR and keep them there. > To say that BR cannot sustain an Ice Rink or Bowling facilities is ridiculous. One of the nearest places where an ice rink exists and is sustained is Gosport and that has approx. the same no. of residents without the benefit BR has of Butlins, which greatly increases the no. of visitors. > If a multiplex is to be included, then the existing Picturedrome must be kept as an essential BR historic building. I would suggest that it would be reused as a BR Museum. > If ADC is serious about rejuvenating BR, which to me seems like it is the poor relation, with regard to ADC’s support for Littlehampton and Arundel, then it needs to massively improve the road access, introduce a park and ride scheme unless parking prices are reduced and free parking extended. > ADC needs to be encouraging businesses and retail investment into BR as the lack of these is significant in people travelling to Chichester and further afield for their retail therapy. > ADC also needs to improve the rail connections to/from BR and improve the other public transportation options to / from BR. > ADC’s cosy relationship with St. Modwen, who have taken forever to put forward proposals which are boring, predictable, lacking in inspiration and appear to be nothing more than a money spinner for both parties in mainly building and selling more flats, rather than the purpose of improving BR for the benefit of the people that live and work here. > Where is the marina in all of this? This is an item which has been proven to bring in lots of investment and boost to the towns which have built / renovated them. > In summary, this whole set of proposals is extremely poor and massively undervaluing BR’s history, wonderful seafront. It needs to be thrown away and sadly despite the impact which will be to massively delay investment in BR, rewritten with a partner who is serious about improving BR town, not making money from sales of flats.”
“These proposals do nothing to bring more visitors to the best asset we have, the Beach. Tesco, Sainsbury’s & el al want to be out-of-town with free car parking; which is what we the public want to shop in Bognor town centre. Take away the parking & the Picturedrome stops being viable - conduct a survey for how people arrive at the Picturedrome, and I bet that by car is number one & where to up to 300 cars park I wonder, Hothamton obviously. If the Alexandra Theatre gets the extra seating & thus eligible for Arts Council grants & I hope it does) then where are the up to “300 cars going to park if you build on the existing car park? So obviously this is a plan to make money from building houses and to close down 2 of the best attractions we locals have in the town, the Cinema & the Theatre. We only need more hosing if we have more jobs; so create the jobs first, then build the required housing stock; until you have a 'demand' you can't know what mix of housing is required to 'supply'. In my opinion, the council should pay Harrison back the £1 and spend the money on re-instating the pier, so we can keep the Birdman rally.”

“These proposals include too much residential accommodation - easy money for developers, a cinema that would destroy the Picturedrome & little development for those who actually live here”

“These proposals will drive retail customers to out of town shopping areas. Car Parking looks very poor. I expect the closure of the Esplanade to through traffic will cause the traffic to pile up even more on Hotham Way/Upper Bognor Road and at the Butlins Roundabout especially at certain times. I’m not certain what this project brings to Bognor Regis? The designs do not look attractive at this stage. All the architecture should reflect that of the Town Hall and where is the WOW factor. The current Alexandra Theatre remains a very unattractive building. I think options should be considered for putting the cinemas and theatre (plus open air auditorium) with restaurants etc. on the Hothamton site with car parking for those activities and the residential and considerable car parking on the Regis site. Additional al fresco cafes could then be placed on the Place St Maur as part of a very large covered walk way - indoor public square.”

“These proposals will make short term gain but the demographics of the area would not sustain it. No thought for the younger element who already have a cinema which is used by the younger children of Chichester as Cineworld is over-priced and soulless.”

“These proposals would NOT benefit the town as the whole town needs a makeover of resurfacing the roads/paths, graffiti, alleyways, fencing, rubbish bins, doggy bins, in over words tidy it up!!! Also shops that have closed down to re-open with new shops that aren’t here like Curry’s/PC World, Argos, etc. If you’re looking to put a Bognor Regis back on the map & encourage more tourists with families why not give Bognor Regis the one thing it deserves by re-building the Pier & by re-vamping the sea front with traditional seaside gift shops, with would encourage tourists to visit as there is not a lot to do in the town other than go to Butlins. I also feel that if you put high rise apartment blocks on the sea front it would spoil what bit of seaside life this town has.”

“These questions are very loaded and not fair. I get the feeling the answers will be used to give people what they don’t want and then tell them that is what they said they wanted. Typical local politics being used for self-gain and aggrandisement. Look elsewhere in Bognor and see other messes like the seaside market space, a bombsite with tarmac next to what must be one of the most awful seaside Public houses. Get the people from Butlins involved at least they know what the public want. Why does this box spell check in American spelling?”

“These schemes show a general lack of any understanding as to the current dysfunction in the urban makeup in Bognor Regis. In fact it stinks of Arun district council simply selling off car parking land for the highest price, and stuff the problems caused by the loss of said car parking. Not to mention the extra cars on the roads, another fantastic idea from our chums in Arundel and Littleshampton with the aid of the fools in London a complete b-ils up waiting to happen. If Arun district council spent as much time looking into the problems they have caused, instead of producing a document which shows nothing but stupid pretty pictures of CITY centres, we might have a good WELL balanced TOWN centre. You wish to destroy a perfectly charming, well maintained and much LOVED cinema. Cause various restaurants and businesses located around the station to suffer, if not close down. All because you have chosen to ignore areas that need the attention and time spent on them. The train station is one, an excellent location for a mixed used development, closing station road, creating a pedestrian zone, general upgrading of the furniture and finishes all along the high street. Then a considered connection between the new culture zone and the high street, bulldoze the arcade AND CREATE a true connection. This would help to produce a strong spline to hang off the various parts a town centre needs to survive, with two cracking building being used to pin down either ends showing the history and the future. Instead you produce a scheme which doesn’t connect the sea to the high street, in fact it detracts people away from it; it turns its back to the high street. Instead of a strong bold statement connecting the two you are reliant on an old Victorian arcade. I have no problems with a development on the sea front, but I do have massive reservations regarding this scheme in its current guise. It’s poorly thought out and the political fallout will be immense. It is important to understand that the cinema is an essential element of the scheme and the demand for cafés, bars and restaurants is dependent on it. Without the cinema the scheme proposed by St. Modwen will not come forward. I am sorry but St. Modwen are always going to say the cinema is important, that’s money in their pocket, pathetic statement and shows the disregard they have to the people of Bognor whom enjoy the existing cinema. Your question Q11 should never have been added to this document as it is misleading and doesn’t give a balance answer. Come on Arun I don’t pay my taxes for shoddy substandard work like this. I’ve design several multi use scheme over the years from Hong Kong to Belfast to London for some very large names, we would have produced far better work than this. All in all one out of ten, try harder”

“They are too heavily biased to building flats and this would choke the town centre.”

“They could add more interesting shops in the shopping centre and near the Promenade, as the shops along there are just open in the summer, so it will be good to allow shops to open all year round”

“They could build more top brand shops”

“They haven’t listened to proposals the public have made in the past. Re a skating rink, bowling alley, something for the children. We should have an ice rink and bowling”
“They want to destroy our town just to line their own pockets, no thought for the infrastructure”

“Think it is good to regenerate the area. However, the Picturedrome is part of Bognor’s heritage and should remain so. Instead of a multiplex cinema, I personally think a bowling alley would be preferable which could still have cafes and restaurants around it. I would also like to see that piece of monstrosity of sculpture that is azure and gold coloured that sits near the Santander bank. Totally ghastly and probably used as a urinal. Whatever regeneration you propose, keeping that ghastly statue will cheaper the whole project. Also, what is the point of regeneration of some parts when Bognor Regis Stations is totally antiquated. Given that holiday makers arriving by train see this as their first welcome to Bognor - it is enough to get back on the train and go back home. So outdated. So totally unwelcoming. And as for the surrounding area outside the Station - ghastly. Slightly perturbed at new accommodation. Thought Bultins had that point covered and would not more hotels hit the the B & B industry of Bognor?”

“Think it needs a re-think”

“Think it’s good money will be spent on Bognor but don’t want a cinema as we have a good cinema, why can’t we have bowling or something else then cinema”

“Think it’s really important NOT to build above three stories high on sea front - one of the nice things about Bognor currently is its fairly low level profile. This keeps it inoffensive when viewed from either the sea or from the South Downs. If you build a cinema, I don’t believe this will help pull people into Bognor - the only attraction of current one is its low price and it is fine as it is. It would be criminal to lose that building to residential. Bognor is not suddenly going to destroy what we’ve got for no benefit. There will be even fewer

“Think will benefit the area and also create jobs for the local people”

“Think of residents not just holiday makers. Think of youngsters”

“Think plans are good. Only concern is parking.”

“Think redevelopment is needed but no cinema is needed. We love the one we have got!”

“Think seriously about building something that Bognor Regis will benefit from. Parking is already an issue at times in the town centre, having just moved from a central Bognor home I have now realised how much of a problem it was, no that I can park whenever I want without having to park in the next street or further away as there is no space outside my house. Building on a car-park is not a very good idea. Look to Chichester the central car-park on New park road has all but gone and parking has increased in side streets that are not part of the daytime restrictions, add to this the displacement of the users of the car-park only adds to the problems visitors experience while visiting. Don’t become like Chichester. Many people have said to me of Chichester, nice place nice shops but you can’t park at the weekend. I agree that Bognordesperately needs to be improved it is IMO only just one rung up from Littlehampton and that it considered by the locals as a dying town centre. The Cinema of Bognor Regis is Iconic, do we really need a multiplex with its inflated prices and impersonal screenings of all the latest blockbusters. We have Chichester and Worthing nearby and also Portsmouth, so one could argue that we don’t really need it. I appreciate that it would potentially bring in money and parallel sales at bars and restaurants etc but wonder if the attraction couldn’t be something else. I’d love to see an ice rink. A local hockey team could put Bognor on the map and by default bring in visitors, the nearest rinks are Gosport and Guilford and further afield, you have a potential market in the area. Friends of mine in the U.S.A are in awe of the prices I pay to see films when compared to the Multiplex where they live. The Picturedrome is old and small but it does have the latest type of screen and can provide 3D films the sound system while not on the bleeding edge is more than some multiplexes I have visited. Also the recent refresh has added value to the cinema. I volunteered my own time to help out with this venture and would hate to see my work and time wasted. I urge you to think about the decision as I fear that this development will push it out of business and remove an iconic venue from Bognor’s list of attractions”

“Think the Picturedrome should be preserved - it is a community place, and the cheap tickets are better than the overpriced corporation cinemas. Shouldn’t turn Hotham into flats - community area.”

“Think we have far too much housing as it is in terms of flats. If you have to build housing it should be houses instead which are not suitable for the centre. What about Picturedrome cinema? Invest in this instead and the train station area. What happened to plans for a marina? Somewhere like Gunwharf quays but in Bognor would certainly bring in people and drag people out of Butlins”

“Think will benefit the area and also create jobs for the local people”

“This appears to be the last chance to get development which will help regenerate the town. Not to grasp £40M of investment would be beyond belief.”

“This could either make or break Bognor.”

“THIS HAS BEEN TALKED ABOUT FOR MANY YEARS. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE IT HAPPEN. I HAVE BEEN IN BOGNOR 50 YEARS AND FEEL THE SEAFRONT WAS BETTER THEN THAN NOW SO REALLY HOPE THIS WILL ALL TAKE PLACE.”

“This has to be a quality build development or else you are failing the towns chance to enhance itself - which it desperately needs to do! Will this ever happen? Or is this just another PR exercise?”

“THIS IS A DUPLICATE APART FROM THIS BOX. My comments are: Re Q22 the total package would greatly harm Bognor Regis. It will destroy what we’ve got for no benefit. There will be even fewer visitors if the small amount of open space is lost, parking is harder, and the sea front is one-way. I fear the proposed cinema will fail and be boarded up for years as happened e.g. with the Esplanade Theatre. Any attracted cafes etc will depart. So many UK redevelopments have failed after short-term interest and have needed support from their council perhaps to pull them down. I fear the proposed cinema will fail because of similar at Chichester and Worthing, more people watching on DVDs, and the high prices necessary. But before it fails it will cause the Picturedrome Cinema to fail because distributors will no longer let it have top films immediately because of its proximity to a cinema in one of their chains. There is nothing proposed to attract visitors, in my view. The cafes etc will make the town a clone of so many elsewhere. There is nothing to capitalise on our major asset, the sea. The Regis site has been described by Arun, I believe, as the jewel in our crown. Neither site should be developed, in my view, until the economy improves and they sell for a proper sum. There are few
similar sites anywhere along this part of the south coast as far as I can see. At the most the sites should be redeveloped piecemeal. e.g. when the sites' real value is realisable ten-pin bowling, or a more modern attraction should be invited to the Hothamton site and money from that spent on covering part of the Regis car-park (still to be at ground level) and covering it with an iconic garden with specimen unusual planting. When the economy recovers the number of people in site 6 etc will attract other businesses and money from their development can be used to cover more of the car-park and extend the garden to terraces with challenging unusual climbing structures for children of every age, provoking art and a cafe at the summit. Some of the latter money can be used to develop the Alexandra Theatre into a state of the art 500+ theatre large enough for top acts which the proposed 430-450 seater will not be.”

“This is a money making exercise to benefit a property developer. New bars and cafes will only be to the detriment of existing business. Note a multiplex has been demolished in a nearby city.”

“This is a seaside resort. Dying I admit. Your proposal will not improve its image. Flats, new cinema, we do not require. Our properties in town are being devalued due to people’s attitude towards our properties in stealing, drunkenness etc. Modernise old fashion ways of entertainment. Regenerate the pier. Make that a place to visit for holiday makers and locals like Weston-Super-Mare. Student accommodation should be on the outskirts (bus in). I am fully aware we need them but not on the scale you are considering. Parking will get worse where I live. Make car parking cheaper of fees to encourage visitors.”

“This is a seaside town. It needs more seaside things to attract family groups. Having given so much to Butlins, we need more along the seafront. Parking for disabled and families should be along the seafront. Improve what we have!”

“This is a travesty! We have a cinema that the public supports greatly and with the correct films supplied can be busy every night as seen when Skyfall was shown. What the town really needs is either a Bowling Alley or and Ice rink or both with some residential housing on the same site with bars and restaurants Having another Cinema will be a waste of money and will completely ruin the Picturedrome business which has just been refurbished (what a waste of money that would be then). By all means add new things to the town this is what is needed to regenerate Bognor Regis but please think sensibly before ruining the town’s image once again”

“This is an Edwardian town, the proposed architecture is not in keeping. There is a considerable loss of public parking sites within this development and too few places within the residential proposals. The theatre should be redeveloped as a potential concert hall and theatre site, Worthing and Southampton are too far to go for quality shows. What happened to the Marina, that would really bring money and kudos to the town - now thanks to a short sighted Arun policy even the launch ramp has gone. The current hotels in town are struggling with full occupancy plus Butlins are putting up more parking and more green areas plus safe areas that residents can visit at all times of day and night. St Modwen have their own agenda - profit not the improvement of the town, has anyone done a full independent viability check on them and their partners?”

“This is and has been a long time coming”

“This is more of a proposal for a major city where there is already the prospect of a captive audience and therefore not the need to encourage trade and tourism. Bognor Regis is a seaside resort that does not have a 360 degree catchment area. It therefore means that regeneration needs to be unique not the same old rubbish that is in every town. The town does not need large scale soulless shopping with an ugly building to boot. It certainly does not need to lose one thing that will assist in bringing trade and tourism and that is parking. It is simply beyond belief that anyone with half a sense would decide to remove the majority of the parking. If I was visiting a new town and found that parking was not easy then I would turn around and leave straight away. There is also great concern which really emphasises the above that St Modwen feels the need to facilitate paying a company to come and take over the cinema site in Bognor Regis. This just goes to show that there aren’t any suitable companies wanting to come here. Therefore the whole process should be looked into again from the start. The one unique factor that Bognor Regis has is a cinema that is loved by the public, which from listening to friends and reading about it, is missed by Arun Council. The great joy is that it is easily accessible, great value and has a heart. Having friends who live 30 miles away who visit the cinema shows that it is doing something right, in other words bringing tourism to the town. I can’t think of anywhere with a small town that has a cinema that has survived when a bland box has been built in the town to spoil the views called a multiplex cinema. Perhaps St Modwen should give the large amount of money that is being used to bribe another cinema company to come to the town to the one that already exists and let it expand, thus providing extra facilities for the cinema that is already there. This would also enable the local cinema owned by the town council I believe to have a more profitable building that the public in general own. It is all very easy to push ahead and rush into these things just because the gain looks good. With better planning and doing something really radical like listening to the fact that the Public don’t want what is being proposed and looking at other alternatives, such as the tenpin bowling or ice skating or be more adventurous with say unique sporting activities that aren’t available in the area, which would then draw people to the area. Arun Council should read these comments and take note rather than being so blinkered into thinking that they are always right when this shows a different story! This is your chance to listen and give what the public want not St Modwen”

“This is not viable. When St Modwen exhibited in the Methodist Church Hall I asked where this money was coming from and the return on investments. The company ran out of cash and was sold. The buyers ran out of cash a year later. The situation and what’s on offer haven’t changed. We don’t need more second homes. We need employment. Building only provides employment while you build. If you open another supermarket one will have to close; Tesco v Sainsbury v Asda v Morrisons? You only spend the same amount on food and just change where you buy it. We need to make better use of what we’ve got and not spend £40M replacing it.”

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“This MAY IMPROVE ONE AREA OF BOGNOR TOWN AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS. THE TOWN HAS A CINEMA. LETS HAVE MORE ACTIVITY CENTRES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE I.E. BOWLING, ICE RINK, INDOOR PLAY - BOGNOR HAS NONE OF THESE.”

“This new proposal would greatly benefit the younger generation and families with children, as well as those who can’t always travel to Chi. I feel it would also improve the student life for those on the Bognor camps.”

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“This proposal does not address the holistic requirements of Bognor Regis. The plans introduce a facility planned to bring people into the town, yet significantly reduces the existing parking facilities, isn’t this a contradiction? The plans close all through roads in the town, which will result in traffic issues which haven’t been addressed. The proposal is very sketchy and not professionally put together, nor supported by facts and data. The council needs to look at the town as a whole, rather than as isolated bits, and qualitatively & quantitatively justify any proposal. This questionnaire is biased in its format, and in some instances is in contradiction with the proposal, therefore will result in incorrect analysis.”

“This proposal is a shambles pandering to the whims of the developer. If this development goes through it will be the death knoll of the existing cinema [not being able to get the latest releases] and the loss of most the local value for money restaurants by expensive chains.”

“This proposal is great but if the rest of Bognor is not cleaned up efforts will be wasted. Perhaps some incentive could be put in place to encourage property owners to clean up their buildings. It is no good building this development if the rest of Bognor remains dirty, shabby and uninspiring. Let’s go upmarket”

“This proposal shows a lack of imagination. Surely something other than a multiplex cinema could attract people and thereby restaurants etc. Theatres, Gallery, Art Theatre, Dance Hall etc.”

“THIS QUESTIONNAIRE IS A DISGRACE! IT CONTAINS LOADED QUESTIONS. THE RESULTS CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS IMPARTIAL. NO MULTIPLEX CINEMA FOR BOGNOR.”

“This questionnaire is poor. Framed on a take or leave it basis! These proposals create massive problems for parking and transport in and around Bognor. Arun Officers shrug their shoulders and say this is a County Council problem. Go back to square one and this time. Include WSCC, Bognor Town Council and Civic Society in a working party for a proper overall plan for Bognor. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity that is being missed!”

“This relies on Modwen not producing a ‘carbuncle’ so the planning stage is very important and should be open to public scrutiny before submitted to planning committee. Needs full programme of outdoor events booked from beginning.”

“This scheme needs rethinking based chiefly on the requirements of the young people of the area, who will otherwise move away. The BBC’s Panorama programme some years ago described Bognor as ‘gently decaying’ Where are we now?”

“This scheme seems to concentrate on flats for funding: Bognor has already had large housing developments in the area which has caused traffic, job, health facility & school problems. There is no need for a cinema and a new one would kill the Picturedrome. Building on parking is ridiculous idea especially as Morrisons is also planning a rebuild in which the multi-storey will go, where are people going to park and what about events which regularly close seafront areas? Marginal extra seating in theatre is pointless as unless you’re planning on charging large sums of money celebs won’t come and you will force out groups who use it currently. It seems as though Bognor is being held to ransom, take these half price plans or we do nothing in the future due to the economic downturn. I would much rather wait and have a better thought out scheme. Once it’s done it can’t be changed. Please don’t needlessly destroy Bognor with useless facilities & housing - learn from Bournemouth’s mistakes!”

“This seems to benefit only the developer. The loss of parking and the inevitable closure of the Picturedrome would be a disaster for Bognor. We, as a family, are completely opposed.”

“This so called regeneration does not give us anything we want that we do not have already.”

“This whole development could be dropped into the middle of any county town and would be drop dead dull there to. This site fronts the sea. Even a team of degree course design students would make use of that e.g. 2nd floor wide patios around maybe with sea views and graceful circling bridge over the beach that has some kind of long term style statement. As it is this does not put Bognor Regis on anyone’s map & I live here.”

“This whole expensive process so far has cost so much more than the ‘underpinning’ excuse that this ‘re-development’ will pay for the Alexandra Theatre. I feel young people e.g. those over 10 yrs up to 30 or 40 yrs of age are being buffered away from the outdoors and any form of physical activity, such as lack of support for local sports, lakes, harbour walks, etc, and into cinemas. This is bad for health and social development. The large development on the sea front is disappointing similar to Bournemouth’s ‘ugliest building in the country’. The town is concerned about losing our current cinemas to corporations, and also about the lack of parking currently, during, and after this development has been built.”

“This whole proposal is ill conceived and if it goes ahead as I suspect it will, it will no doubt prove a white elephant, with the residents of Bognor Regis picking up the bill and losing the Picturedrome.”

“This will not be regeneration of Bognor Regis; these proposals will not enhance the visitor experience and are more likely to drive people away. Too many flats, certainly nowhere near enough car parking. The proposals for extra parking along the seafront plus 60 spaces being retained on the Regis Centre site will not be enough to service a larger theatre, 80 bed hotel, 4-5 screen cinema, flats, restaurants and cafes, beach visitors plus those working in the Town Hall and other businesses in the town. If people can’t park, then they won’t come. On a sunny day in Bognor Regis people come to the beach, again if they can’t park they won’t come. People visiting the theatre or multiplex will not come if they can’t park near to the venue and have to walk any distance especially on a wet windy evening, they will go somewhere else where they can park with easy access to see a show or watch a film. You would not book into a hotel if you thought you had to walk any distance with your cases. This needs serious reconsideration and does not stack up, there is nothing new on offer here, nothing new to make Bognor Regis stand out from other areas and regenerate the town, shops already empty particularly in the Queensway area and unless you can increase the footfall retailers will not be encouraged to come here. You certainly won’t increase the footfall if people can’t park anywhere. Please, please go back to the drawing board and come up with a scheme to regenerate the whole town centre area that the people who live and work there actually want. Something different is needed that will bring people in to the town, not the ‘same old’ plus the provision of ample parking to accommodate them.”

“This, to my mind, is lazy and unimaginative ‘planning’ with minimum input for maximum profit for everyone involved but not benefiting Bognor Regis. How can this cost £40 million? I fail to see any regeneration for the townspeople. More housing does not regenerate a town already full of people who have to travel outside of Bognor to go to work. With appalling infrastructure and extremely high business rates on existing shops, how can one soulless, glass box with 8 movie screens, reduced car parking and precious other entertainment, possibly attract quality restaurants etc. We already have cafes and locally owned eating establishments that struggle to stay open, especially with competition from all the
fast food outlets already dominating the town and outer edges. Bognor grew from a small coastal fishing village to a family holiday resort because of the wonderful, safe, sandy beach and pleasant countryside around it. Why is that constantly ignored whilst trying to foist what every other town in this country already has and then try to tell us this is the only answer? NO IMAGINATION...that is what!! No more flats on the seafront...build up a decent seafront to fit in with the barely remaining Victorian/Georgian architecture we have left. We have the history and scars from the 1970's so called 'regeneration' con which saw the magnificent Rex Ballroom torn down and a 'temporary' theatre nicknamed The Loo With A View. Put something like the Rex back...make us different...make us quaint and original...not urban and mundane! Allowing Butlins onto Bognor seafront was the worse decision made in the 60's, the rot started there. Why go into the town when their customers don’t need to venture out of the gates by entertaining them, unless it’s for a walk on the prom the morning after the night before, to get rid of their hangovers. ADC needs to get out of the comfortable bed they have made with St Modwen and take a fresh look at Bognor, WITH the residents! Most of all...listen and stop turning a deaf ear to us. We want to keep our lovely, little historic cinema. It should be a source of pride and one of the bases for regeneration, there is precious little left of our history!! Make Bognor Regis shine and take pride in the place we have in ADC....for far too long you have ignored and abused us!!"

"Tidy and paint Bognor Regis Buildings. It looks a dump; people go into Chichester as it is so much more classy."

"Time for a change boys!! Regeneration! Regeneration! Regeneration!"

"Timeline requires expanding to identify build phases, e.g. Hothamton 1st followed by Regis Centre. Parking will be an issue for the Regis Centre due to the combination of cinema, theatre & hotel, as well as the additional bars and restaurants. Building * at Regis should be of a comparable height to adjacent buildings, whilst Bognor requires regeneration the inclusion of a multiplex cinema will only work if pricing is competitive, e.g. Chichester multiplex benefits from free parking."

"To add an additional cinema is a waste of money. Should try to concentrate on family activities, ice skating, bowling, laser quest, restaurants, bars, Guildford is a good example, Chichester already has proposed plans."

"TO ATTRACT ME INTO BOGNOR AND TO SPEND £’s I NEED SOME "QUALITY" OUTLETS TO OUTWEIGHT THE SHORT DRIVE INTO ARUNDEL OR CHICHESTER. I USE THE PICTUREDROME BECAUSE IT IS HALF THE PRICE OF CHI’S NEW PARK, JW SPORTS FOR GOLF KIT AND NATIONWIDE BS. NOTHING ELSE MAKES BOGNOR WORTH STOPPING FOR, GOOD QUALITY APARTMENTS MAY BRING IN MORE SENIOR CITIZENS ETC WHO COULD OUTWEIGHT THE DRINKERS A HOMELESS WHO MAKE BOGNOR "SCARY".""

"To attract more tourists to the area more attractions are needed not more flats."

"To attract visitors we need plenty of parking. An outdoor market attracts and the best place is where it is. Closing part of the Esplanade permanently is a bad idea and re-opening the town centre would spoil the precinct."

"To be able to deliver a £40m regeneration project in Bognor Regis is of paramount importance to the town. It will bring much needed employment opportunities. It is also necessary to improve the image of the town to attract new businesses and provide sustainable industrial and commercial jobs into the future. This proposal from St Modwen must be supported."

"To bring more to Bognor restore the pier and beach. Leave our opens paces alone including Swansea Gardens. Q18 - DO NOT WANT!!"

"To build more flats would, the medical facilities would not be able to cope with the amount of people that would occupy the new accommodations. Traffic congestion would be worse than it already is. Bognor needs to have the type of shops and stores that people will not travel miles to get to, also toilet facilities need to be added to, as there are not enough for the amount of people who visit Bognor for holidays."

"To build shops, cinema, flats, theatre on all the parking in Bognor would create a white elephant. People would not come to the town if they can’t park close or for free. Q6 - Morrisons to expand to accommodate new homes not Tesco"

"To carry out the proposed regeneration of the sea front will not greatly increase the desire of people to come to Bognor. The users of the space would largely be the current residents. To improve the amount of visitors to the town it would require investment in the infrastructure and buildings which are there. After all people will possibly come to Bognor once...but having reached the Place St Maur through the empty shops and buildings the probably won’t other returning. A vibrant and thriving town will attract people not investing in a new "entertainment" complex. How many additional visitors to Chichester has their complex of restaurants, cafes etc attracted. I suspect very few instead people are attracted to Chichester then go to the restaurants, cafes etc. Bognor although having a great deal to offer to those people who know is...in fact a run down seaside town which is in need of re invention but I fear this will not come through suddenly putting a multi-screen cinema and houses on the sea front."

"TO CHANGE THE CINEMA WOULD BE A GREAT SHAME, IT IS A FANTASTIC CINEMA, SOMETHING PLEASANTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE MODERN CINEMAS THAT ARE TOO EXPENSIVE IN ADMISSION PRICES AND FOOD AND DRINK. TO CHANGE BOGNOR CINEMA WOULD MEAN I COULD NO LONGER TREAT MY CHILDREN TO A TRIP OUT AS I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD IT. THE FOOD AND DRINK IS GREAT AND IT IS A LOVELY FRIENDLY PLACE TO GO UNLIKE THE "UNHELPFUL" "NEXT" "AS LONG AS WE TAKE YOUR MONEY" ATTITUDE THAT THE MODERN CINEMAS HAVE. THE BUILDING IS A TALKING POINT. PLEASE DON’T CHANGE IT."

"To have a new cinema would greatly harm the Picturedrome. Some other leisure activity would benefit the town."

"To have a park within the town centre of Bognor is a real asset and it would be a great loss to turn that over to residential development - once lost it is lost forever. A multi-plex cinema can be found in many a town and is nothing ‘special’, but you have to travel some way to find a ten-pin bowling alley or ice-rink, and an addition like that would be special and would bring people into Bognor from outside. Leisure facilities of this type which embrace activity rather than sitting eating pop-corn support healthy lifestyle rather than a sedentary one, which in the current climate of concern for a growing obese population can only be a good thing."

"To lose the Picturedrome would be a feat loss to Bognor"

"To make the seafront road one way and to chevron the parking is not a good idea. It affects other business own assets and the two car parks that serve the Regis Centre and Hothamton site to close these and use London car park is too far away. To regenerate the Regis Centre site is just an excuse to build 280 new flats. We need to keep our open spaces just like Littlehampton."

"To many new homes being built with no prospect of jobs will end up as social housing."
"To me it seems St Modwen is holding a gun at Bognor Regis either
we agree or rather ADC agrees (I feel little note is taken about
residents wishes) on their proposals for the hotel etc or they pull
out. We do not need more shops cafes etc with the number we
already have. The idea of having flats above shops is crazy and as for
asking want is needed in the Queensway we already have a pub
shops and restaurants plus closed shops. As usual young people will
be left out of any of the ideas, room for a hotel plus 3 to 4 screen
cinema but no bowling etc. cannot see how any of this will benefit
Bognor."

"To retain open space where possible and ensure adequate
reasonably priced parking is available."

"To sell the multiplex idea to supporters, please provide suggestions
as to how you will support the Picturedrome to continue as maybe a
specialist cinema / arts venue."

"To the powers that be, please, please use this opportunity to give
Bognor Regis something different! WE NEED SOMETHING
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SPORTS CENTRE, ROLLER SKATING/ICE SKATING OVERLOOKING the
Sea!!! Alexandra Theatre - This is such an ugly building now. Will it
cover all the old? Regis Centre - Could something extra be
squeezed in? Ice rink? Water sports centre? Sport fishing?
MARINE DISCOVERY CENTRE? Hothamton site - An indoor ski and
snowboard centre on this site with apartments would be the best!
Q8 - It is depressing and has no good shops. Q10 - It looks boring
but better than nothing. Q11 - Is something other than a cinema
possible? Q14 - But please could they make the most of the view
rather than turn their backs on the sea! Q16 - If there is not
enough people will go to Chi or Portsmouth where there is. Q23 - I
would love to see something in Bognor that is not in Chichester,
Portsmouth or Littlehampton. For example it would be great to
have a SNOW CENTRE on the Hothamton site. Something different
would attract people. A water sports centre on the seafront.
Bognor needs to reinvent itself as a place for young sporty people
with money! Flats will do little for Bognor. We have a lovely
inexpensive cinema now and chain restaurants and bars are not very
exciting."

"To visit Bognor people need to park - what alternative parking are
you proposing to the Hothamton car park? How can the current
infrastructure support inhabitants of 200 apartments? Jobs,
medical, schools etc."

"Too many apartments are proposed; need variety of activities to
keep people in the town. Q11. Should give the option of having bars
and cafes etc without the cinema, other options instead to give
variety to the town. Is there enough parking for the increased
activities? If not people will stay away."

"Too many apartments. Loss of parking space Queensway. Loss of
Picturedrome - a great asset for Bognor"

"Too many car park spaces are being removed from a town that
suffers already near the centre. Appropriate parking especially with
major leisure use to be considered is very necessary. What will
happen to the businesses in the town centre, the cinema, shops and
cafe? Has the impact of the new openings been fully investigated? Is
pressure being applied to town centre landlords to improve the
units they own to improve the look and feel of the town?"

"Too many car parking spaces lost. We need a good outdoor
children’s free play area and decent toilets on or adjacent to the
promenade. The proposed multiplex will kill the Picturedrome -
people do not choose Bognor over Chichester for night-time leisure
activities and possible neither cinema will survive."

"Too many expensive flats. Need more affordable housing for rent."

"Too many flats along sea front. The flats proposed on Regis site will
mean that apart from the Regis Centre there will be flats along sea
front from Butlins to Waterloo square and beyond. They will also
hide the new clock on the town hall."

"TOO MANY FLATS DON'T NEED THEM AND WE DON'T NEED
ANOTHER CINEMA."

"Too many flats in the town don't build any more and don’t build a
multiplex either - we've got the Picturedrome and that will kill it.
Don't lose the car parks we need more car parking not less. The
picture of the Alexandra theatre looks horrible, don't do that either"

"Too many flats not enough parking. Do something with the Pier 1st.
These questions are very biased towards a cinema & flats"

"Too many flats, enough on seafront already too few car parking
spaces. Move flats plus Alexandra Theatre to another site. Don't
end up like the 1970's. We ended up with flats plus a large cow shed
called a theatre."

"Too many houses/flats - Top issue Too many parking issues -
Need more detail on overflow construction costs Why is the
cinema required - development without this 6 storeys too high.
Doubt brands etc which would be attracted to sites - low
quality/more Wetherspoons - hotels brands"

"Too many residential apartments/flats not enough parking or
leisure facilities. History says no parking towns die G.B. littered with
dying towns."

"Too much building along seafront. Especially flats - great eyesores.
A rebuilt Pier with amenities would be acceptable as would a Marina
promised years ago. Sailors etc shop around and use pubs and cafes.
Good business"

"Too much focus has been placed on providing flats in an
infrastructure the cannot support it. This is all nicely wrapped up
under the title of regeneration. Regeneration is about provision of
services which keep people in an area with employment and
entertainment, thus providing affluence and REGENERATION. This
would be best achieved by keeping the old cinema and not letting
another cinema putting the old cinema out of business, because it
cannot afford to lose money like a national corporate company can,
until such time as all competition has been eliminated and therefor
another derelict building on the horizon. We need to be thinking
about innovative ideas that are not mirrored by
surrounding/accessible areas. One such idea and in my opinion the
best option is a proper ICE skating rink (no wax this is rubbish and
will appeal to no one after they have been on it once) .as there is no
ice rink within at least one hour of Bognor, the ice rink would be a
unique attraction which would encourage a large surrounding area
to frequent. Not just Bognor Regis .therefore bringing in money from
outside of the area win win. The other idea is to provide a bowling
alley this is also a good option but it must be kept in mind that
although it may me a safer option to the ice rink it would be unlikely
to bring in anything but local money as there are numerous ally's
within a short drive and you would have to provide as good or
better social entertaining to compete, this factor is also another
negative for the new cinema option. The existing cinema also
provides affordable entertainment for every one even those on a
tight fiscal budget multiplex’s can be up to treble the price so are we
really providing for all of Bognor’s residents if you go down this
route . I for one do not like being ripped off."

"TOO MUCH PARKING WOULD BE LOST BY THESE SCHEMES."

"Too much too soon. Start with hotel to encourage visitors. Provide
additional parking to accommodate any increase. Too many food
outlets will have detrimental effect on existing, resulting in more
being viable. Probable over capacity of theatre and cinemas could result in overheads not being met”

“Totally against a new cinema. Totally against new high rise buildings. You quote Fitzleat with its 16 floors as a comparison on the 6 floors new proposed building. Fitzleat is an ugly eyesore!! You can see it from miles away!! AWFUL, awful building!! Spoils the entrance to Bognor Regis, as you can see it whichever direction you approach Bognor Regis from. Really bad example to give, if you wish people to support your proposals.”

“Totally inadequate parking for developments considered - especially in summer. Think: 450 in theatre?? Cinema capacity? Flats 200 - cafes & shopping parking - you will need at least provision for 1000 car parking spaces to cope with this out of season. Also, many locals will not use the multi-storey - it is horrible and with the competition of Cineworld with free parking you will be on a hiding to nothing. You should possibly consider a different developer who will retain current cinema after so much local money has been spent retaining it. Poorly thought out - Hotel should be in front with cafes under to benefit sea views - cinema behind essential in development - current old cinema should be converted to theatre at developers expense. Q12 Use style of Grand Esplanade flats for stunning effect. Q14 - but only if a better quality is included Q16 Plans are totally inadequate for the proposed developments Q17 must be retained for parking for theatre / cinema & restaurants Q19 Required to remain as car parking spaces”

“Totally inadequate parking for proposed theatre and cinema will not attract attendance other than for those within walking distance. To restrict traffic to one way along the Esplanade will not only cause huge inconvenience but will result in even greater congestion in the town.”

“Tourists come to Bognor to see and enjoy the sea not look at flats. Already plenty of eating places. Proposed building looks like a warehouse. Bournemouth is pulling down their Multiplex. A modernised version of the Delaware Pavilion at Bexhill. Ice rink in winter, indoor children’s pool in summer, plus cafe above using solar & heat exchange would bring in tourists even in bad weather. More houses equals more money needed for infrastructure, £30 million on Relief Road across flood plain = MAD”

“Town centre car parks are often full, particularly in the summer months with the influx of tourists. Encouraging more users into the space and providing 280 new apartments will only put more pressure on competition for parking, day and night. The proposals versus parking space required doesn’t look to add up. Just because Fitzleat Tower exists doesn’t mean buildings should exceed three storeys. With Chichester just down the road Bognor isn’t renowned for its shopping experience and European style cafe culture. With many high streets struggling with the current economic climate and internet shopping are more shops really sustainable or just ideological for the purposes of attracting investment? Investment is desperately required and this opportunity should be seized upon. Architecture and design work should be of high quality. Of course the economics of such development require large multi-nationals to be involved. There is a danger of the proposals being another ‘anywheresville’, such as out of town shopping developments, with a McDonalds, Halfords, PC world etc. Going to the cinema is an increasingly expensive two hours of escapism, with technology changing how view things, is another Nando’s / cinema combination going to be affordable and more importantly to future generations?”

“Traffic on promenade too great to be one way. Car parks during the day are up to 90% full - where do propose they go - Suggest hotel could be multi storey car park. The question re multiplex cinema - but that proposal is a positive NO! - who comes to the beach to watch films? Ice Rink, Roller Rink, Dance Hall, Theatre, Exhibition Hall, Bowling Alley”

“Turn Hothamton back to open space with boating lake. Keep the successful Picturedrome we do not need new cinema. Spend our money more sensibly.”

“Under no circumstances should the multiplex cinema be built. We have a perfectly adequate cinema already - one which the people of Bognor voted for the town council to take on. These proposals are a shambolic mess; yes, the town needs some investment, but not this. It’s exactly this sort of ill thought-out schemes that ADC pushed thru in the 1970’s that got the town in the mess it is now. If the choice is these proposals or nothing, then doing nothing is by far the preferred choice, as ADC have repeatedly been told by the residents of Bognor. What we need is a raft of SMALL SCALE sympathetic schemes right across the town that complement what we already have. Yes, improve our theatre, but another cinema will be the death of the town. There is already a cinema here, and a large - and half empty - multiplex in Chichester. Please, just for once, listen to what we residents are telling you! In summary, what we DO not need are anymore cinemas, supermarkets or flats!”

“Unfortunately it seems the same old proposals have been dragged up again and again with no consideration to the overwhelming objections from the last time this was proposed. We do not want a new multi screen cinema this has already been rejected in the past many times and I do not understand why this is still in the proposals, What part of no can’t you understand. There is slight reference about closing the esplanade road in one direction. This road is probably the widest and best road we have in Bognor. Take out all the silly humps and obstructions on both sides and there would be 4 wide lanes which to provide good connections between the east and west routes. This road is currently always busy and would cause grid lock in the town if closed. If require a row of chevron parking could be arranged on one side of the road and still leave room for normal two way through traffic. Once again this road closure proposal has been rejected several times in the past. I would like to see the pier repaired/extended to attract more visitors, from the current proposals on offer the idea’s centre around flats and more flats.”

“Unhappy about the proposal for the Prom to become “one-way” - it will become a bottle neck along the seafront and divert traffic into the town centre - neither would be desirable. We need a smooth flow of traffic. The loss of parking is a bad thing for both residents and visitors. Either alternative parking will be needed or, existing/proposed parking needs extending - maybe two storey parking at Hothamton site - one for residents, one for pay and display. Whether the council or government likes it or not, the car is here to stay. Bognor has an aging population and the car is vital to mobility for most.”

“UNIMAGINATIVE AND UNLIKELY TO IMPROVE THE IMAGE OF BOGNOR REGIS. BOGNOR IS A TYPICAL 1930’S SEASIDE TOWN AND THIS IS WHAT SHOULD BE REFURBISHED AND DEVELOPED AND PRESERVED.”

“Unimaginative proposals. Bognor does not need a cinema of the size proposed when the Picturedrome is in existence and should receive further funding. Is a cinema really needed to attract a cluster of cafes and restaurants? I do not think so. Who is saying - potential retail investors? Look at Chichester. The area around the multiplex cinema is sterile. The Chichester eateries that attract the bulk of customers do so either because of food quality e.g. Marco or Carluccios or because of their position. The seafront setting will attract customers. Look at the Lobster Pot on Felpham seafront - it is very very busy. Please ensure that people that really know about public art are involved in consultation - local public art is historically
of low quality - link in with Pallant House, Cass Sculpture Foundation etc. Citing Fitzleat in trying to sell "just" six storey building is not going to convince many people."

"Unless safety / security is perceived to be improved in and around the town (particularly among the elderly) it is difficult to see how costly investment in the town can raise its profile."

"Unless the council build something big enough (like the Brighton Centre, BIC or a Marina) to attract outside interests anything is a waste of money. A cinema is not a reason to come to a town and stay overnight in a hotel. The sea front currently has a shabby looking hotel - the Royal Norfolk. Butlins has three! Why another.

The proposals seem very light on the parking. Attracting customers to a theatre 450 seats and 5 screens cinema as well as bars and restaurants all for 60 parking spaces! The council needs to create an excellent high street getting the big name retailers in (M and S, Next, Lego Shop, TK Max, Zizzi, Pizza Express) mixed with the small independent retailers would encourage people to want to visit and shop, but don't put people of with high parking charges. Rather the Alexandra Theatre being last in the funding pot put it first by creating a fabulous theatre, restaurant and bar, so performers want to come Bognor and put us on the south coast circuit, invest in the area around the existing cinema and a make the train station a welcoming place, then at a later date adding the hotel and residential. Although there is a considerable amount of residential in the Bognor Area (Flansham and North Bersted) if the council want to encourage people to come to Bognor then you also need to ensure we have good transport links and have a more frequent direct line train service."

"Unless you can get shops and restaurants interested in the Hothamton sit there would be very little interest in coming to Bognor. A new cinema will not attract visitors."

"Unsure about the cinema - worry it will cause the other one to fail = do they need it?"

"Until I received this leaflet I was unaware of the Hothamton development and still don't know where you're referring to."

"Until the huge problem regarding parking (which already exists) has been seriously provided there is no way that anything will survive, beyond one visit. When people will realise there is no nearby parking, they will not return. We need leisure not cinemas. The restaurant needs to be at 1st floor level to encourage daytime parking, they will not return. We need leisure not cinemas. The restaurant needs to be at 1st floor level to encourage daytime business. Main error last time!!"

"Update the Alexandra Theatre"

"Upgrading Bognor Regis has been spoken about for at least 25 years to my knowledge. This is a great opportunity - hope it will happen."

"Upkeep of new public areas lavatories etc must be excellent."

"Use our money wisely. Don't do anything that will harm the future of our cinema, The Bognor Picturedrome."

"Very concerned about the lack of car-parking - a big hole in an otherwise reasonable and effective scheme, and your questionnaire on the subject has woefully inadequate response choices! I do not think echelon parking on the Esplanade will come close to offering enough spaces, and leaves unaddressed (to date) the very real traffic and access problems arising from the resultant one-way system. Chichester Gate has a huge dedicated car-park for its facilities, and it is often full to overflowing! I think you will have to look at building a minimum 200 space car-park (probably two or three levels of it, possibly under the flats on the site, this in addition to the planned parking) on or near - 200 metres at most - to the Regis Centre site. Without such a provision, potential visitors will be put off by the otherwise fragmented and inadequate parking, and an opportunity to make central Bognor as a whole more attractive to visit, would be lost. I think a multiplex would be a good idea, and if the Picturedrome turns itself into a 'niche' cinema, I see no reason why it would not survive and prosper - works very well in other towns, notably Norwich, where I used to live."

"Very concerned with respect to car parking. This needs to be spelt out explicitly. I consider that the success of the cinema, bars etc. Will hinge on sufficient and suitable car parking in very close proximity to the facilities. If this is not available customers will look elsewhere resulting in businesses failing as will the regeneration."

"Very disappointed with the Regis centre proposal not incorporating facilities i.e. restaurants already on the site. No other restaurants in Bognor Regis incorporate Kids facilities in this "Family Resort" which are free of charge."

"Very few leisure activities - Bowling Alley, Ice Rink etc"

"Very good for Bognor"

"Very good idea desperately needed as Chichester is nearest area for dining - cinema also a good idea"

"Very noble suggestions, but where's the money coming from? Not from council tax I hope!"

"Very pleased to see this change come about as it will greatly help with the growing population and employment of more people which is urgently needed and would like to see an improved Alexander Theatre."

"Very popular market would go if this went ahead; which is one of the main reasons I disagree with it.

"Very slanted survey. Extra parking to Esplanade only viable "one way traffic". This would place even more pressure on the high street which is dreadful at the moment. Our present cinema is dying on its feet. We can't support two. Eastbourne (as you quote as supporting two) can hardly be compared with Bognor. What will happen to the present market stall holders? Compensation?"

"Very unhappy about removal of car parking spaces. Not happy about more flats and threat to Picturedrome. Not opposed to development per se - need something else!"

"Visitors arriving at Bognor Station for the first time must be appalled at the state of the area around the station and routes leading to the new developments - its run down, tatty and dirty, just like other areas administered by Arun District Council. No wonder Bognor is the butt of jokes - it is a joke - hang your heads in shame Councillors!!"

"Volume of traffic and too many bars etc would cause a great deal of unruly behaviour, vandalism etc."

"Wake up ADC, Butlins has 3 hotels running on 80% occupancy, if you provide a leisure facility that is not already in Butlins the guests will flock to it! So would the residents of Bognor Regis and elsewhere. Take a deep breath and admit that St Modwen is a failed project."

"Want a Bowling Alley not a cinema."

"Want support for the Picturedrome Cinema and therefore no other cinema to be developed in competition. We have a fantastic cinema
already, worried about the amount of housing being suggested. We need cafe, restaurants, bowling alley possibly."

“Waste of the space/time and money.”

“Waterloo square bowling greens has been blighted by the parking changes on the road these changes were put in place in JUNE 2011 two hours only to park and the average time needed to play a match is 4HOURS why was change made in the first place my wife and I have BOWLED in the square for 15 years also if changes at Hothamton car parking go ahead it will make it worse for Bowlers I do know Norfolk bowls club in Littlehampton get FREE PARKING WHY? We are all ARUN DISTRICT RESIDENTS AND WE ALL PAY THE SAME RATES this cannot be right If Arun close Swansea gardens this will add to the problem of PARKING think very very hard about this as bowlers need parking as near as possible to the greens.”

“We already got a cinema; something new and different will attract people. Ice skating ring.”

“We already have 2 new hotels at Butlins and 2 other sea front hotels we do not need anymore. We have a lovely cinema -these to existing businesses these would benefit with parking nearby to support them. Fitzleet House is an eyesore and needs knocking down. Town centre is not a desirable place to be at night as it is full of migrant workers who speak little or no English - the council needs to address the problems that exist and support local small business to permanent jobs & work for local people and not just seasonal jobs for migrant EU's.”

“We already have a cinema - in a protected building. There is no need for another one.”

“WE ALREADY HAVE A CINEMA AND DON'T NEED ANOTHER. WE DO NOT NEED ANY MORE SEAFRONT FLATS THERE ARE PLENTY NOW. WE NEED NICE SEAFRONT RESTAURANTS, MAYBE A BOWLING ALLEY OR ICE RINK AND THE PIER NEEDS TO BE RESTORED.”

“We already have a cinema and numerous restaurants. If a new cinema causes the Picturedrome to close it will become a large empty building. The loss of all the parking is a bad idea. Why attract big chain restaurants. We should be encouraging local people to open their own. I am not in favour of the proposals as they stand. Other hotels have struggled in the town and Butlins has three, I can't see another as a good idea.”

“We already have a cinema as Chichester not too far. Why more houses (apart from the money they will make) do we need with all the other housing estates going up in Felpham and Bersted. They are having difficulty selling apart from Social Housing. How large is the housing waiting list in Bognor.”

“We already have a cinema in Bognor.”

“We already have a cinema. People do not use Bognor as the range of shops is bad. We need cheaper or free parking and better chain shops such as H&M, Primark, lush, next etc. We are seen as a very scrummy and pikey area.”

“We already have a great cinema showing current films and shows from various theatres which is fantastic - why not have ten pin bowling alley which would be very popular with families and young people in fact all age groups, also it would give holidaymakers another option of things to do.”

“We already have a theatre and cinema. Improving these is hardly going to attract more people into Bognor. We need a new facility i.e. ice rink - something worth travelling to Bognor for. Also any new restaurants need to be either chains or more up market to attract more people and compete with Chichester.”

“We already have a very good cinema - another 4/5 screen is going to have an adverse effect on the Picturedrome and do we really need more shops and apartments/flats - nobody has mentioned a multi-storey car park which I think Bognor needs - Chichester/Worthing & Brighton have them; more shops - high rents/leases & business rates - I don't think so= more empty shops.”

“We already have plenty of pubs, cafes and restaurants struggling to make business pay, we cannot support more. The poultry 200 jobs proposed would no doubt be low pay and part-time, not very promising. We need more industry in the area for work. The one-way prospect on the Esplanade would be a nightmare, there is no easy east/west route through Bognor as it is and this would make it much worse. To cut down on parking areas would mean the death knoll for traders in Bognor. Our car park areas are always busy.”

“We already have sufficient hotels and B&Bs we do not need a large cinema. There is one in Chichester we already have a suitable cinema. We are packed with supermarkets and our restaurants and cafes are rarely full.”

“We already have the Picturedrome it would be a waste of money to have a new cinema. If people want to go to a cinema other than the Picturedrome they can go to Chichester. We would benefit from something different such as an ice rink.”

“We already have too many empty shops in Bognor which cannot be filled owing to the high rents, so how do you think you will attract new retailers to the proposed new shops/restaurants? I firmly believe that it would be more beneficial to construct an activity centre on the site, to include the Alexandra Theatre, providing an indoor tennis court which could be rented out in the mornings as a children’s play area and also used for basketball and badminton (all on the same site). Table tennis and snooker also be an attraction - we could even hold snooker championships here which would encourage fans from all over England to visit Bognor and spend money here rather than Sheffield. An ice skating rink-cum-rollerblading area would also attract. All this would help keep the kids off the streets, thus reducing crime and could be used by all age groups. In order to attract more outsiders to Bognor parking should be free in some areas, but I believe the parking disc idea should also be retained. We have already provided much needed accommodation in Bersted and Flansham so I don’t believe we need any more, particularly since the current infrastructure and amenities are far from adequate. We do not need another cinema; people can go to Chichester if they want a multi-screen cinema. The Picturedrome is part of the history of the town and should remain so as THE CINEMA. People like to go there and want to go there to stay. Remember it supports the surrounding shops, cafes and restaurants. Please return it to its former glory. Think more about what Bognor Regis council tax payers want rather than what outsiders and developers want - they don’t live here!”

“We already have two sea front hotels plus three in Butlins so cannot imagine why yet a third is needed in the Town itself and especially not in the location suggested. Regarding a new cinema we already have a delightful cinema in the Town which is well used and shows really good films together with shows etc so cannot see there is a need for yet another and this would of course take all the business away from the current cinema. I understand that there are proposals by Bognor Regis Council and local residents which have been made for the development/improvements of the sea front and town area so why not look at these instead of bringing in outsiders who obviously have no other purpose than to change our lovely old town into something which the majority of local residents do not want.”

“We appear to have more than enough housing - we need better access to Bognor in and out. A roller skate park would benefit...
We do not a multiplex cinema. A theatre should be kept. The Picturedrome is a part of Bognor and should be kept. We do need affordable accommodation for young people.

We do not have good enough services to cover more people coming into the area, e.g. hospitals, doctors, roads, schools, etc.

We do not need 200 new apartments when you are only suggesting a maximum of 200 new jobs. You have already built so many new homes in the area without creating any jobs for the occupants to work in, that the priority is to find work for the people already living here. New restaurants, bars and cafes will simply put the ones we have already out of business giving no net gain in employment.

We do not need a cinema - we have one! We already have masses of sea front flats we need things for the young people which they don't have at present, clubs, young people's cafes, meeting places. We also need industry. St Modwen are not trying to help the town, they are trying to make as much money as possible.

We do not need a cinema complex and new restaurants - Chichester is an example of the failure of this concept. Good sized quality apartments are OK but compacted down market definitely not.

We do not need a hotel we do not need a comma we need a new shopping centre with good all weather shopping. We can see as the royal Norfolk closed the royal is run down we have enough bedrooms in the town.

We do not need a multiplex cinema - we want to retain the Picturedrome which is affordable for local people. There should be more facilities for local families such as a Bowling Alley or Skating Rick. We need more parking areas in town - not more apartments.

We do not need a multiplex cinema in Bognor as we have the Picturedrome which is a wonderful building and allows us already to see a lot of latest release films in a fabulous building which the Council should be supporting. It should be advertised as a major attraction of Bognor. Chichester already has a multiplex cinema which is practically empty for the less commercial films and only full for children's films or blockbusters which have equally good houses when shown at the Picturedrome. Most of the restaurants at Chichester Gate are empty for most of the daytime. They may be better patronised at night but I do not see the point of spending all that money putting in a multiplex if it is not going to enhance the area during the day. I find it very strange that ASDA's application was turned down because it was thought it would have a detrimental effect on the Bognor High Street. This will have an even worse effect. What you should be doing is revitalising the High Street first. Most of the people who use Alexandra theatre now are quite happy with it. It just needs a bit of loving care and attention which would cost less but have just as good a result.

We do not need a multiplex cinema when the refurbished Picturedrome provides good films at an affordable price, have you thought of alternatives - bowling alley, ice rink etc. Where are all the cars to be parked? How much is ADC creaming off for new projects at Littlehampton??

We do not need a multiplex cinema, it would be better to upgrade the Picturedrome. We have long been saying that a skating rink or bowling alley would benefit the town (young people need more to do in the town itself) and would attract visitors. The proposed provision of car parking spaces is insufficient and would deter visitors. If we must have a hotel, let it be one with CONFERENCE FACILITIES to attract visitors.

We do not need a multiplex cinema. We have a lovely cinema which is in keeping with Bognor Regis.
“We do not need a multi-plex cinema. We have the Picturedrome of which we are very proud - it should be enhanced. Cineworld is expensive - £22 for a couple to see a film is ridiculous. I do not take lightly to being told by developers what we need and blackmailing us with an 'all or nothing' approach - it is OUR town, not theirs. From all the discussion I have heard on the proposals, the consensus is to build a proper amenity for Bognor Regis that would be an asset, an attraction and encourage tourism. Your proposals are absolute rubbish and totally out of touch with what is required for Bognor. We need a swimming pool, partly indoor and partly outdoor, and complement this with an Ice Skating Rink, a Roller Blade rink, a Bowling Alley, a proper Youth Centre and any other suitable activity to encourage sporting activity for young and old alike. Only then should restaurants, cafes, etc be considered. I consider an Ice Skating Rink with a Bognor Ice Hockey team to be essential. It would create a great link between ourselves, Gosport, Guildford and Brighton and we could hold great sporting events."

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“We do not need a new cinema full stop. Fail to see how cafes etc would depend on it. Sounds like a load of backhanders going on just like normal”

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“We do not need a new cinema. We need skating rink or similar!”

“We do not need a new cinema. My family and I love the existing cinema. The prices are so good we can go more often as a family night out and it is welcoming and personal. I do think Bognor Regis needs a better variety of restaurants, for example an Italian. I hope the views of the people who actually live here are taken into account. Thank you.”

“We do not need a new cinema; the space would be better used for an Ice Rink or Roller Skate Rink for locals and holiday makers. I feel we are being bullied into accepting a new cinema or else mentality - no development.”

“We do not need all this redevelopment. Need to sort out rest of town and encourage new tenants in existing shops. Whatever is done i.e. redevelopment, people will not come here, always go to Chichester. Have enough small hotels and Butlins and the cinema we have is excellent, people will go to Chichester cinema to Cineworld. Maybe the Bognor cinema is a friendly, high quality establishment. Maybe the Council could look into using the space for socially interactive facilities on proposed site!”

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“We do not need another cinema - we need some other attraction that will bring people to Bognor (i.e. ice rink).”

“We do not need another cinema as the one we have is great value for money and a wonderful building”

“We do not need another cinema in Bognor Regis. The Picturedrome is fine and well-priced.”

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“We do not need another cinema in the town - we need other options for the young people of the town, instead of just hanging around MacDonald’s. There are many eating places in and around the town - and because there is not a lot on the seafront, these cafes bring people actually into the town, where they then hopefully use the shops as well as just the cafes. PLUS if you have the theatre and a 4/5 screen cinema and so few parking spaces, who is going to bother coming (this is very apparent at Chichester Gate where there are 500 spaces) It also appears there may be designated accommodation on the Hothampton site for students - within 100 metres of the Wetherspoons - GREAT! Yes! Certainly the theatre could do with a refurbishment, but not at the expense of the whole town. This is not all about saving the Picturedrome (although that is certainly a feature); we are well on the way to becoming yet another characterless seafront.”

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“Technology is capable of having retractable surfaces, movable seating, and the very thing to get people into the town is parking, nowhere park and not enough people will come regardless of what’s on offer the seafront is a wonderful resource and should be enhanced, think what the town got its reputation for in its heyday. But I fully expect that quick profit will come before the real requirements of the area. Put the right entertainment venues in the area and people will come and not travel to Chichester or Portsmouth etc. over the years the grand plans have been dulu

down so much I’m not expecting anything to happen in my life time. The best idea of all was the marina like Brighton then you can have the entertainment, shops and housing, and attract marinas to the town as well income generation could then fund regeneration of the rest of the town with leisure facilities and not housing.

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“We do not need another cinema. We already have one. Prefer bowling alley/snow dome”

“We do not need another cinema. We need a Bowling Alley and or Ice Rink. They will bring in enough money to support the restaurants etc. Support local businesses before using chain owned companies. Town needs smartening up - e.g. re-tarmac roads and repaint buildings. LEAVE THE CINEMA ALONE !!”

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“We do not need another monster eyesore as Fitzleet House is regarded. We do not need any more strange expensive street art similar to the giant ‘Pickle Spoon’ outside Santander. We do not want to lose the Picturedrome.”

“We do not need any more flats. We do not need a multiplex cinema or a bowling alley. In ice rink would be good!”

“We do not need any more flats/apartments in Bognor, local people cannot afford to buy, the only people that can afford to buy are people selling large expensive family homes and retiring here. Making the seafront one way is impracticable, it will turn Bognor into one giant roundabout, it is nearly that now! I also feel there are enough cafes and restaurants in the town.”

“We do not need any more hotels or supermarkets in this town especially Tesco’s as we have already have 5 express and large store. Why not provide some leisure and hobby facilities for the elderly as there are a lot of us.”

“We do not need more accommodation in the town - leisure facilities are more important. Also, I have a guest house in Belmont Street and opposed to any development opposite my home.”

“We do not need more apartments on the seafront - we do not need another cinema. Parking is already poor/expensive. We need something different not another cinema which is the same as Chichester. An ice rink would be viable as the nearest is in Gosport - this would attract visitors into our town and boost trade - more housing will not generate more visitors - the seafront is a major asset - use it wisely - not just a sea view for OAP’s from the flats”

“We do not need more flats in town; this proposal would just encourage a town centre Ghetto area to form around the Hothamton site!! We do not need a multiscreen cinema! We have an excellent facility in the Picturedrome, it is affordable and comfortable. Anyone wanting the multiplex type of venue, Chichester is only 15 minutes away. Where would we park when needing to use the Queensway??? Especially those of us who are disabled. Not everyone who is disabled uses a wheelchair!! There are many of us who need on street parking, most of the on street parking has been taken from us and given over to buses and taxis. You have no proposals to help us!! I am sick of Arun lording it over us in Bognor, how dare they assume to know what is best for us!! They are only paying lip service now, they will take no notice whatever in the outcome of this survey. They asked us before our opinion on your proposals, when told by many of us we didn’t want any of it you have just gone away - revamped your plans and come back with the same as before!! To add insult to injury you’re consulting people living in Littlehampton, Arundel, Chichester, what in the world does it have to do with them?!? There are many of us who think you should take all your current plans and build them in Littlehampton or anywhere except Bognor Regis, British Born LOCAL people don’t want any more changes. You are flooding us with thousands of new homes! Where is the infrastructure to go with them? Schools, Doctors, Local Pubs, Parks-free children’s play areas etc etc. Spend the money on those necessities before adding to the problems we have to endure, like overcrowding everywhere. As you might guess we have also backed the call for “Bognor out of Arun” or maybe we should say “Arun out of Bognor’s Business.”

“We do not need more flats. Stop building flats in Bognor. More houses are already being built to add to massive flat buildings. No improvement to infrastructure or jobs. Shocking. We have a cinema, we don’t need another. Yes to cafes & restaurants on seafront - great idea. No to hotel & cinema, don’t build on car parking spaces.”

“We do not need more flats; the town is full of flats that are already for sale - no more needed. Keep Picturedrome. No loss of Parking spaces.”

“We DO NOT NEED MORE SHOPS YOU JUST NEED TO MAKE THE RENTS AFFORDABLE FOR ALL THE EMPTY ONES IN TOWN. THE THEATRE NEEDS MONEY SPENT ON IT TO IMPROVE IT BUT WE ALREADY HAVE A CINEMA WE DO NOT NEED ANOTHER ONE. THERE IS NOT ENOUGH PARKING NOW WHEN A SUNDAY MATINEE OR A FULL HOUSE IS ON AT THE THEATRE SO WE CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE ANY PLACES. THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED CANNOT WALK FROM QUEENSWAY TO THE ALEX THEATRE.”

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“We do not require any more supermarkets in Bognor Regis. An aquarium would also be beneficial. We have a cinema and need more for families and tourism and QUICKLY!”

“We do not want a multiplex cinema - this has been said time & again & the council do not listen. We do not want it. End of story. We have an old fashioned sea front & we are a quirky small town - build on what we have. Use the sea - encourage water sports, children’s play & seaside resort small scale cafes & shops. Don’t keep trying to ruin it by inviting in massive cinema complexes & apartments. Please listen to what the public want for a change.”

“We do not want a new cinema, there is a perfectly lovely old cinema already that residents love, if a new cinema was built, the old cinema would not get the new films, and the residents would eventually stop going to the new one as the prices would be on a par with Chichester, why stay in Bognor Regis when you can go to Chichester at the same prices, and be able to park?? Eventually it would become a white elephant and a blot on the landscape. The only benefit any of these changes would make is to the tourists who are only here for 3-4 months of the year, the residents DO NOT want an all year round holiday town, residents love it when the tourists go home. The money would be more wisely spent on repairing the very badly damaged roads that the residents of Bognor Regis have to use. The loss of existing parking at the Regis Centre and Fitzleet car parks would actually stop residents from shopping in the town centre, they would go to Chichester or Littlehampton, where the car parking is in the town centre, so if these plans go ahead the town would die. Has any of Arun Council or St Modwen’s ever monitored the high use of all the car parks in Bognor Regis, if they had, they would realise that getting rid of them would be a HUGE mistake. As far as a possible extra supermarket is concerned, we already have Tesco,
Sainsbury’s, Morrison’s, Lidl and numerous little Co-Ops, why on earth do we need more? In fact, it would be far more sensible if you wanted to create a leisure area for Bognor Regis, to create one out of the town centre similar to the Chichester Gate area, where there is a cinema, bowling, nightclub, various restaurants and a huge car park all on the outskirts of town. People live in Bognor Regis because it is a peaceful haven in between busy popular beach resorts and busy cities, don’t try and make our beautiful peaceful town into a mini Littlehampton."

“We do not want any more Tesco’s 6 in this town is enough”

“We do not want to lose any more old buildings. As you say on the front of this, we may not lose the Picturedrome. I think this is a great asset to the Town and it provides very good films. Also I hope nothing will stop the parking along the seafront - this is a great asset to handicap people who are limited walkers who can just take a limited walk.”

“We do not want to lose the Picturedrome. We have put a lot of money in to save it, a multiplex would ruin everything”

“We don’t need a multiplex. The Picturedrome is ideal. We need to have adequate parking for the Regis Centre. I shall not be using it again, if I cannot get parking space at night near to it.”

“We don’t need another cinema The Picturedrome is excellent value for money an ice rink or bowling alley would benefit Bognor much more than an overpriced 5 screen cinema”

“We don’t need another cinema. We need more investment that retains the character of the town.”

“We don’t need another supermarket as we have lots we could use me places to go out for a meal like TGI Fridays, harvester, would be if if there was some where to take classes in things like cooking yoga crafting and things”

“We don’t need more flats or a new cinema or the coast road taken away we need free parking and a new pier”

“We don’t want Hotham Park to disappear or have any other building erected on it. If you get rid of our Old Cinema people wouldn’t use a big new complex as we can’t afford to go. So you would have an adverse reaction. We love our old Cinema, Bognor does keep growing in size and it would be nice to see the seafront re-vamped but leave our Cinema alone. As for the Queensway site I think you need a supermarket there still not housing because we have just had the big Sainsbury’s built on the outskirts of Bognor - this is a great asset to handicap people who are limited walkers who can just take a limited walk.”

"We do not need any more flats in Bognor. We already have a lovely place to live and restaurants HELP REVAMP.”

"We don’t need any more expensive flats that would take away parking. Butlins also has a cinema & bowling so we need something to bring people into the town there is also plenty of bars and restaurants HELP REVAMP.”

"We don’t need another cinema complex as there is the Picturedrome and the one in Chichester. Unless the Alexandra Theatre is going to attract quality acts there is little point in keeping it. Do we really need yet more flats along the seafront? If this is the best proposal Arun has to offer then we might as well not bother.”

"We don’t need another cinema! A bigger theatre would be good and maybe shops & cafes. No more flats, no more houses in town!”

"We don’t need another cinema, what’s wrong with The Picturedrome? There is need for leisure, to entertain holidaymakers such as a bowling alley or a skating rink. There are enough hotels and B&Bs in the town. What happens to the trade of existing cafes and restaurants if you start building more? Sitting areas and children’s play areas are needed that doesn’t cost the earth. No good building apartments and taking away car parking. The town needs visitors. Encourage them to come!”

"We don’t need another cinema. The extra flats and houses will make the roads more crowded with all the extra cars people would have. Why don’t you look at repairing the roads and making more parking for the present residents of Bognor - this would also be more likely to encourage more visitors to the town.”

"WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER CINEMA. THE MONEY SPENT IS ONLY TO MAKE VAST PROFITS FOR MODWEN NOT FOR THE TOWN. THE PEOPLE OF BOGNOR COULD NOT AFFORD THE PRICES OF CAFES OR THE PROPOSED 4 - 5 SCREEN CINEMA.”

"We don't need any more cinemas. Picturedrome is fine, everybody likes it. Would prefer more shops as we do not already have many. More places for young people to go/things to do. Not just replacing things we already have and like.”

"We don’t need any more flats in Bognor. We already have a lovely cinema that is one of the few historic buildings left. By all means renovate the Regis Centre but Multiplexes are soulless compared to our Picturedrome. As it’s only a mile away the distributors would always give the best movies to the highest bidder and the Picturedrome would miss out. Another reason for us to get rid of ADC.”

"WE DON'T NEED FANCY CINEMA. THE SEAFRONT IS TACKY ENOUGH WITHOUT MORE AMUSEMENTS, FLATS ETC. REALLY NICE GARDENS WITH DECENT SEATING WOULD LOOK GOOD. CAFES ETC IN TOWN.”

"We don't need more expensive flats that would take away parking. We have enough cafes and bars already that are struggling financially.”

"We don't need more flats or one way traffic also can't afford to lose parking and green space and Fitzleat and town hall area. If Place St.
Maur was under cover we could have all year markets with better layout. Alexandra Theatre could be more of a success with a restaurant and bar with bowling and some flats above but we don’t need more. Also needed are better directions to the picture house with details of films.

“We don’t want a Cinema; we don’t want more flats on the sea front or Hothamton, maybe hotel on Front. Leave Bognor ALONE! We don’t want one way system and all our car parks gone!”

“We don’t want a new cinema we don’t need a new cinema, WE DON’T WANT TO LOSE THE PICTUREDROME! There is no fly tower on the Regis Centre this is wrong, and still not enough seats it will never be viable! Also there is no were to park, we are losing over 250 spaces it will kill Bognor Regis Parking is essential!”

“We don’t want flats round a theatre - if we must have flats to pay for all of this, move them to the outskirts of Bognor. To put flats by the theatre is taking up our open spaces - put a nice green area there.”

“We don’t want to lose parking spaces, what is the point in building flats etc, and to take away the parking. Leave the open walking area on the sea front as it is, it seems that St Modwen want to build flats etc and yet reduce parking. It is noticeable that St Modwen did not give the public this on their original proposals. No need for two theatres.”

“We feel that to remove the Picturedrome for two multiplex cinemas would be a nonsense. The Picturedrome adds to the charm and beauty of Bognor and should be maintained and kept for the local public’s pleasure. Arun District Council should listen to its local people who greatly oppose this and not just make decisions through large developers for the money. Already another McDonalds and another supermarket out of town is disappointing enough. Do the right things for Bognor and start on improving the town area first by keeping the historic buildings in place and improving the shops. Why not get some tips from Chichester District Council, Chichester seems to be booming with people and retailers.”

“We had a theatre no one went hence the Brewers Fayre Pub on seafront. We have a cinema already. There are more than enough flats/cafes. This is not regeneration it is DUPLICATION!”

“We have a 2 screen cinema - recently refurbished. Most of the proposals will not encourage more visitors. A department store [eg M & S] would benefit residents & visitors. We need to keep parking spaces and open spaces our coach park is empty 52 weeks of the year. Q12 Any new hotel should be facing the sea.”

“We have a beautiful cinema in Bognor if I want to go to a modern multiple screened cinema I will go to Chichester. Don’t sacrifice our cinema so that this will fund the rest of the development.”

“We have a cinema already - spend money on an alternative to a multiplex cinema.”

“We have a cinema and don’t need another one. I do not support any development that would negatively affect the current cinema.”

“We have a cinema at good seat prices - £2.50. Build a 10 pin bowling alley, Young people as well as 60s would appreciate.”

“We have a cinema in Bognor Regis which has benefitted from recent refurbishment and has real character would not want to see this close in favour of a multiplex which is treble the price of our local cinema. There are other leisure activities that could be provided on this site such as ice skating or bowling somewhere else in Bognor for our young people to meet and have fun as there isn’t anywhere. These other activities would also still attract the restaurants and cafes proposed.”

“We have a Cinema now at a reasonable cost for a ticket and there is a Multiplex Cinema in Chichester, People would not come from Butlins to go there. The Town needs to offer something extra. Not the same old thing like more ‘flats’ once sold the chance is lost.”

“We have a cinema so we don’t need another one. Bowling, ice skating ring would make a big difference as we don’t have anything like is, bar, cafes etc who need to make money. I think that Bognor cinema needs to purely be advertising more so more people know about it.”

“We have a Cinema! Keep it make it look better! Why not have an ice rink or Bowling - ‘managed efficiently’ this would bring in extra revenue. Don’t let what Bognor Regis really needs, SLIP AWAY AGAIN!”

“We have a cinemas put things on seafront. Do up skate park for kids. There is nothing for children. Flats OK for Bognor Regis residents. Council not to sell. Don’t give locals anywhere to live.”

“We have a fabulous cinema in Bognor Regis already and any development that depends on another cinema will not work in this town. I’ve lived in this area most of my life and would NOT go to any cinema other than the Picturedrome Bognor Regis isn’t big enough for two different cinemas and I think it’s really narrow minded in not bringing an alternative leisure activity to the area that will attract people from other areas. I also think something has seriously gone wrong in the calculation for parking spaces. If people can’t park they won’t bother coming into town at all!”

“We have a good picture house for only 2.50 who would be able to afford a 4.5 screen cinema. We would like a skating rink and also make the pier good with the owners.”

“We have a great cinema that I would hate to lose. We can go to Chi if we need 3D or more choice. It’s great having a cheap cinema available and would be terrible to lose it. We need something new and exciting in Bognor that pulls people from further away rather than just offer the same!”

“We have a listed building as a cinema. WE DO NOT NEED A MULTISCREEN. An ice rink would develop the town. Butlins customers would use it, locals Chichester/ Littlehampton & restaurants are on to a winner.”

“We have a lovely cinema already. If the new one is built, there will be insufficient parking in Bognor. Other ideas should be considered, rather than just St Modwen”

“We have a perfectly adequate cinema which has been refurbished we do not need yet another multiplex cinema etc in Bognor do not need to end up like Chichester has with Chichester gate so many places closed down so many restaurants bars empty place looking really run down”

“We have a perfectly good cinema in Bognor already which has been refurbished and has seen a vast improvement in the films shown and in turn increased the amount of people that now use this. Instead of a cinema, (we have an expensive one in Chichester if we wanted to use it) why not provide a complex such as Portsmouth cascades and provide us with a shopping centre including Primark! This will increase buyers and increase the need for cafes and restaurants!! We don’t need another cinema!!”

“We have a perfectly good cinema in Bognor Regis, saying that only a cinema would attract restaurants and cafes to the Regis site is ridiculous, decent shops is what Bognor Regis needs, with adequate parking to accompany it - you can only shop in Bognor if you want to buy some fast food, a mobile phone, a birthday card or something from a £1 shop. Bring back decent shops to accompany the few hanging in there such as new look, boots, Dorothy Perkins, Superdrug and Wilkinson’s. Stop Bognor Regis people travelling to...
other towns to do their shopping, and encourage non locals to come to Bognor to shop as well, they will make use of cafes and restaurants etc. A bowling alley would be widely used in my opinion, if it is priced so that families can afford to go. Incorporate a soft play area for younger kids, so that adults can enjoy a drink whilst the kids play."

"WE HAVE A VERY GOOD CINEMA IN BOGNOR ALREADY AND A NEW MULTIPLEX IS NOT REQUIRED. DO NOT WELCOME THE LOSS OF PARKING SPACES. THE REGIS CENTRE DEVELOPMENT WOULD LEAD TO MORE UNACCEPTABLE NOISE IN AN ALREADY CONGESTED AND OVERCROWDED AREA. IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO TAKE A STROLL ON THE SEAFRONT PROMENADE NEAR THE REGIS CENTRE WITHOUT A NEAR MISS FROM CARELESS CYCLISTS AND THE INCREASE IN TRAFFIC/PEOPLE FOLLOWING THIS PROPOSAL WOULD BE A DISASTER FOR LOCAL PEOPLE AND BE OF BENEFIT PURELY TO THE DEVELOPER AND ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL FINANCIALLY."

"We have a very good cinema, a multiplex is not needed, there is one in Chichester and it would mean that people on limited income like myself could never go to the cinema again. What is needed is something different; an ice rink would be an incredible attraction as there is not one around the area. I have 2 grandchildren, I love taking them to the Picturedrome and that would have to stop but they would benefit greatly from something like an ice rink for healthy exercise and somewhere to meet friends. A bowling alley would be my second choice but myself and my family would be devastated to lose the Picturedrome, it was one of the attractions that decided where we should move to when considering this area. The Alexandra theatre is also a brilliant attraction which we greatly enjoy and would not like to lose."

"We have an excellent cinema; we don't need another one close by! If bars/restaurants etc only wish to come to Bognor if there is a multi-plex cinema then I firmly believe we do not want the cinema complex. Picturedrome is great, local, has history and is superb value for money. Something we should keep and cherish! We need to get more interest and investment in the high street. By creating restaurants, bars, cinemas etc on the Regis site this would take people away from the high street. We need to attract more quality, high-profile stores in the high street, not just Pound shops, mobile phone and charity shops. Also, Hotham Park is beautiful as it is and doesn't need development. Finally shelve all these generation plans and leave Picturedrome and Hotham Park as it is."

"We have enough hotels. I don't know the answers to making the town more [prosperous & am adamant that the Picturedrome should survive. A large Morrisons would be nice and an M & S. It seems at times that there is a lack of English spoken which may contribute towards regeneration when in actual fact it is tackiness heaped onto more tackiness. Bognor is bereft of ideas as contributing towards regeneration when in actual fact it is tackiness heaped onto more tackiness. Bognor is bereft of ideas (hence engaging the lacklustre St Modwen) and believes that by building hundreds more houses and targeting (note "targeting" other people's property - such as the caravan park opposite Halfords,) is going to tempt some useful employers to the area. As if. Any serious employer will encounter the Woodgate crossing and give up. Use some common sense for goodness sense. Stop trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. PS. I like the look of the proposed Alexandra Theatre - white instead of brown and glitzy. Very attractive in the illustration. And more seats! I can't judge practicality in a plan but not too many."

"We have heard it all before and nothing happens. We have to go with these proposals otherwise Bognor will not be regenerated."

"We have waited for more years than I can remember for this hotchpotch of ideas which in some magical way is claimed to regenerate Bognor. In any other location the time spent to get to this point would be put down to incompetence - or disinterested and disrespect on the part of the developer. But Bognor is quite happy to put up this so it seems. Let's recall the Marina proposals (Compass Rose?) Every lamentable addition such as a new McDonalds (Very tastefully framing the gateway to Bognor from the North - how good is that?), a botch of a relief road, (can't be bothered to join it up in the right place in North Bersted), yet another proposal for a fast food premises opposite Matalean, is feted as contributing towards regeneration when in actual fact it is tackiness heaped onto more tackiness. Bognor is bereft of ideas (hence engaging the lacklustre St Modwen) and believes that by building hundreds more houses and targeting (note "targeting" other people's property - such as the caravan park opposite Halfords,) is going to tempt some useful employers to the area. As if. Any serious employer will encounter the Woodgate crossing and give up. Use some common sense for goodness sense. Stop trying to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. PS. I like the look of the proposed Alexandra Theatre - white instead of brown and glitzy. Very attractive in the illustration. And more seats! I can't judge practicality in a plan but not too many."

"We just hope any changes to Bognor that will give it more style. Just walking through Bognor at any time, there is nothing to attract anyone who appreciates a stylish restaurant etc. Considering the money resident to the west and east Bognor there are plenty it is sad to know residents of these areas have to travel to Chichester or Arundel to be able to enjoy a good meal."

"We like going to Bognor because it is different to your usual town centre. We particularly like the Theatre and existing cinema because they are affordable and good quality. I would hate anything that interfered with these two special things that Bognor has to offer."
“We like Hotham Park but it is very limited - more play areas would be fantastic.”

“We live very near to the development of Hothamton site - we are the house in your description. We have had this development hanging over us for 6 years which has caused us much anguish - we need to know what is going to happen.”

“We love our old cinema; a new one would not be good for it. Something like an ice rink, bowling alley etc would be good.”

“We love our Picturedrome we do not want to pay £9 each to go to the cinema. Do not be bribed, build the flats but not the new cinema.”

“We love the cinema.”

“We moved to Bognor Regis 18 months ago from South Warwickshire with our young family. Apart from the sea and the local parks, plus Arun Leisure Centre, there is very little (especially indoors) to do in the local area. We have to travel to Chichester, Portsmouth & Worthing for shop, restaurants, soft play, bowling and theatre.”

“We must keep Bognor Picturedrome”

“We must keep our Picturedrome cinema it is a beautiful building and great long running business which we should be preserving”

“We must keep the Picturedrome, and NOT become victims of a lack of investment over the previous years that have left a beautiful seaside town void of any kind of old Heritage buildings, it must be kept!”

“We must keep the Picturedrome. Our front is most important - keep it open. There is too much housing - and a shortage of doctors, schools, etc. Our hotel now struggles to survive - don’t need another. Sorry for writing - I have a broken arm!”

“We need a Marks and Spencer store. This would deter people from shopping elsewhere. Also a BHS store.”

“We need a record shop in Bognor CD’s & DVD’s etc. Like HMV or Virgin”

“We need a theatre in Bognor Regis the theatre at present is possibly the ONLY ONE good thing we have in Bognor. There must always be a theatre in a seaside town!!!”

“We need activities for families when it is too wet for the beach”

“We need an Asda in the town somewhere. Bognor needs something in the town and severely needs updating”

“WE NEED AN ICE RINK - THE NEAREST IS IN GOSPORT - WHICH WOULD GIVE THE YOUNG SOMETHING TO DO AS WELL AS ATTRACT VISITORS TO BOGNOR AS WE HAVE NOTHING TO OFFER A DAY VISITOR TO BOGNOR. RESIDENTS/FAMILIES WOULD ALSO BENEFIT FROM AN ICE RINK IN THEIR HOME TOWN. FAMILIES HAVE TO GO ELSEWHERE FOR A DAY OUT AS THERE IS NOTHING IN BOGNOR. ALSO A CINEMA COMPLEX SIMILAR TO CHICHESTER’S - WE NEED SOMETHING AS BOGNOR IS TURNING INTO A GHOST TOWN/ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR. NO ONE WANTS TO VISIT. CAFES, RESTAURANTS, A THEATRE (LIKE THE MAYFLOWER OR CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE WITH SIMILAR SHOWS AVAILABLE). SOMETHING TO MAKE PEOPLE WANT TO VISIT - BOGNOR HAS NOT MOVED WITH THE TIMES AND IS AT SERIOUS RISK OF BECOMING A GHOST TOWN, FURTHER. WHAT DO WE REALLY HAVE IN BOGNOR AND TO ATTRACT VISITORS?”

“We need an ice rink!”

“We need car park space not more shops & flats.”

“We need cheap cinemas not expensive big ones.”

“We need decent shops to bring people into Bognor Regis not just phone shops, charity shops etc good quality clothes shops and an up to date Boots (all testers etc have been stolen!) Costa coffee was a good move always busy so more popular chain stores. No more retirement homes for a while to try and bring some young life into the town. It’s no use having new cafes and restaurants for them to close down again in 6 months through lack of business. The multi cinema would be grand but the small Picturedrome is so much cheaper for most of the families living here and so much more fun. Bognor does its bit but sometimes attracts the wrong crowds.”

“We need facilities for young people. We don’t need another cinema we already have one at very reasonable prices - what about families.”

“We need ice skating rink, bowling, more high quality shops, so people spend their money in Bognor, not just stay in Butlins or go to surrounding areas”

“We need more attractions to bring in visitors from other areas, e.g. ice rink, bowling alley, etc. Too much residential properties would harm the town and end up like Hayling Island.”

“We need more car parking not less. We’ve got a cinema we don’t need another. Too many flats already”

“We need more parking facilities and an improved shopping precinct - possibly covered quality shops.”

“We need more parking not less, and we do not need a new cinema we have a great picture house one that has been here for many years.”

“We need more shops of higher quality to come into the town, no good offering free parking if there is nowhere to go. Too many phone & Charity shops - take a leaf out of Europe. Restaurants, entertainment and water features. Don’t talk about it, do it.”

“We need new development in Bognor Regis ASAP. The sea front is great we quickly need to improve the rest of the town.”

“We need parking places because without them people will not come in whatever you do. We also need a bowling alley.”

“We need parking space, not ugly tall buildings in Queensway.”

“We need some good shops at reasonable rates to bring people into Bognor Regis then we wouldn’t have to go further afield ourselves.”

“We need something different to attract people into the area, like a skating rink. We have a good local cinema & Chichester has a multiplex with good local transport, so many people don’t want the multiplex in Bognor but our opinions don’t seem to matter. Q 11 - NOT WANTED Q 13 - No infrastructure in place to support”

“We need something in Bognor that will attract holiday makers. We have a perfectly good cinema, so don’t need a multi complex. If we have something, could it not be a family attraction that would encourage all ages.”

“We need something other than a cinema to bring visitors from surrounding areas, something which isn’t local to Bognor Regis, e.g. ice rink.”

“We need the jobs and we need a modern Bognor”

“We need things for people to do so we get more tourists in the town. What is proposed is stagnation and not regeneration. Low paid jobs for Eastern Europeans are only proposed. Bognor will die.”

“We need to attract tourists to Bognor and that requires improving the leisure facilities. There is no need for a further supermarket in the town centre though the town could do with a decent department store like John Lewis. The existing hotels struggle to
keep going so more of the same is not the solution. The idea of a marina seems to have disappeared. We need leisure amenities for when the weather is poor and building more shops when shops are continuing to close seems crazy. The existing town centre needs to be re-vamped/redeveloped. We have a lovely cinema building that is struggling to survive and building a modern multi-screen would make the Picturedrome more unviable. The town would benefit from a decent theatre but the current one does look very tatty and I could not envisage it being part of a future development. You need to publish a business plan for the town which is supported by the redevelopment not the other way round. While accepting the need for residential building to fund the amenities these should be secondary to the town needs."  

"WE NEED TO COMPANIES INTO THE EMPTY PREMISES IN BOGNOR, NOT BUILD NEW ONES."  

"We need to develop the seafront and bring back our sandy beach as it used to be."  

"We need to get back to the busy and buzzy seaside town"  

"We need to give Bognor something that it doesn’t have. We have a cinema and restaurants already we do need a bigger and better theatre so better acts can be booked that would bring people to Bognor."

"WE NEED TO GO UP MARKET AND MAKE BOGNOR A PLACE PEOPLE WANT TO VISIT. IT HAS BEEN THE POOR MAN OF SUSSEX FOR TOO LONG!"

"We need to improve what is already in Bognor. Revamp the Picturedrome, expand and revamp the Alexandra Theatre and all facilities, including better shows. Restrict number of Charity shops and cheap shops. Bring our town "up market", better public conveniences in all public areas i.e. "West Park"."

"We need to keep the affordable character of the Picturedrome. More housing cafés and bars will encourage the kind of behaviour/people which currently is bringing down the good name of Bognor Regis. We need less people drinking and Bognor needs to be a place where I can feel happy that my children would be safe going to which currently it feels threatening and intimidating. I have lived in this area for most of my life and watched Bognor deteriorate. Nearly everyone I know now only goes into the town to use the banks other than that they go to Chichester. We need to raise the standards of people facilities and expectations!"

"We need to keep the picturedome we don’t need a multiplex, we should celebrate our uniqueness and keep our identity. Bognor has a rich and varied history and needs to continue to develop but without losing its individuality and historic past."

"We need to keep the Picturedrome too."

"We need to leave Arun District Council and you have stolen our money. Bognor decision need to be made by us and not Arun District Council."

"We need to make use of what we already have e.g. a beautiful seafront/prom. Close the road along the seafront. We must keep the Picturedrome - a new theatre would be great but no new multiplex. Less residential as well. Where will they all park etc."

"We need to put Bognor back on the map, we need to get more jobs for the young people and we need a change"

"We need up market shops and restaurants. The town already has lots of cafes and low end shops, a quality bar would be nice, as again the town has lots of rough pubs and night club. We do not want to create a place where the drunks, vagrants and yobs can hang out"

"We really need no more flats in Bognor near the seafront. These developments take away some of our limited car parking. Car parking along the promenade is not a good idea - storms often send masses of stones over the road - the road is already very crowded and parking each side will make it worse. We should really develop the open seafront one day when we get our fishing waters back! We could develop a large fishing industry which could create jobs. The present developments will not provide many jobs. To date all the flats along the seafront have not created any jobs. Bognor is in fact full up - we don’t need more people"  

"WE REALLY REALLY DO NOT NEED THIS AS A PRIORITY ESPECIALLY ANOTHER CINEMA!! WE NEED INVESTMENT IN THE HIGH STREET BEFORE THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. ESPECIALLY ONE BASED AROUND MORE FLATS AND ANOTHER CINEMA!! THIS WILL BRING NO MORE PEOPLE INTO TOWN."

"We require the parking area which the Hothamton site provides. It is important to know what is happening with the Morrions site. We have a good cinema now. Butlins hotels should be considered in the mix. The station should be the start of the 'Gateway'"

"WE SHOULD BE PLEASED THAT AN INVESTMENT OF £40M IS GOING INTO BOGNOR."

"We should do whatever we can to keep the existing historic cinema in Bognor and I feel that developing a multi-plex would be detrimental. Plus there is a multi-screen cinema in Butlins. We don’t need another expensive cinema. If you hadn’t notice, majority of Bognorians do not have much available spending money. A place for live music would be welcome. Bringing more bars to a town with a drinking problem surely doesn’t solve anything. Perhaps a community centre which enhances relations with new comers to the town would be more beneficial? Oh and what happened to the plans for the marina? We need to look at things to benefit the community, not profits."

"We should get rid of Arun District Council and let Bognor Regis people run Bognor Regis."

"We should have an indoor shopping arcade."

"We spent a long time as a town fighting to save the Picturedrome Cinema and I am disappointed that Arun Council does not have more respect for this effort by the townspeople and Bognor Town Council. I am disgusted that Arun Council are being so narrow minded in their view that all other developments in the town are so dependent on another cinema being built. St Modwen’s ideas are good but essentially they are a national business and their ultimate aim is to make a big a profit, not truly satisfy the views and opinions of Bognor’s residents who do not want another cinema. I cannot believe that such a big development company is unable to come up with alternative plans for redeveloping Bognor which do not include a new cinema. It may mean scaling down the proposals of the theatre site but I think it is lazy and unimaginative to keep saying there is no alternative plan. Bognor has seen such popularity in the past and this was not dependent on a cinema - GIVE US, THE RESIDENTS, WHAT WE WANT: REDEVELOPMENT BUT WITH NO NEW CINEMA. PLEASE."

"We still need more things to do in Bognor eg, bowling alley and children’s adventure play area (like jungle gym or flying fortress). Putting a few new buildings up isn’t enough to draw people to Bognor. The rest the buildings need to be more aesthetically pleasing."

"We value our existing cinema too highly to lose it. One of your boards talks about ‘high architectural quality’. Since when have corrugated sheds been that?"

"We want more parking not less."
“We want to encourage more people to Bognor. So where are they going to park? Butlins have been building large hotels and have their own cinema inside the complex why would people venture out along the seafront to another cinema, the Picturedrome gets used because it’s cheaper than the multi complexes, and a convenience of the locals of Bognor. Visitors to the town do not go there in great droves. We need the small cinema in Bognor. The private hotels in Bognor fill themselves with coach holiday companies, because this is the only guaranteed trade and even then they struggle. There are tons of empty shops around the alexander theatre and in the town centre. These need to be filled. We don’t need to build even more empty shops we need to develop what we have. If a supermarket goes on the Hothamton site at least we can demand more parking spaces above or below the new structure. we want to invite people to Bognor but they can’t park anywhere the road restrictions should be two hours to allow people to park, have a meal shop to help encourage people to use the amenities of Bognor not be on edge whether they are going to get a parking fine for going over their allocated hour. And ember every time someone puts on an event on the seafront the people in the residential flats put out a noise complaint in to the council restricting the use of our seafront. And you want to build more apartments giving the seafront to the privileged few who decide to purchase such properties. And yes I have lived in Bognor for a very long time, have businesses in Bognor and raised children in Bognor.”

“We want to keep the one cinema and no other, include things for children and stop building too many houses”

“We will only believe it when we see something substantial happening!”

“We would like a 3 storey complex with ice skating or ten pin bowling for younger persons top floor a conference come dancing area which can also be a theatre.”

“We would not be able to park for child swings at Hotham Park due to residents parking, you cannot build over Swansea Gardens as to many people use it and park there. Don’t forget it is locked evenings and winter not enough green spaces in Bognor anyway. Population of Bognor is more than Littlehampton”

“We would prefer a different facility something like an ice rink as we do not need a cinema the one we have is perfect for the town and multiplex cinema are so soulless. We do not want or need too much residential space the town could do with a cheap hotel like Travelodge and we do need some big brand restaurants in the town. The visitors to Butlins must be very disappointed with what they find in the town or rather what they don’t. A Marks and Spencer’s is the only supermarket we could need as we now have pretty much every other supermarket in the town and do not need any more. A Debenhams or other big department store would also attract people rather than having to go to Portsmouth or Southampton.”

“Well Done - The sooner the better. Note: The UK makes poor use of its sea views. If possible some restaurants with sea views would be a great attraction for Bognor Regis e.g. a longer pier with a restaurant area might be commercially viable and solve Bognor’s problem of a pier which is a bit of an eyesore and marginal when it comes to birdman, fishing and general leisure use.”

“Well done Arun District Council and St. Modwen. Bognor Regis is greatly in need of this type of proposal to attract new visitors and employment.”

“We’ve waited for 40 years for this regeneration - will it ever happen?”

“What a total waste of money. Too many empty shops in London Road and NOBODY goes to the front via Alex theatre. Free parking and lower shop rents will rejuvenate Bognor. Not profit for development or back hander for Councillors.”

“What about a decent Marina?”

“What about cyclists? There is no provision that I can see. There should be access and some covered place to park. There are too many buildings hemming in the Theatre. That area looks too cluttered with buildings. The Esplanade does not need parking both sides. It is on a bus route every 15 mins. No cinema necessary. Restaurants only supported if there is plenty of parking.”

“What about parking, especially if the Morrisons site is changed!!”

“What about the lack of public transport at night. What will happen to the listed building when the Picturedrome is put out of business, if a Multiplex is incorporated? A skating and/or a large bowling rink would be better.”

“What about the pier.”

“What Bognor needs are more free play areas along the beachfront in front of the Regis area and not just a few paltry climbing frames. Take a look at Hastings new play zone opened this year. We have a lot of grandparents here who bring down a lot of visitors [i.e. kids & grandchildren] who spend money in cafes & shops. We need more and better toilets along the beach area.”

“What Bognor needs is decent band name shops. No more charity/cheap shops. The Council needs to make actual decisions instead of sitting on the fence as they have done for years.”

“What Bognor needs is more decent shops - we have a plethora of phone shops, charity shops etc. we do we want another cinema, although we all know that the proposals will go through regardless of what the public thinks. Please do not take away the car parking - no one will come to Bognor.”

“What Bognor Regis needs above all else is a large community hall, even small villages have this - we have nothing. Ours was knocked down on the previous ‘re-developed scheme’ and replaced by a pub despite long lists of protestation signed by many residents which was ignored. This took the heart out of Bognor; previously people would travel from as far off as London to events which took place there. The Clowns Convention was moved to Butlins; dances which took place weekly were finished and greatly missed as were regular events and displays. We definitely do not need more flats to ruin our sea front or we will be re-named “Apartments on Sea”"

“What happened to the proposed development of the seafront with a change of shape for the prom and a traffic free area between the theatre development and the sea? This is a vile scheme but unfortunately like most of Britain’s seaside resorts - too little and too much too late.”

“What happened to the scheme 1960 and previous schemes in the last 50 years and how much did it cost the ratepayers? The Queensway is just a wind tunnel - so much for planning.”

"WHAT INCENTIVE IS THERE IN THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS FOR PEOPLE COMING TO BGNOR ESPECIALLY ON HOLIDAY, BUILDINGS AND SMALL SHOPS AND POSH SEATING AREA WILL NOT BE A DRAW. ALSO THE DRINKING AMONG YOUNG WILL INCREASE DUE TO NOTHING FOR THEM INCLUDED.”

“WHAT is the point of doing all this building when the town needs to be revamped for people to want to come to Bognor?”
“What is the point? We had a lovely boating lake years ago on Hothamton - bring it back - think of family! We love our cinema and want to keep it. The whole fiasco would appear to benefit St. Modwen - why?”

“What we do not need is another Tesco, supermarket; all Tesco’s Expresses are in very bad spots. I don’t think anybody else would have got permission for sites.”

“What’s wrong with modernising the actual town streets we already have? Seafront is already spoilt with flats everywhere. The parking is already too expensive so why have more that people can’t afford to park in? We need to get a better overall shopping centre, not more flats etc. Everyone goes to Chichester to shop and for entertainment, who can blame them. Why not maybe use the existing hotels they are never full.”

“Whatever development is agreed, it should make Bognor Regis unique and special and not just like any other town centre in the UK. A key feature of our economy is tourism and we need to be different in order to attract tourists.”

“Whatever happens in Bognor the existing cinema should STAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”

“Whatever happens, the Picturedrome MUST NOT be jeopardised.”

“Whatever is built, it must be of high quality. The location is prime development area and it will be ruined for a generation if architectural standards are not of the highest standard. All buildings should be worthy of winning competitions, better than the existing. New buildings, particularly residential, must be in proportion to, and no greater scale, than existing structures. 6 stories max for only a few buildings. Both of these matters are for ADC Planners to stand up against the St Modwen developers who will want maximum profit. Parking on the front should not become any more prominent or intrusive than the existing arrangement. Not sure one way traffic with dense parking is a good idea for this location. It is pleasant to have the present two way arrangement as on similar sea front roads east of Bognor (Shoreham, Worthing, Brighton etc). Will echelon parking allow this to remain?”

“Whatever is decided, adequate parking MUST be provided”

“Whatever was done, it is essential that it should help to improve the rather run-down image of Bognor. High quality design of housing and public buildings is needed. Have the consequences of one-way traffic on Esplanade been considered??”

“Whatever proposals go ahead PLEASE USE LOCAL LABOUR. There are too many unemployed in Bognor!”

“When I go out with my family I will go where there are a mixture of things to do for example: eating, dining, bowling, play area, museum, and so forth. This is so we can spend a half day or even a day having fun. Bognor is done within a couple of hours even less if it rains! If you build another hotel you will have to provide things that keep people in the town. Holiday makers are really mobile and public buildings is needed. Have the consequences of one-way traffic on Esplanade been considered??”

“When I spoke to staff at the exhibition they seem to have the view that a cinema multiplex would bring people into Bognor Regis. This is not true. The only reason people would come in would be for decent larger shops i.e. M & S or Debenhams. There are many people who are quite happy with the old (& cheaper) cinema. There are also too many empty flats in Bognor Regis”

“When there is already a serviceable cinema that is probably the only reasonably priced one in the area I don’t see the need for another. The cinema at the Picturedrome is the main thing that draws me to Bognor as I like old fashioned affordable cinemas; if I wanted to go to a multiplex I have Chichester on my doorstep. If it goes ahead and the Picturedrome ends up closing I won’t be using the new one a Bognor, I’ll be taking my business to Worthing.”

“When visitors come off the coaches their first stop is the rotten toilets at the pier stop so do something about that! If it is inclement weather they have nowhere to go to get out of the rain so an indoor centre is essential with shops, seating area, perhaps just a glazed window to look at the sea would be something. Then an area of entertainment to amuse them while they eat. A nice planted up area to get to Bognor a look at public transport facilities would be useful. Furthermore a Bowling Alley would be a great asset to the town as there is nothing to do except sit in a pub.....So Bognor....great when the sun shines but your ideas will do nothing for it when it doesn’t.”

“Where does one see plans for all proposed changes? Very difficult to get to Bognor a look at public transport facilities would be useful”

“Where will we park if flats go on car parks?”

“Where would I park if I go to cinema if there is no car park in Queensway?”

“WHERE WOULD PEOPLE PARK! WITH THE INCREASED HOUSING AT BERSTED THERE A259 CANNOT COPE AS IT IS - BRINGING MORE PEOPLE TO BOGNOR WHILST GOOD FOR THE TOWN NEEDS
INFRASTRUCTURE. LOOK AT THE CHICHESTER COMPLEX WITH OVERFLOWING CAR PARK!

“Where would the people park to fill 400+seats in the Alexandra theatre? The Picturedrome should be supported and another cinema is not required. Why not convert the bingo hall into another cinema (If that’s what you want.) Chichester and Butlins have that Facility if people don’t like the Picturedrome. With the 60 spaces and sea front parking full of cinema trade then the restaurants, cafes would only support locals, to the detriment of existing town cafes. Another Hotel is not required. The struggling Royal Norfolk is evidence of this. Turning the Hothamton car park into housing will again turn people away from driving into town, and lead to a derelict town centre. The Town centre requires updating with shopping facilities similar to Portsmouth’s Cascades. Parking, shopping and eating all with ease. This would then attract people like Marks and Spencer’s back to Bognor. (If Arun council are not greedy with rents etc.)”

“Whilst I think the proposals (as I understand them) are interesting, as a keen supporter of the Picturedrome cinema I would far rather see investment in supporting that business rather than a new and presumably more expensive alternative on the sea front. Independent cinemas such as the Picturedrome are becoming a rarity and I would very much like to see it continue as a valued town asset. I visit the Picturedome in Bognor or the Windmill in Littlehampton in preference to any other cinema in the area and will continue to do so.”

“While the Royal Norfolk cannot get full occupancy and changing hands several times over the last decade how on earth will a new 80 bed hotel survive. Bognor is a day tripper resort known only by Butlins which already has 3 large hotels and numerous chalets, complete with Cinema and theatre facilities. What does St Modwen hope to get from their investment?”

“Whilst Bognor would benefit greatly from some of the developments proposed i.e. the development of the Hothamton site and some of the proposals for the Regis centre, I am opposed to creating a multiplex cinema at the Regis Centre as this would greatly reduce the nos of people using the existing cinema, which has only recently been purchased by the local council and would probably lead to its closure. The existing cinema is a lovely building, listed and unique and is situated at the opposite end of the town to the seafront and draws holiday makers to the other end of Bognor town centre, who may then use shops situated around this area. Without it, holidaymakers are unlikely ever to venture to this end of the town and probably won’t leave the seafront. I feel that the area around the seafront needs better cafes, play areas and seating to increase the attractiveness of it and that this alone would attract holidaymakers, there is no need to put a cinema on this site to draw people to it. Butlins has its own cinema, so putting a multiplex cinema on the seafront is not going to draw holidaymakers staying at Butlins into the town centre. To attract holidaymakers out of Butlins, the centre of Bognor needs to offer something that Butlins does not.”

“Whilst disappointed that these proposals are not as exciting as those previously, I believe this scheme is good and should be developed further. The Hothamton site could be more intensively developed - subject of course to the economics of high building. Regis especially deserves exciting architecture and the maximum benefit should be taken from the sea views - for public as well as residential users. Any development here requires “the parking problem” to be resolved. St Modwen and ADC need to research how far people are prepared to walk, from their cars, for the kind of uses proposed on the Regis site - it’s got to be more than a few hundred metres.”

“Whilst I agree the Regis Centre site requires re-developing, I cannot see why it is necessary to have a hotel within the complex nor 6/8 restaurants/cafes. To my mind we do not need another cinema - what is required is other activities for the young people of Bognor, perhaps a bowling alley or ice rink - even though as is stated they are not cost effective - the young of Bognor should be consulted.”

“WHilst I AGREE WITH THE NEED FOR REGENERATION, I DO NOT FEEL THAT THE CORRECT PLANS ARE SUITABLE FOR THE TOWN. WE SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON IMPROVING WHAT WE HAVE AND HELPING LOCAL BUSINESS THRIVE INSTEAD OF CONCRETING OVER THE PROBLEM.”

Whilst I support the provision of a cinema and theatre on the Regis site, these two facilities will mainly act as a draw to the proposed seafront cafes/restaurants/bars during the late afternoon and evenings. I would suggest that a high quality and well-maintained children’s play park is provided in the public space to the Regis centre development. This would encourage and act as a real magnet for people living out of Bognor to visit the new development (especially mum’s and children during the day) who would then possibly use the seafront cafes etc and also use the town centre. For the children’s park to be of year round benefit to the development, it should incorporate an all-weather play surface (not bark mulch or grass!). A children’s playground would be a traditional facility in keeping with a traditional seaside resort such as Bognor. It should also be remembered that a visit to a children’s playground is a family event resulting in additional use of the proposed seafront facilities by old and young alike. Families would also be attracted to the seafront facilities if there was a children’s play park as the adults could use the cafes and restaurants whilst the children played in the park - this would be a real benefit!”

“Whilst there is no doubt that Bognor Regis needs a facelift, one should be careful that severe over commercialisation does not impact on the ‘good’ facilities, i.e. the Picturedrome and the Alexander theatre that are on offer to the local community. Unfortunately Bognor Regis is seen by both locals and visitors as a rather down market seaside town. Obviously some regeneration is needed but not to the detriment of the few excellent and thriving facilities. What is needed is a scheme to tempt interesting and independent shops to move to the town, as we all know, ‘like attracts like!’”

“Whilst well aware that the Regis site desperately needs redevelopment, I am dismayed at any proposal which would sound
the death knell for our superb little cinema. We should treasure our unique history not trash it. There are other Leisure activities which attract people. We need live entertainment, possibly a bowling alley?"

“Who are the [necessary?] cafe / Restaurant / Bar owners or operators to support the suggested cinema complex? More detail is required for the consideration. Are there commercial / financial tie ups involved here?”

“Who do you think will stay in the hotel? Can’t fill other hotels already. No more flats - madness to consider. Not just cinema, we need far more leisure that that!”

“who want to book there family into a hotel in Bognor Regis. What entertainment do they offer? One or two trampolines near the bandstand. one bouncing castle and a one broken down pier, when you can book into Butlins who have far more entertainment for young and older children, from Arun senior economic development officer (XXXXXX) Bognor punches below its weight for leisure facilities.do he not know a leisure facility was taken away from Bognor i.e. Swansea guns bowling green and what the land will be used for more flats or houses. The money from the sale where will this go. Good question where is the money that Bognor receive from Sainsbury’s?? More restaurants and cafes say St. Modwen you have not done your homework right. Bognor Regis does have i.e. 8 restaurants (Chinese 2.indian 2.seafood 1.mix 2.polish 1.)cafes 13.waterloo sqn 4.high st 3.london rd 1. Queensway 1.bedford rd 1. and 3 by the Alex theatre.)take-aways 10 4-5 screen cinema no thank you we was ask about it some time back and we said no why keep on, your town your future what has this got to do with Littlehampton and Arundel. Tell me,”

“Why a large cinema complex, people can go to Chi for this, doing this will mean that Bognor loses its own traditional and affordable cinema. Parents cannot afford to pay £25.00 plus for a trip to the cinema, especially in the current financial situation.

“Why are the toilets in West End gardens closed when you come to the town it was 40 years ago. I’m definitely in favour.”

“Why do we have to be the same as all the other seaside towns? We have to travel quite a way for Ice Rinks and Skating Parks, but not at ridiculous prices so the youngsters can enjoy - also easy access to the beach.”

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"Why build a cinema when you already have one? A cinema won’t attract tourists from other towns. If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.”

"Why build a cinema, we already have a cinema? Also where is the new children’s playground to replace the one you are taking away from the Hothamton site?”

"Why build a new cinema - we've got one already”

"Why can't the theatre be a bowling, lasergquest alley or swimming pool with steam room and sauna? Ice rink for winter, nightclub so you can go from the bars to clubs"

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"Why do we need another cinema when we already have a lovely cinema in Bognor Regis? Do we have to compete with what other towns have? Bognor has a unique history which is the reason why people come to Bognor. By building more residential homes in the centre of town it will destroy the views of other people who live in the proposed areas. Butlins has already built three new hotels so we definitely do not need another hotel. And where are people supposed to park when they come a visit Bognor Regis because with your proposed plans there will be NO parking left for the people who actually live in Bognor let alone people who also come to visit.”

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"Why do the Alexandra theatre need redevelopment? We have chi theatre on our doorstep. This is one of the best national theatres in the county 5 miles away. I think the space where the Alex Theatre stands would be useful for the proposed development. There is loads of new housing going to happen in Bersted/Flansham. The town needs a draw to stop the public going to Chichester for leisure, entertainment and shopping etc. We need to work in partnership with St Modwen as I believe this could be a final chance for the town. I do question whether the proposed development of a cinema complex is as lucrative as St Modwen make out. The cinema in chi gate is overpriced and never full for that reason. If it’s viable then yes go ahead. Presently this town is a dump. Something is better than nothing, I feel. It’s not going to be a big development like chi gate. But importantly it’s a start. More businesses will invest in Bognor, better shops and increased activity in the town centre equals more revenue for the shops.im a taxi driver in Bognor and I’ve lived here for 40 years, I’m ****** off with taking customers to chi for a night out when they could be using Bognor. I urge people not to throw away this opportunity we have to make Bognor the town it was 40 years ago. im definitely in favour.”
“Why does the Pier not feature in any regeneration? It is currently an eyesore and an embarrassment. If it were restored and lengthened it could provide an attraction for visitors either pleasure cruises or fishing trips etc. The improvements to the Theatre are welcome, but 450 seats is likely to make it too large for local use and too small to attract National touring performers. Both main Worthing and Portsmouth theatres have >850 seats and therefore attract big name touring performers and concerts/ballets. A multifunction venue with a collapsible stage similar to the Hexagon in Reading would serve Bognor better, as it could be used as a Theatre or a large function facility capable of hosting a range of events (i.e. corporate events, seminars, skating etc), this would remove the need for yet another cinema which is generally not wanted”

“Why don’t they put a bowling alley instead of cinema? It would draw a lot of people in for entertainment”

“Why don’t they spend the money on more police. They need to sort out all drink and drug users. We need more parks and gardens for Adults and Children. What about making a new pier.”

“Why fix something that’s not broken- Butlins has the hotels, the shops in town are not full, there is three supermarkets in and just out of town. We have a theatre and cinema that can cope with the demand. The residential issue should be dealt with after the housing going across from Felpham to Shrimpen is finished which will bring enough people to the area.”

“Why have more shops - when already Bognor has many many empty ones. See no purpose having more just to be empty.”

“Why if I answer no to cinema, does that mean there will be no cluster of bars and cafes? Can’t we have something we don’t have already - ice rink, bowling? We already have a lovely old cinema!”

“Why is Arun District Council sticking it’s nose into Bognor Councils business all the time, apart from the back handers they would get from development companies there is no other reason to develop Bognor The cinema we have and is owned by Bognor Council is a wonderful place, comfortable spacious and nicely priced, why would we want a monstrosity that charges extortionate prices to see films when we have something that is doing really well and benefits families in these economically bad times. Stay out of Bognor ARUN COUNCIL leave Bognor to the people who know Bognor, i.e. Bognor families in these economically bad times. Stay out of Bognor ARUN COUNCIL leave Bognor to the people who know Bognor, i.e. Bognor Council”

“Why is having bars dependant on having ANOTHER cinema? Three cinemas in Bognor are too many. Butlins has a cinema. We need something to get holiday makers out of Butlins and something for Adults and Children. Leave the Esplanade years. We do not need any more flats. We have a fair amount of original cinema.”

“Why must we have another cinema, why not an ice rink or skating rink? We already have an adequate skating rink would be much better. We already have an adequate bowling alley or ice skating rink Not cafes - BORING - we need to attract visitors. PIER needs renewing as a main attraction.”

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“Why not consider an Ice Rink it would make Bognor unique along the south coast. The architectural design of the proposed is TERRIBLE. No imagination - no flair. It will not enhance Bognor at all - it looks like a prison block. Build something that Bognor can be proud of. You should pay for a decent CREATIVE architect.”

“Why not have bars/restaurants in the station area opposite the pier. It looks like a prison block. We need to attract visitors not developers.”

“Why don’t they spend the money on more police. They need to sort out all drink and drug users. Once the developers and the holiday makers have gone away, we, the people have to live what has been built, taken away, destroyed. Developer’s greed and the vain egoism of small town politicians have destroyed many seaside areas over the last few years - don’t destroy Bognor Regis by going along with the fashion of the day. We have a chance to go for nostalgia, quirky charm and a peaceful, restful seaside enjoyment - Dare to be different!”

“Why is the proposed new cinema essential? A bowling alley or skating rink would be much better. We already have an adequate cinema“

“Why keep changing everything leave things as they are”

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“Why not work with what we have - keep the Picturedrome - we don’t need a multiplex! And please do something with the pier - a seaside town without a pier is a very sad place. I have signed petitions supporting the Picturedrome throughout the summer. This consultation exercise - is it just a ‘tick-box exercise’, to make us all feel that our views count - sadly I suspect so - that seems to be the way of most things - all make the right noises, make huge mistakes, waste loads of money, then bleat on about ‘lessons learned’ - but are they? Bah!! Go on - I dare you - please prove me wrong - I will be a happy loser, to see the Picturedrome remain at least.”

“Why oh why do we need a multiplex cinema. One area of Bognor will benefit possibly, but I’m sure a derelict building where the Picturedrome is will be of no benefit whatsoever. Is the effort of those who run the Picturedrome plus the support of local people for the Picturedrome all just to be rubbished by the powers that be? Why not propose an ice rink? How far is it necessary to travel at present to get to one? Nowhere in this area is there an ice rink. It would not compete with any local business and would likely attract many visitors to our town. Is this too innovative for our council or is it just someone wishes the Picturedrome gone? Goodness knows it seems to have been attempted enough in the past! Why not leave it alone and let the many, many locals who support it continue to enjoy a cinema that has much character and that is part of our local heritage?”

“Why on earth should we have a DISGUSTING multiplex cinema when we have the marvellous Picturedrome? You will sign its death warrant. Can’t we save the things that make Bognor unique rather than make it a place like every other; catering for those who have been dehumanised by hamburger gases. Arun District Council - you should be ashamed of yourselves!”

“Why put a multiplex cinema when there is one in Chichester and Bognor has the Picturedrome. How about investing in something that people from surrounding areas would come and use like an ice skating rink that could accommodate ice hockey matches and is an attraction for all ages.”

“Why put a perfectly good cinema out of business and at prices we can afford to put something bigger and expensive in place of it. We also don’t want any more Tesco express in Bognor”

“Why put in a cinema - which would close one we love? Why not ice-rink or bowling, or marina? Need car parks - where would people park to come here? Don’t want to become another uniformed non-identity town.”

“Why we are even considering a multiplex is beyond me, if you want to being people into Bognor Regis you need to have something that no-one else in the local area has, like an ICE RINK OR LASER QUEST, or both. The Picturedrome is important to the community of Bognor I have used it since I was a little girl, it has worked hard to make improvements and has kept it pricing down so that most of Bognor I have used it since I was a little girl, it has worked hard to make improvements and has kept it pricing down so that most people can afford to go and see films without it being over-priced. Please listen to the people who voted you in and don’t just do what is financially beneficial to the council.”

“WHY WON'T YOU LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE OF BOGNOR? WE WANTED ASDA - YOU GAVE US SAINSBURY'S RIGHT OPP TESCO. BOGNOR WANTS BOWLING, ROLLER BLADING, ICE SKATING. YOU WANT MULTIPLEX CINEMA AND FLATS FLATS AND CINEMA WILL NOT REGENERATE BOGNOR.”

“With a theatre, cinema, restaurants and cafes proposed surely it is very short-sighted to have a car park for just 60 cars, surely this must mean that St. Modwen don’t expect these amenities to be very busy.”

“With all the great ideas how will new places be filled when there are current shops etc. standing empty? Reduce rates and fill current shops.”

“With all this building of flats where are the parking spaces? It is crowded especially in summer; this will surely put people off coming to the town.”

“With an economic recession who would be using all the restaurants and cafes. We could end up with more empty shops.”

“WITH LESS PARKING IT DEFEATS EVERYTHING.”

“With more apartments, more shops, more leisure venues, there will be a shortage of parking places in reach of venues noted above.”

“With more people coming into Bognor Regis where will they park. Surely more car park spaces are needed”

“With regard to question 11, I don’t like the blackmailing aspect of the choices as I feel that other proposals should be investigated further. I feel that ADC are trying to impose their ideas on Bognor and saying that the people do not know what they want and ADC know best. If it comes to a choice between what we DON’T want and what ADC tells us is the only feasible way ahead I would rather have no regeneration as I feel that the proposal would not cause any regeneration for Bognor, only for ADC and St Modwen, Bognor deserves better than 280 flats, a cinema (that we don’t need) and a hotel with no sea views to say nothing about the loss of parking spaces. How will this cause people to visit our town?”

“WITH REGARD TO THE ECONOMICAL SITUATION CURRENTLY SHOPS ARE CLOSING FAST IN BOGNOR. HOW MANY MORE CAFES AND BARS CAN BOGNOR AFFORD? IT IS BECOMING A TOWN OF SHOPS ARE CLOSING FAST IN BOGNOR. HOW MANY MORE CAFES AND BARS CAN BOGNOR AFFORD? IT IS BECOMING A TOWN OF RIVALS. IT IS BECOMING A TOWN OF RIVALS. IT IS BECOMING A TOWN OF PEOPLE - WHERE SHOULD THE DEVELOPERS MAKE ANY MONEY. LET THE PUBLIC MAKE SOME SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE - NOT ASK US TO CONSULT ON WHAT THE DEVELOPERS WANT TO LINE THEIR POCKETS.”

“With regard to the proposed new cinema, I feel that this would disadvantage the residents of Bognor and the surrounding area, as they will be expected to pay rip-off prices to see any films, as they do in similar cinema complexes. The Picturedrome provides real value for money especially in these times of financial constraints. It allows families to go to the pictures for the price of one adult at other cinemas. The Picturedrome needs to be protected and allowed to show the latest films for the sake of the residents of Bognor.”

“With the extremes of weather now occurring I would suggest using a tented pavilion area (similar to Butlins). Should cover the open space around the public area.”

“With the proposed loss of parking spaces in the town- a cinema will not increase the footfall or bring people into the town. 2. Cinema audiences are preponderantly under the age of 34 - flats are mainly attractive to OAPs. 3. The St Modwen proposals will only replace existing jobs. They (S.M.) are only offering a standard package without any USP. 4. Smart TVs and on-line services are competing strongly against cinemas we need longer term solutions. 5. Regeneration appears to mean to ADC only a greater volume of Council Tax.”

“Without a car park the scheme will never work. A car park which will take 300 minimum. A rest of the project is about building flats and houses. We already have building on the outside of Bognor. In the centre we need facilities.”
“Without new development Bognor Regis will continue to stagnate, whilst other towns around Bognor will prosper.”

“Without parking spaces for all the extra tourists you are projecting the scheme is a waste of money. Local people will use Chichester more because of this and the new developments will become ghost towns. The regeneration of the Regis Centre will have empty shops. These days everyone expects to be able to park on site when they go to a venue and especially in the evening - regarding personal safety. You will not find people using the multi storey car park in Fizleed at night. There is no bus service to use after the theatre closes and taxis are expensive. If you include generous, secure parking facilities then the scheme could improve parts of the town. Of course London Road will still be an eye sore that has the greatest need of regeneration but since Arun DC does not own these sites I suppose they will just degenerate and indeed the opening of the Regis Centre shops may see more shops close in London Road. I do not believe Bognor can support 2 cinemas and think the Picturedrome serves this purpose very well - conditional to being able to park at Hothamton car park. Where will people park when that goes? In the neighbouring streets? The parking in the seafront road will cause potential accidents with pedestrians crossing to the esplanade. The re-routing of traffic along back streets and through residential areas to drive through Bognor is a mess already - how will you improve this? Bognor needs to provide something alternative to Chichester not the same but worse. Better to do nothing than to waste a lot of money on a white elephant! I suspect that Arun DC wants to sell these sites and that's the real reason for these plans.”

“Without plenty of cheap parking people will not come, where parking is free people will go to out of town we need more attractions eg ice rink/aquarium etc”

“Without sufficient parking the project can only fail. Can we have skating or bowling + shops and restaurants?”

“Wonder how Arun DC will find the necessary funds. This a colossal amount and will inc the comm charge vastly.”

“Worked in Local Government too long to believe this consultation is "genuine" - as the "can we afford..." bias on Pg. 1 indicates.”

“Worried about the Picturedrome surviving! If not a cinema how could this building be used?”

“Worried as Bognor is being killed off now and has been ruined with all these very modern buildings. There are plenty of cafes etc now - producing more will ruin all these people who have built up their businesses over the years. Car parking is a very big issue - the amount provided is not enough.”

“Would affect the current Bognor cinema which is very reasonably priced - how about developing the current cinema and keeping the price at £2.50. We don't need any more houses - they are building hundreds on Chichester Road.”

“Would be a shame to lose our little cinema, prices are so reasonable, with four Grandchildren would not be able to afford £6 plus, but I have been in Bognor since 1982 and have seen many changes not for the better, sometimes a complete waste of money, but would like to see an improvement where the theatre is, please think of the youth here not a lot for them to do, perhaps you should visit local schools and ask our next generation!!”

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“Would be brilliant to see more green spaces and trees”

“Would be nice if it was done properly and had a good mixture of attractions a bit similar to Gun Wharf with maybe the addition of an ice rink.”

“WOULD BE TOTALLY DETRIMENTAL TO TOWN TO DEVELOP THE CENTRE. DO NOT NEED ANOTHER CINEMA, DO NOT NEED ANOTHER HOTEL. DO NOT NEED MORE FLATS AND FEWER PARKING SPACES. LEAVE WELL ALONE!”

“Would be very beneficial to the area”

“Would benefit it if more car parking available. The Arcade should not be in line with the present Arcade as the sea wind will blow through into London Road. Staff in the Town Hall will have car parking as now so public car parking will be less than 60 mentioned. Public toilets - where will they be? At present the seafront is dead after 5pm will there be Cafes & Restaurants open in the evening? There needs to be colour in the buildings this is a seaside Town; not just a Town of flats and apartments. There needs to be a children’s play area in the Hothamton site (also the seaside names from the boating pool which was demolished need to be saved from the small play area there now). The original St Modwen plans showed shops on Hothamton not as a 'Maybe' - even a Marks & Spencer food store would be preferable to another large food store. Paving needs to be looked after, York stone in High Street into London Road opposite Arcade was not sealed therefore looks a mess now.”

“Would hate to see Picturedrome cinema have to close as it is a nice place for families to have an inexpensive night out. I think the competition would make it very difficult to survive and we would only be left with the more expensive option. It is also an iconic part of Bognor Regis.”

“Would have preferred previous options to close Esplanade to traffic. To provide Echelon spaces would severely detract from enjoyment of public square views out to sea because of noise and traffic manoeuvres as well as visual interference”

“Would like an ice rink/bowling.”

“Would like Morrissions to go ahead as it's the only local supermarket. Stop people cycling on footpaths. Restrict speeding on mobility vehicles. Clean up Bognor Regis.”

“Would like the Picturedrome cinema to remain, as I feel this a gem, like a time warp of the good old days of cinema.”

“Would like to have more choice of films in comfortable seats.”

“Would like to keep present cinema.”

“Would like to see a bowling alley and leisure facilities aimed at providing Bognor's teenagers as they have suffered years of neglect and deserve something interesting for them to get engaged with.”

“Would like to see a bowling alley or ice rink. Instead of another cinema.”

“WOULD LIKE TO SEE A BOWLING ALLEY OR OTHER FAMILY ACTIVITIES”

“WOULD LIKE TO SEE A LEISURE CENTRE WITH MULTI-PURPOSE FLOORINGS FOR ROLLER/ICE SKATING AND BALLROOM DANCING.”

“Would like to see live performances if possible. Do not understand why we need a cinema when we have them already.”

“Would like to see more children's play areas for ages 5-11 years on the beach, like the one in Littlehampton for day visitors.”

“Would like to see some sort of sports building for old and young. May be swimming and bowling alley.”

“Would like to see some support for Picturedrome Cinema included. What are Butlins views on development and proposed hotel? Are St Modwen owners of new proposed Cinemas - as it is "an essential element" of the scheme - why is this? What research has been done and is it all by developers? Have potential restaurants been canvassed? It seems to be a foregone conclusion!”
“Would like to see the Picturedrome supported as well as a great family picture hall.”

“Would like to see trees and greenery around the buildings and the whole scheme to be green and environmentally friendly as possible. Reference to National Trust new schemes. Am concerned about insufficiency of our car parking spaces.”

“Would love to see the area improved but not in the way suggested”

“Would not like to see a multiplex cinema being built in Bognor. However, renovation of the theatre sounds like a good idea, as does a hotel.”

“Would not want a new cinemas if it meant we would lose the Picturedrome. Do not need any more housing! Have you not seen the huge estate recently built on the A259 Bognor to Chichester Road? Need more shops - loads closing down!”

“Would only benefit it if instead of a cinema which you know yourself!! We had an ice or roller rink maybe a bowling alley. We have the wonderful Picturedrome run very well. It may help if you leave it to local people to decide. NOT ARUN IN LITTLEHAMPTON!! OR ST MODWEN”

“Would prefer no development including a multiplex cinema”

“Would prefer not to have a second cinema but understand the reason for it.”

“Would prefer the Alexandra Theatre to have 600 seats. I feel that this number would attract major touring shows.”

“Would prefer to see an Ice Rink and Ten Pin Bowling Alley rather than theatre which historically have never been fully supported - if they had they would still be here.”

“WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE THE BUILDING OF A NEW MULTIPLEX CINEMA AS WE ALREADY HAVE AN ADEQUATE CINEMA IN THE PICTUREDROME. WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE THE BUILDING OF A NEW SUPERMARKET (PRESUMABLY YET ANOTHER TESCO) WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE THE BUILDING OF LARGE RESIDENTIAL FLATS”

“Would support the idea of regeneration of Bognor Regis town centre apart from Multiplex cinema. I would vote to keep the Picturedrome. Demand, in my view, would not be sufficient to support both.”

“Would this new complex bring quality (at the moment lacking) to Bognor Regis? It would bring the town on a par with similar developments in other towns - but not necessarily the kind of entertainment attracting the same sort of “clientele” as Chichester for example. When I walk around Bognor, I sadly have the feeling of wandering around “second class” citizen country. I am really not sure that the proposed development would address this issue. Being a local resident, I very much like to support the local businesses and leisure facilities (i.e.: Picturedrome cinema & Alexandra theatre). Is a new development likely to address the demography factor? Not wishing to sound discriminating, I really think that the proposal will not address the natural trends of social mobility and therefore remain very undecided about its benefits.”

“Wrong for Bognor. Need sports/leisure facilities, dance hall etc. where young/families can meet. Swimming centre - cafes we have will go out of business - more empty shops. Need somewhere for visitors to go on wet days. We need a theatre - but pull down and rebuild state of the art new one.”

“XPS. Would like more * street cleaning in Kingsmead, Felpham. Never see the street cleaned in 7 years.”

“Yes - go and do it before it’s too late”

“YES BOGNOR REGIS DOES NEED TO BE REGENERATED BUT YOU SHOULD GIVE THE PEOPLE WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE THE PEOPLE IN TURN MUST GIVE AS WELL. OUR SEA FRONT WOULD LOOK GREAT WITH A NEW THEATRE WITH ITS ENTRANCE ON THE FRONT, HOTEL GREAT, NEW BAR, EVEN SOME SMALL SHOPS, WHAT WE DON’T WONT IS MORE FLATS ON THE SEA FRONT. WE DEFINITELY DO NOT NEED ANOTHER SUPERMARKET. HAS FOR THE CINEMA ST MODWEN’S HAVE ALREADY MADE YOUR MINDS UP FOR YOU ON THAT. LOOKING AT THE PLAIN IT LOOKS GOOD SOME PARTS NOT SO GOOD BOUT WE DON’T ALWAYS GET WHAT WE WOULD LIKE BUT I FEEL THAT ARUN COUNCIL ARE NOT LISTENING TO THE BOGNOR REGIS PEOPLE THESE PEOPLE HAVE LIVED HERE ALL THERE LIVES AND ADC SEEMS TO BE TAKEN IT AWAY FROM THEM.. AT THE END OF THE DAY ST MODWEN WALKS AWAY WITH A LOT OF MONEY AND IF ITS NOT RIGHT LEAVES BEHIND A LOT OF EMPTY BUILDINGS, ADC THEY DON’T LEAVE IN BOGNOR REGIS SO THEY WILL HAVE HAD THERE MONEY LEAVING BOGNOR REGIS PEOPLE TO PICK UP THE BILL AND TRY TO CLEAN UP THE MESS. PLEASE PLEASE THINK OF THE PEOPLE THAT LEAVE HERE IN BOGNOR REGIS THANK YOU REGARDS XXXXXXX.”

“Yes to the new hotel. Yes to another supermarket - Morrisons needs competition in the city centre”

“Yes, improve Bognor Regis make it best for our young NOT a cinema! We need more parking for all not just for some!! Nice sea view cafe, ice rink maybe bowling let people have free parking, let people come to Bognor shops already closing”

“You could also incorporate something like Marine Park Gardens in the proposals that would look very nice and invite more people to Bognor Regis.”

“You could still encourage restaurants and bars into Queensway if you made this area more attractive. We do not need any more flats in Bognor Centre taking up valuable space there are already enough. Fizleet is already a blot on the landscape without building more blocks alongside it. We need to develop Bognor in a way that is sympathetic with the old town and not build anything that is ultra-modern, so that we keep the character of the town. Local people really care about the Picturedrome Cinema as it is a rare part of our heritage that needs to be preserved and used by people.”

“You could use Queensway as a street for things such as restaurants and bars as it is located by a car park and would be attractive day and night as well as bringing money into the economy. Improve infrastructure so places are more accessible.”

“You don’t need more flats otherwise you are filling up Bognor with poor or non-existent during evenings/night. Without sufficient car parking these people will not use whatever development you design.”

“You could use Queensway as a street for things such as restaurants and bars as it is located by a car park and would be attractive day and night as well as bringing money into the economy. Improve infrastructure so places are more accessible.”
“You have already a cinema which is more than adequate. Your existing hotels are at the moment adequate and hardly ever full. More shops at reasonable rents bring in crowds and holiday makers.”

“You have been talking of redevelopment of Bognor Regis for decades and now we have won the battle to save a Picturedrome which is important to us, you want to build 4 or 5 new ones (How much did Picturedrome cost?).”

“You need to add more old people’s homes as not a lot of them have a home. We need more clothes shops”

“You need to attract people into Bognor before setting up these sorts of facilities. Decent shopping centre with big name stores would mean people coming into the area and then staying for a meal/drink at the bars/restaurants. Refurbish the Theatre and encourage a variety of performances to take place. It is a popular venue but could just do with a refurb. With regard to the multiscreen cinemas, bar/restaurant complex, the make up of the area means that a lot of people would not be able to afford big cinema prices or to pay the prices for too elaborate eating/drinking establishments.”

“You need to concentrate on the town centre before you make changes to the sea front. The town does not have any shops worth visiting and the bars are full of youths and immigrants. The town centre is no longer safe day or night. You need to employ a very strong centre manager to control the town. The sea front itself is very run down and not at all inviting the pier is a mess and an eyesore.”

“You need to think parking. Why do we need another cinema which are notoriously expensive, we have a cinema and we’re all happy with it. Why not have something different an ice skating rink with bowling - a decent swimming pool. The ice rink would actually bring people to Bognor. We need a worthwhile attraction not the Bognor. bowling - a decent swimming pool. The ice rink would actually bring people to Bognor. We need a worthwhile attraction not the same as every other town.”

“You only have to ‘Google’ the Company ‘St. Modwen’ to realise they have a mighty ‘sway’ & shoulder hugging reassurance when ‘employed’ by local authorities who seek their ‘advice, proposals and plans’ to re-generate shopping centres. Bognor Regis Guardian, wed 21st November is a prime example of what the ‘glossy’ proposals this Company, safely cocooned by the local authority, is offering to ‘re-generate’ Bognor. Print the bare facts, cleverly word the negative….. Hotels, cafés, restaurants, galleries are ‘offered’ in the new build, yet already and without public consultation, ‘ice-skating rinks, bowling alley and snow domes’ have already been ‘dismissed by the developers as ‘not being feasible’. Reasons vary from lack of commercial investment from operators, unable to sustain themselves, site unable to accommodate them etc etc……. However, these statements are yet to proved/put out to tender/consulted upon/commented on by commercial vendors, let alone voted upon by the community. The community are being asked to view & comment on a narrow & almost inflexible proposal, being given the impression this is ‘the last resort, take it or leave it scenario’…. Without consideration for what they, the community prefer. Statements of ‘it should be noted the value generated by scenario’…. Without consideration for what they, the community prefer. Statements of ‘it should be noted the value generated by scenario’…. Without consideration for what they, the community prefer. Statements of ‘it should be noted the value generated by scenario’…. Without consideration for what they, the community prefer. Statements of ‘it should be noted the value generated by scenario’…. Without consideration for what they, the community prefer. Statements of ‘it should be noted the value generated by scenario’…. Without consideration for what they, the community prefer. Statements of ‘it should be noted the value generated by scenario’…. Without consideration for what they, the community prefer. Statements of ‘it should be noted the value generated by scenario’…. Without consideration for what they, the community prefer. Statements of ‘it should be noted the value generated by scenario’….. Without consideration for what they, the community prefer. Statements of ‘it should be noted the value generated by scenario’…. Without consideration for what they, the community prefer. Statements of ‘it should be noted the value generated by scenario’…. Without consideration for what they, the community prefer. Statements of ‘it should be noted the value generated by scenario’….. Without consideration for what they, the community prefer. Statements of ‘it should be noted the value generated by scenario’…. Without consideration for what they, the community prefer. Statements of ‘it should be noted the value generated by scenario’…. Without consideration for what they, the community prefer. Statements of ‘it should be noted the value generated by scenario’….. Without consideration for what they, the community prefer. Statements of ‘it should be noted the value generated by scenario’…. Without consideration for what they, the community prefer. Statements of ‘it should be noted the value generated by scenario’….. Without consideration for what they, the community prefer. Statements of ‘it should be noted the value generated by scenario’…. Without consideration for what they, the community prefer. Statements of ‘it should be noted the value generated by scenario’….”

“You say having another cinema won’t affect the Picturedrome but it will as the new one would get the films first therefore eventually making the Picturedrome unviable. You don’t need to have a cinema to attract restaurants. What happened about the bowling alley idea? We don’t need more flats. We need stuff to bring and keep people in the town instead of having to go to Chichester/Portsmouth/Brighton for entertainment. Maybe a small Travel Lodge would be good but don’t see point as not much to bring people to town. Putting in an ice rink or bowling alley might help.”

“You should not over develop the area and remove parking areas”

“You talk of development but all I see is lining somebody else’s pocket. They are not thinking how to improve Bognor, except destroy what we have that is actually good. Why don’t you take a good long hard look at Bognor town centre i.e.? High St and London Rd. Does this town centre make you want to shop here and spend money. No it doesn’t, investment would be better spent attracting better shops and restaurants. Then if you want people to come they need to park but you want to build on it! Maybe you are just blind and failed to notice that 3000 homes have and are being built between Bognor and Middleton! Why is it when it comes to development we look at other towns next to us, why do we need to make an exact replica, Chichester has a multiplex, bowling alley and some restaurants. But even there after years of consulting big mistakes have been made, businesses have closed and left empty premises, not enough parking etc. So if Chichester has a big cinema and bowling alley, Bognor does not want these. An ice rink would be hugely welcomed as you have to go to either Brighton or Gosport for nearest one, and people travel miles to get to an ice rink!!! Also we people of Bognor Regis have saved our cinema once before do believe the council bought it in the end, so l cannot understand exactly why the council now wants to shoot their investment in the foot! It’s a tad backward. Make Bognor Regis more like Brighton, somewhere where you want to go, to go and stay, have fun and culture.”

“You want more people to come to Bognor and reduce the car parking and increase the number of residents in the area. Good planning! Why close Swansea Gardens car park Tennis Courts and Bowls Green. Tennis Courts and Bowls Greens are leisure facilities may I remind you.”

“You want people to come to Bognor Regis and have things to do. You are only providing a cinema and taking away most of the parking. We have more than enough Cafes and Restaurants [but some could be better]. The walkway past the theatre should be a large ‘greenhouse’ with space for all kinds of activities. This looks like a housing development with a cinema grudgingly added.”

“You would be creating jobs on one hand and effecting businesses already there, so closing down what we already have. Losing more car park space then you are re-allowing for.”
"You’re not going to fix Bognor with the proposed sum. A cinema isn’t going to bring people to Bognor (just look at the empty units in Chichester Gate). There are thousands of people coming into Bognor but you need to get them out of Butlins and a cinema isn’t going to do that. Parking wise, as I understand Butlins cannot up the original occupancy of the site. So having built 3 new hotels I presume the chalet blocks will be coming down. This is at the end of a main route into town and could easily support a multi-storey car park. Thus keeping traffic away from town whilst being within a short walk. Your plans seem to offer no leisure facilities for families. You propose to build new apartments but where are these professionals going to work, there are no aims to include office space. You have a wonderful opportunity to create something special, but if you want to sell your apartments you need to offer a life style choice. I travel the country and most of it is very samey. It seems to me that your plans reflect perfectly what Bognor is today, low budget with a something is better than nothing attitude. Where’s the amphitheatre, the office space, the water sports and what about outlet shopping similar to a mini Bicester Village. I voted for your original plans not because I agreed with everything or even believed much of it would see day light but I did think you showed some imagination. Now I believe you’ve bottled it. I could go on and like others (I presume) I have a thousand ideas of my own but most importantly I’m open minded. Unfortunately your plans are at best disappointing and I see no long term benefit to the regeneration of Bognor. Yours XXXXX."

"Your questions are worded towards being in favour of the development. You are holding a gun to our heads, saying no cinema no development - why can’t you come up with an alternative? We have a very good cinema which will undoubtedly suffer if this new 4/5 screen cinema is built. Build a bowling alley as an alternative or as well as. Why ask about Hothamton site - are 6 storeys right or too big but not if bigger would be better? No matter what you do you have not got a magic wand to make Bognor a better place. Fitzleet house will still be 16 stories & the multi storey will still stink. This all needs to be done with a kick up the jacksie to Morrisons to pull their finger out & redevelop their site. They will be left behind & end up pulling out & we will be left with a huge Iceland !! Does this development mean that the Prom will be one way or closed off? I have never had a problem with parking in Bognor - it’s not the sort of place you could spend more than 2 hours in anyway. Good Luck."

"Your questions presume that a multiplex cinema is the only option for the town. Most of the electorate I have spoken with disagree. Bognor Regis needs development that develops the town to 21st century standards not the mid-20th century standards proposed by this council. Bognor Regis is a tourist destination not a market town and needs development to enhance the job/work potential of the tourist industry. Before more residential accommodation is developed, sewerage and other infrastructure needs greatly improving."

"You’ve missed the ‘plot’ yet again!! You propose (say) 150 flats, therefore at least 100 cars. You are building on car parking facilities and consider 60 car spaces adequate for other Bognor Regis residents and casual visitors. The figures do not add up. Chevron parking not viable on the seafront road as road too narrow and will cause too much congestion - even if one-way traffic. Keep the Picturedrome and the theatre. New cinema will attract undesirable elements. Premier Inns are lower end of hotel market. What are you doing to Bognor!!"