

Appendix 2 : Comments Received		Positive/Neutral/Negative
3	These are positive plans and I look forward to them being realised. The plans for the park are particulalry good. Should we have traffic calming or raised road surface to make safe access to the park?	Positive
4	Very good, lets get on with it. For far too long we have listened to protests from residents of Whitley Bay. Fact: the beach, buildings around it and The Links do not belong to Whitley Bay residents, they belong to everyone living on North Tyneside.	Positive
8	Glad to see someone acknowledges gradients which are too steep for grass cutters - as a trade union H & S specialist on Euro Comm Committee I told NTC this at least 5 years ago and the risk to workers - they just seemed to think I was a 'nutter'.	Positive
14	Area plans much improved - open space at bakc of dome should be left clear to be able to be used for a range of activities - sea front good. Nice to see huts back - real question is the value of the train?	Positive
15	It all looks fantastic, putting the whole of the seafront together along to St Mary's is a brilliant idea. I think getting rid of the shelters, Boardwalk etc is certinaly the way forward. I can understand having to get rid of the lower central prom alhtough I wonder if there is going to be anything put in place for RNLI/NSVL. My only concern is that I've filled one of these out a couple of years ago and not alot ha shappened since. It also seems rather reliant on private investment, is that really going to happen?	Positive
16	I am pleased to see any proposals that improve the look of Whitley Bay and increase visitor numbers to the area. I like plans for a café and visitor centre at St Mary's. I also like the proposals for landscaping and lighting at the Links and northern prom. The Boardwalk cafe should be demolished but so too should the toilets at Watts slope - they are a relic of a bygone era. The redundant retail units on the central prom should have been removed	Positive
17	I congratulate you on an excellent detailed Masterplan and the public consultation process you are implementing regarding the above. I welcome and support your Masterplan and think its contents reflect the wishes of many North Tyneside residents. I hope my comments below will therefore help you with the implementation of the Masterplan. The removal of the Central Lower Promenade and its vacant	Positive
21	Extend prom from Briardene to join with lighthouse prom.	Positive
24	I like the Watts Slope/Kiosk area. However in my opinion, a café there which could be open all year round would be a better option. Guard rails at top of steps beside kiosk? Don't like randon concrete seats. Restoring the current shelters along the promenade would be preferable to the design shown.	Positive
25	Impressive but very dependent on funding. Feel the time is right to strat to do something to improve the seafront rather than the continual discussions and talking and political see-sawing between parties. They should join together to improve the town for everyone.	Positive
30	Promenade reservations looking good, however lovely walks are spolied by cyclists, are there plans to segregate them. A café at lighthouse is a good idea.	Positive
32	Memories of the Dome from 55 years ago and beyond	Positive
34	While I approve of all of the plans to improve the area, I really think the first thing to do is clean up the streets of Whitley Bay - they really put me off coming here.	Positive
109	Best proposal so far	Positive
110	Not before time but if the plans come to fruitition it should make a big difference to the sea front.	Positive
112	Ambitious, well planned, aspirational. Go for it!	Positive

113	I operate Cullercoats Bike and Kayak and our customers rely on cycle access to the sea front. We welcome the proposals seen today but would appreciate email updates on works schedules, diversionary routes and other highways matters so we can keep customers informed.	Positive
115	All proposals seem very good, both practically and aesthetically, I hope it all happens sooner rather than later.	Positive
117	Wonderful proposals - absolutely no negative comments. Hoping for an early start.	Positive
118	As a newcomer to Whitley Bay, these plans seem really good and are pleasing as we intend to stay here long term and things can only improve! I would like to see an area where folk could shelter/eat their lunch etc out of the 'weather' sometimes folk pack up and leave whereas a shelter would keep them here for longer. Well done to all involved!	Positive
122	Very good event, well attended. Lots of information and helpful people.	Positive
123	The Facebook Group "Friends of Whitley Bay Promenade Shelters" WILL support the plans which do involve the demolition of existing shelters. If the ironwork could be retained or incorporated into another structure this would be a bonus.	Positive
124	Fully support what they are trying to achieve.	Positive
139	I think that is a very good idea to refurbish the Spanish City because it is a lot of places inside to look at like the shops, restaurants and cafes plus it would just be good to look around this gem of a building.	Positive
141	I like the proposals. Please complete asap.	Positive
142	So please we are on our way at last. Thought proposed changes exciting and encouraging. Hope you get the support you deserve.	Positive
143	I think overall the plans are fantastic - making the most of sea front bringing the town and the sea closer together - particularly the naturalisation planting etc. The sea/beach are the jewel in the crown not the Dome or other buildings	Positive
163	I am very happy to know that definite plans are set in place for regeneration of the sea front. My husband and I have lived here since 1969 and have always loved the town. We hope to see the improvements before we die (we are 76 and 83), glad to know things start next year	Positive
164	I only hope that all these wonderful plans come to fruition this time. I certainly would like to see it all happening and certainly we need a new hotel. Good luck to all concerned and let's hope the money materialises.	Positive
169	If this happens, this will be fantastic for Whitley bay, we have been here for 10 years and we have had this proposal and that proposal. Lets hop action can happen to save this seaside town which local people had such a fantastic history. Let local parties talk and work together for a change and listen to the people. I'm excited about the future of the town lets make sure this happens.	Positive
206	The redevelopment of the sea front is to be welcomed. The area is very run down and needs new life. I like the proposals and support the plan.	Positive
217	<b>I am encouraged by the proposed plans for regeneration. People are keen to see something actually happening starting 2015 and eagerly watching for this. The standard of presentations was impressive and staff very helpful</b>	Positive
222	Fantastic! It's what Whitley Bay needs hope it all comes to fruition	Positive
226	<b>I am fully in favour of the agreed plans it has been far too long awaiting work to begin and is vitally needed to encourage private investment into the area of both small and large businesses through increased visitors or area that has been lost to an over crowded Tynemouth. I hope that limited petitions to a dated cafe and completion of the Heritage Stage 2 bid in Spring do not delay or reduce the scope of the project. It is disappointing that plans for opening some units within the ground floor of the Dome appear to have been pushed back to "late" 2015.</b>	Positive
148	Good to see £30m investment in Whitley Bay - it is well overdue. The town was a thriving tourist resort for Victorians, I think the general plans for restoration attempts to uplift the area to a modern version. No concerns - except to say, quality must be a consideration for this to work.	Positive
153	Some excellent ideas on display. Love the land train and the plans for the promenade.	Positive
162	Congratulations, it looks great. Please however don't be afraid to look for a top class occupier for the Dome. Newcastle have seen a transformation of it's town centre with some major leisure tenants taking significant space. We need to look at something similar to act as a draw for all.	Positive

20	Pleasing to see regeneration actually happening at last. Some nice touches such as planting and beach huts. Would very much welcome reconsideration of refurbishing the shelters along northern prom rather than demolition - has this been considered? The proposed shelters are far too futuristic and concrete - please reconsider!	Positive
121	Fantastic plans. Great to see the reworked Dome to include the cinema and knock out the 1st floor. All well thought out and integrated. Lighthouse looks great.	Positive
159	All looks great - let's hope we can get this started asap.	Positive
37	It all looks good but there must be a better design for promenade seat/shelters than the one shown. Could someone delve into the archives and see if the initial spelling was Brierdene or Briardene. Confusion still exists - there must be a definitive version!	Positive + comments
38	Generally excellent. Road train a problem? Consideration should be given to waterproof electric power sockets and perhaps secure fixings for gazebo/marquee legs, particularly in the area in front of the Dome. Bands play there in the wind and rain - lethal!	Positive + comments
39	Absence of talk and cycle infrastructure notable. Overall few problems with ideas, looks good + positive. Would like more biodiversity intended in proposed wildflower strip - detail? Slope changes - great idea - could this be used as example of increased area for biodiversity?	Positive + comments
40	Overall the plans don't look too bad. My main interests are environmental and the connectivity of environmental assets, so I have two main points. I am concerned about 'wildflower meadows'. If this refers to trying to replicate the excellent grass/plant communities found along the cliffs at Hartley, good (very). Don't try and create a wildflower meadow that doesn't complement what we already have and contains species alien to a maritime environment. The second is a request for a little more additional native planting within the site to enhance ecological connectivity. I'm not too concerned about the more ornamental planting, but there are native plants and grasses which would work just as well as those proposed. Other points to consider 1. use of coastal strip by pedal cycles (make it possible), 2. don't overdo the lighting - we need some dark areas for celestial events! (meteor showers etc)	Positive + comments
42	No loss of spaces at Dukes Walk car park. Café etc at St Marys headland looks over ambitious - could be a maintenance liability. Phase the development to see how successful it is. Don't see overnight beach huts as a viable proposition. Overall approve proposals for prom. Dome proposals agree. wish as much housing as possible in vicinity to increase footfall to development.	Positive + comments
44	Very Pleased and pleasantly surprised by scope of improvements. 2 queries please: 1. why no seating from the end of The Links until almost at Lighthouse where there are around 30 benches? For some the walk to the first bench is too far. 2. the little access road from the golf hut onto the beach is cobbles, steep and narrow. Small improvements to this would make access to the beach easier and safer	Positive + comments
45	Please would you also improve the beach access by the mini golf from the Links? The slope is very steep & slippery and is used but with difficulty. Please could we have some benches on the stretch above the steps onto the beach, south of the lighthouse? there are lots near the lighthouse but none near the steps. Thank you - the plans look great	Positive + comments
48	1. St Mary's headland: position of new building requires demolition of existing toilets to allow construction. Repositioning would allow retention of public toilets until new ones are available. Plans show new 'public access' toilets only accessible from inside the building so there is no obvious guarantee that they will be available to non patrons and out of opening hours - redesign to facilitate this and make it a licence condition. 2. Northern Promenade - how real is the prospect of beach huts? the artists image is dated 2008! There is no detail of the proposed new shelters - every effort should be made to retain/conserv/maintain elements of the current shelters as heritage assets. 3. Links - no detail of the coloured concrete to replace existing balustrading need detailed info of colour, detail, height (no railings under H & S excuse! exemplars show railings) traditional seating is not age friendly. 4. landscaping - coastal strip masterplan shows pop up shops - details? 5. Development sites - more info re housing scheme in keeping with its location? is this the Miller partnership scheme for the Avenue site? High Point. 6. Spanish City car park - lost opportunity to complete the street frontage to the promenade. Dome plans and elevations show open loggia terraces at first floor on both sides of Dome but recent invitation	Positive + comments
54	Extend prom to St Mary's Island more toilets and urinals at the new café at St Mary's island. The wooden kiosk will be washed away. Just replace beach huts with pre-existing design on rotating bases which are existing	Positive + comments
57	Café at Curry's Point is good, better than existing hot dog stand. Watts Slope good to get rid of café - outdated (if replacement is better). Keep in mind cyclists and their needs. Beach huts - you are living in the past! No-one will use them, point for vandalism.	Positive + comments
64	Concrete seating with a wavy finish not very pretty, very uncomfortable too. Flower beds with lots of colour very nice. Paving would look nice with different colours instead of dull grey. Land train is a good idea - attracts families. New café at St Mary's lighthouse is a very good idea - I would use it a lot.	Positive + comments
65	Consider having a viewing area at the back of the proposed St Mary's visitor centre to allow bird watching out onto the existing wetland area. Plus better management of the wetland for wildlife	Positive + comments
73	Have you a budget for maintenance over many years for all the planting/gardens and wildflower meadows. Neglected they will spoil all the rest of the work!	Positive + comments

76	From a very brief look at the exhibition I approve of many of the elements - Spanish City, High Point Hotel etc. BUT, please leave St Marys Island exactly as it is (better toilets by car park perhaps). The area around the two car parks is a precious green space appreciated by thousands. Please concentrate on the run down areas of Whitley Bay. Another cafe we do not need.	Positive + comments
77	Looks good on plan and paper. Making it happen is what counts. Hope it is not a fantasy island project - seeing is believing!	Positive + comments
78	Looks good but subject to funding and private investment! That was the story last time and look what didn't happen!	Positive + comments
83	Glad something proposed but not one single proposal to bring visitors. Would like toilets open in evenings. Also the promenade to continue all along the front and to have a seawall which protects the coast. This plan, layout and set up is unclear and confusing. A scale model is required. Very annoyed at demolition of Watts Slope cafe	Positive + comments
86	Love the plans for Watts Slope. Don't like the proposed LED coloured lights on the beach. Was wondering if the outside of the bingo hall will be made to look more attractive?	Positive + comments
89	I hope all the new developments are successful but I am concerned about the car parking situation. I live on Brook Street and the pay machines should be removed and parking on these streets along the seafront made residents only	Positive + comments
90	Good to all of this plan. Like many people though we have heard many fine words/plans before. We need to see concrete evidence of actual progress. Was also wondering how the Council will maintain/sustain new areas/developments. Resources will be needed for this! V disappointed to see overnight beach huts back on the agenda	Positive + comments
95	Whilst I applaud the publicly funded regeneration work I am concerned that there appears to be no 'plan B' for the lottery funded and privately funded financed proposals.1. What is proposed should lottery funding not be awarded? Have firm offers been received from potential developers? 2. Has a feasibility study been carried out for the demand for leisure and or retail units in the Spanish City? 3. Why hasn't the opportunity be taken to separate cyclists and pedestrians on pavements? 4. Who will manage and maintain the new sea front to the correct standard? has this been costed? 5. What happens to the beach huts out of season? 6. How will local schools be encouraged to use the new seafront? Pupils will learn ownership and will protect the facilities. 7. The newly installed balustrade on the southern lower prom - the galvanised handrails were cut on site! These cut ends will rust in no time	Positive + comments
97	Can the material from the demolition of the Avenue and Boardwalk café be used to backfill the central promenade?	Positive + comments
100	I like most of the plans, especially removing the floor from the Dome. However, why demolish central prom completely? Please look at the St Mary's building - it looks like an office block. The little visitor centre on Holy Island is part of the landscape!	Positive + comments
102	Presumably some of the development proposals are subject to funding by hotel developer? Can't see the beach huts being used. Happy with the principle of the land train. Success will be determined by pricing structure. Central Prom proposals excellent. Avenue landscaping costs @ £1000 too low. Overall very happy.	Positive + comments
107	Be good to see information boards located on the actual sites where major changes proposed. Cost worthwhile in my view for total transparency( + buy-in) of plans.	Positive + comments
108	Looking really promising and exciting. Hope to see it taking shape over the next 3-4 years. Carlton Bingo hall needs to be tidied up extensively on the outside if it is staying	Positive + comments
111	It looks lovely and anything would be improvement on the present situation. For the area to become a thriving, visitor attraction, perhaps it needs something more dynamic rather than the Dome restored. Who do you expect to come to Whitley bay and for how long do you expect them to stay? Sadly whatever is done, will be spoilt by the eyesore that is the Bingo Hall.	Positive + comments
119	We think the whole scheme looks fantastic. Our comments; could the lighting/seating/shelters on the prom keep a traditional appearance? Will there be clear demarkation for cyclists and pedestrians along the prom? Will kiosk be open all year round? Very impressed.	Positive + comments
120	This display is excellent. Some visitors seemed intent on finding something wrong, but I only heard positive comments from the majority. Plenty of knowledgeable staff members who handled the questions very well. I look forward to the next two years watching it happen.	Positive + comments
125	Pedestrianisation of town centre is essential. Agree with most of the proposals. Paint the Dome again - quickly!	Positive + comments
126	We have lived in Whitley Bay for 31 years and the regeneration has been talked about all that time. I would just like something to start at the Dome and on the Seafront from the Dome to St. Mary's Lighthouse as it is an embarrassment to us when friends come and could be improved so much. Please let's see some progress SOON.	Positive + comments
127	Anything is better than it is at the moment. The main issue is WHEN? We have been waiting decades for something to happen which has led Whitley Bay to fall further into further disrepair.	Positive + comments
128	Now the project is at an advanced stage why not contact the Eden Project in Cornwall with a view to similar project on the Links next to the Spanish City this would be a smaller scale but with it being the most successful project on the south coast geographically. Its no threat to the original, the war memorial could be relocated to Panama Gardens.	Positive + comments

129	The plans for Whitley Bay look fantastic! Really excited to the finished results. I would love to see a market in Whitley, something like a Farmers Market/Local Crafts. Will stay in touch as interested in the beach huts. Good luck!	Positive + comments
130	At last some plans that hopefully will breathe new life into Whitley Bay. We have waited for too long to regenerate our town. The Visitor's Centre and cafe at St. Mary's Lighthouse is a great idea, we need to attract visitors. Why are the beach huts for overnight use? We hope the hotel will not be used as cheap accommodation for drinkers. It will be good to have a town we can be proud of living in. We have been ashamed of our town for too long.	Positive + comments
131	Very impressive, but; suggest concrete shelters have complete sides - partial glass for wind protection. Need additional toilet facilities between Rendezvous Caafe and St. Mary's Island.	Positive + comments
132	Some exciting ideas. I think that the Links are the least of the problems and the focus should be more on the derelict buildings. I love the railings with the sweeping shapes. Hate the idea of lightin the sand with colours. Leave it to its natural beauty! I would love to see some modern architecture.	Positive + comments
133	Feel really excited! Like all the proposals and the fact that you have been clear about what's costs and what we will still need funding for. We know money is tight, but if we can pull together and pool out collective energies, we might not be able to do everything, but we can make a difference.	Positive + comments
134	Hopefully not another false dawn! Hope there is a dedicated cycle track. What is likely to happen to Kittiwake House (next to Rex)? Can we be informed? Will cost of future maintenance be taken into consideration? If not, a waste of money.	Positive + comments
136	Always good to see new plans for a town stareved of ideas and imagination for so long. Some may be excused a touch of a typical cynicism or caution. Given the past record of inertia and stupefication as regards the development of Whitley Bay. Please ensure these plans - often exciting - do not once again wither on the vine. Good luck!	Positive + comments
137	Really hope that the proposed re-development of the Dome materialises and it is used for recreational purposes. Quality shops and eating places that encourage visitirs and residents to spend time on the front are overdue. It has looked derelicy for too long, I hope people ca be drawn back.	Positive + comments
138	How about a glass first storey floor for the Dome? Best of both worlds.!	Positive + comments
140	All very positive; except: In taking the dance floor out of the Dome we lose a major performance space with great acoustics and synergy with the restaurant	Positive + comments
144	I like this idea, particularly with new facilities and restoring the Spanish City Dome. The new land train will mean more people can get to the lighthouse via public transport. New facilities such as beach huts and showers will probably attract a lot more tourists.	Positive + comments
145	Like the opening up of the northern promenade access (at Watts Slope), not sure about the viability of the land train - may initially get a lot of use but after the novelty has worn off? People generally come to the coast for a walk. Not clear from plans if enough space or provision for cycle paths along the whole stretch - separate to pedestrian walkways. Like the plans for the Station and Esplanade. Overall looks very encouraging.	Positive + comments
146	Not so sure about the tram - sounds tacky - and I have visions of this and a few other improvements being '7' i.e. Most of 7 wouldn't be done. Knock down the cafe please. First person or pov renders of Panama Gardens and surrounding area would be nice. Hard to envisage. Some of the plans contradict each other/do not take each other into account. Almost anything is better than what we have now. Please just make sure it's monitored and budget is put aside for it's upkeep	Positive + comments
147	Really like the proposals, will definitely provide the improvement needed to ensure Whitley Bay realises its potential. Would like to see more opportunities provided for residents to be involved in decision making i.e. Steering Group specifically for this masterplan or theme groups centred around various projects. I am a regeneration professional and would like more detail and involvement over the life of the project. I'd welcome face to face events/communication and website/email forums. Areas of concern include construction management and traffic. I regularly go to Coquet School and will be going to Marine Park School and will be keen to know how the construction traffic will impace on traffic on the seafront and surrounding areas. Am very interested in understanding the process of engaging with private developers and private finance. The staff at this event, in part, have been very helpful in explaining the process. I would like there to be ongoing communication with residents about this, keeping us up to date. The worry being that private finance does not happen. Also very interested in the planning application process and would like there to be clear information published i.e. website about timeframes for all proposed planning applications, start on site and completion dates. Again Jane has been	Positive + comments
149	Panama Swimming Club Hut - no mention of this. It is a future blot on what will be a great scheme. Is there any way it can be removed? Overall, what is proposed is exactly right and is what I always imagined what would be needed. Make it happen.	Positive + comments

150	I love the plan to introduce lightin along the promenades. Only... It needs to include lighting along the stretch of promenade that runs along sea wall to St. Mary's Lighthouse. It's pitch black, once the sun goes down and therefore very foreboding to anyone who might otherwise appreciate and enjoy an evening stroll along to the lighthouse. So much time, energy and brain power is centred around the St. Mary's Island lighthouse and it's unique attractiveness as a site to visit, yet, the route to it on foot is in total darkness and therefore deters visits after dusk!	Positive + comments
151	This all looks amazing! Love the plans for Watts Slope, the plan to lessen the gradient and plant wild marine tolerant plants is great. It's good to see a plan that works all the way from St. Mary's along to South Parade. Land train :-). The only thing I am not so keen on are the use of coloured LED lights - stick to soft white please! I would also strongly suggest that the Avenue site 'temporary' garden becomes permanent - that would be a great asset.	Positive + comments
152	Long awaited proposals! Hopefully these will happen! I like most of the plans although can't see the residential beach huts being viable. (better to demolish the plinths) the key feature should be focussed on the Dome. My only concern will be long term sustainability and maintenance by the Council!	Positive + comments
154	Overall the scheme is very good. I like the St. Mary's Cafe design though care would be needed in siting it in avoid spoiling the view. I like the wild flower meadows and removing the Watts Slope cafe and the addition of the steps. I do not like the example of a possible new shelter it is too brutal. Lightin would be great but a soft white not gaudy colours as shown. I think the Brooks Gardens should be a permanent garden/open space to preserve the view.	Positive + comments
156	Some very good proposals - further suggestions. 1. Lighting proposals - northern promenade. These looked good in the 'Vera' TV programme - extend whole length of prom. 2. Minor improvements to Rendezvous Cafe - go furtherh make it a restaurant suitable for evening use. 3. Central and northern promenade hinge around an attractive beach - stop the debris on beach by offshore dredgers.!	Positive + comments
157	I liked the look of this presentation. Lived in Whitley Bay 2 years . So looking forward to the opening up of this whole area. Bring life back to this declining area - not before time.	Positive + comments
158	Positive progress - good mix of new/old structures/design. Great to see so many people in attendance (mostly positive too). The Dome and surrounding area has such potential, exciting times ahead. First impression - very impressed. Really hope these plans get the go ahead, long overdue and well deserved. Going to put this all on Santa's list - see if it helps! :-) Good luck, looking forward to it.	Positive + comments
160	I'm very impressed with the proposals on view. What stands out is the upmarket feel that is being applied to the open spaces re Northern Promenade. The seating, lighting and materials need to be high quality as proposed giving it a real quality feel like destinations like Barcelona. I hope that the proposals and quality are not compromised further down the line giving an inferior finish. I am avid supporter of local businesses (I own 2) and understand the need to attract tenants for the Dome project. Whilst it would be fantastic to have some quality local businesses taking space, I strongly feel there needs to be a strong 'brand' to act as the draw for not only other businesses, but for visitors. In my opinion a brand such as Jamie's Italian would ensure the sea front was a real destination not just through the day but night itme also, appealing year round. It is extremely important that the anchor is a trusted recognised brand. Good luck and I hope we can finally see some real progress.	Positive + comments
161	Coast Seafront Masterplan - excellent in principle. There has been too much discussion, detail in the local press, maybe we need a little more seating 'warm to the touch'. Also section A-A decreases the width of the promenade south of panama gardens. Maybe the existing width should be maintained or increased. Cyclists/pedestrians should be segregated on prom. Spanish City area; this is a plus, let's hope it goes forward. The worst architectural feature is all the bunions on the existing Carlton Bingo Hall. All schemes should facilitate the removal of the whole of this building at a later date. South Parade/Esplanade - simple improvement dependant on use of buildings in this area. Let us see it go ahead. Overall - an excellent display. Let us see it happen.	Positive + comments
165	Looks fine on the plan - scheduled completion/starting dates look optimistic. Not sure about the land train adding to pedestrian/cycling/congestion	Positive + comments
166	On the whole, the scheme is good. I hope attention to St. Mary's Island will be too drastic. It would be tragic to tamper with the charm of it's pan tile cottage etc.	Positive + comments

167	The plans look really good. So I hope it gets done before too long. I appreciate it costs money so how have South Shields achieved it? Although I am not from this area I have lived here for over 10 years and am always proud to show friends who visit our beautiful coastline but Whitley Bay has always been a disappointment its the lovely people that keep me here.	Positive + comments
168	Great to see positive proposals and a timescale after all these years. Generally impressive but notice one or two gaps in the Strategy, particularly around facilities for cyclists/pedestrians. Very important that status of pathways is clearly visible i.e. cycle, pedestrian or mixed use. I hesitate to suggest more consultation, but you might like to refine cycling proposals with local or national cycling groups, such as the Cycle Touring Club or Sustrans. The hotel to be built next the dome should be an attractive facility for all visitors e.g. coffee shop, restaurant. Also, needs to be an attractive landmark development if architectural merit (unlike the poorly designed hotel on the South Shields side of the Tyne which occupies but downgrades what should be a fantastic view.	Positive + comments
170	The plans are excellent, but largely a waste of money. Whitley as with other seaside resorts are out of date. Money should be spent on extending the lower promenade before the clay cliffs are washed away. The Spanish City is cold, dances in the Rotunda were freezing. The Empress Ballroom is no longer used for dancing and whilst it is an excellent theatre it is an eyesore outside. Needs some camouflage.	Positive + comments
171	I see a small number of non-specific references to cycling in these proposals. It is important to recognise that National Route No 1 passes through the area covered by the Masterplan. Has Sustrans been consulted? I think the proposals are great and hope they can be progressed without further delay. But I would like to see a specific section of the plan on the issue of bike through traffic and access and clear route marking.	Positive + comments
172	Street furniture - prefer granite to concrete seating. Love traditional bollards.	Positive + comments
173	I really enjoyed looking at the plans and support the general development ideas. I fully support the removal of the boardwalk cafe and the shelters. Let's hope that the Council can achieve the completion of the development in the next few years as we have waited far too long already.	Positive + comments
174	Whitley bay seafront is a priceless asset for the whole of North Tyneside. If the masterplan comes to fruition it will bring income to all of the area. Good to see something positive happening. It needs more private income. Consideration should be given to encourage this to happen. South Shields managed to pull itself up!	Positive + comments
175	This exhibition shows how wonderful Whitley Bay - Dome, Sea Front area etc. Could be hopefully funding will be forthcoming, but I doubt you will develop all of it. I'm not clear what will happen to the South Lower Plan (with old paddling pool). I hope we can retain it, would a great area of outdoor musical events.	Positive + comments
176	Any plans are very welcome, would have liked to see some form of indoor facilities for families so visitors have something to do in the poor weather. Glad to see walking along the prom should be enjoyable.	Positive + comments
201	Central lower promenade, concrete sea wall, big local can create giant mosaic to cover wall	Positive + comments
202	The coloured graphics are very useful - the pages with building plans need more infrastructure and a page title. Are there any plans for the old 'rock pool'?	Positive + comments
203	Lots of things are great in the plan. The wavy seats are ugly, awful and a waste of money. Keep black ornate seats.	Positive + comments

211	<p>Thank you for mounting the excellent exhibition describing the Master Plan in the library at Whitley Bay. I have a few comments. Extra lighting along the promenade is a good idea. I would like to see this extended to lighting the Skate Park at night since I am sure that many young people would welcome such an improvement on this excellent facility. More should be done to encourage more girls to use the skatepark. Promenade improvements should include somewhere for young people to meet at night. At present they often meet on the Metro Station and then get moved on by Police. The short length of sea defences already in place seems quite inadequate and would not protect the car park from the erosion that is already occurring. Refurbishing the pool at Table Rocks would, in my opinion, be a good idea and would not be unduly expensive. Provision there should be made for divers who, at present, have to change by the roadside and obey the warning notice. Water quality is an important point. This is deleteriously affected by the accumulation of seaweed especially in Summer when it ferments producing copious sulphurous gases. Such seaweed could be harvested by the hundreds of tons literally and provide gas for heating, compost and materials for synthesis of plastics and alginates. Ecological impact of such harvesting would need to be studied. Would harvesting reduce leaching of essential nutrients back into the sea and would it</p>	Positive + comments
212	<p>I congratulate you on an excellent detailed Masterplan and the public consultation process you are implementing regarding the above. I welcome and support your Masterplan and think its contents reflect the wishes of many North Tyneside residents. I hope my comments below will therefore help you with the implementation of the Masterplan. The removal of the Central Lower Promenade and its vacant (derelict) retail units is supported and welcomed. However the removal of this section of promenade and its facilities will effectively remove this particular stretch of the Whitley Bay coastline from being suitable for family beach usage and safe supervised bathing. To compensate for this significant reduction in available family beach and bathing area, it is suggested that we should therefore plan to extend the existing "family beach and supervised safe bathing areas" northwards from the current Panama slope limit to at least the Rendezvous Cafe slope. This will then help us to retain our Blue Flag status for the full Whitley Bay beach. Indeed I would prefer the extension of the "family beach and supervised bathing area" to go as far north as the Briardene and thus the full length of the Northern Promenade. This would then also compliment the plans to develop and construct the overnight and day usage beach</p>	Positive + comments
214	<p>Over the past few years there has been a change in the direction of the prevailing wind, probably due to the southerly deflection of the Jet Stream. The effect has been that there are now long periods when the wind blows from the South East. The result, for our beaches, is that the sandy beach which originally extended south from Watts Slope to the sea wall has now been replaced by exposure of the underlying bedrock. The sand has been deposited at the north end of the beach towards St Mary's Island. This is probably not going to change. An effect of this is that instead of sand, the area northwards to Watts Slope and even further, rather than being fine sand is a mixture of sand, gravel and small stones. This is bad for us since Watts Slope is one of the major access points to the beach and the place where people play on the sand. I think it would be too much to completely restore to sand the area now featured by bedrock, but I think it would not be too difficult to restore a full sandy beach to the Watts Slope area. This could be done by constructing rock or timber groynes to limit drift and encourage deposit of sand. This would not be an expensive solution. I would like to add something that I said <u>about accumulation of seaweed. I understand that it is proposed to have a cafe or stall situated at the south end of the sea wall /</u></p>	Positive + comments
219	<p>It all looks wonderful. Please - just do it! The proposals seem to be very well thought through and to integrate the various elements of the coastal strip extremely successfully. Thought has been given to visitors, residents and local businesses, without giving over large amounts of public space to private development. The overall scheme would be a huge and long overdue boost to Whitley Bay which will in turn benefit the wider borough and region. It vastly outweighs any minor losses such as the run-down Boardwalk Cafe and derelict shelters. It is even possible to envision Whitley Bay once again becoming the tourist destination it deserves to be. To reiterate - please get on and do it all!</p>	Positive + comments
220	<p>First of all, I am very happy with the proposals and urge you all to make it happen. My main concern is at St Marys. It appears that the location of the proposed visitor centre/café etc is where the toilet block now stands. This would presumably mean that the view to the lighthouse would be overlooking the carpark. Surely it would be preferable to have the car park behind the new building and therefore maximise the view out to sea? (i.e. the building nearer the coastline).</p>	Positive + comments
223	<p>It's easy to become quite cynical about these plans bearing in mind that there is an election 6 months away. That aside though I am very much in favour of any strategy that will develop tourism in Whitley Bay and assist the micro economy in and around the Bay. Visitors Centre and development on the lighthouse at St Mary's great idea, seasonal train running the links great idea, hotel in the dome great idea. these are all tangible assets that can be marketed easily and will make an immediate impact. We have been waiting for 10 years for the transformation to take place in the Bay and to many residents this will seem just like another dream conjured up by another major. Come on NTC and Mrs Major you have the opportunity to do something great! Just needs some great people to make it happen.</p>	Positive + comments



224	<p>Welcome that there is a start of a plan. Was unable to get to the public viewing of plans in Whitley Bay - shame this was not on for longer. 2 days is a short time span. What I could not understand is the timescale for what gets funded first based on limited funds - my hunch is that funding will take time to come in and the timetable may not be achievable. Artists impressions are that - but what would have helped is a birdseye plan/map of what is proposed. The land train is a good idea - I would have preferred this to start at Tynemouth or even the North Shield Quay - a much more adventurous trip. Most seaside activities go across the full seafront rather than the partial vision than this proposal proposes. Is there a plan for temporary toilets whilst these are to be refurbished? Would welcome the plan linking into the Big Local plans for the gateway plans from Whitley Bay Metro down the Esplanade to the Seafront</p>	Positive + comments
229	<p>I have read the 12 page document now on the council's website. Most of it looks quite good and a lot of thought has obviously gone into it. I hope we get the money and relevant support. I think the accommodation beach huts are an especially good idea, as well as tidying up the "units" in the southern promenade and putting them to attractive use for activities as well as catering outlets. I think the Dome should contain some inexpensive/free all weather activities like skittles, maybe a cinema, children's rides. The ideas for Whitley park are good but I worry about dangers to youngsters from the roads around it. The budget/modern hotel idea near the Dome is also to be encouraged, to replace all the derelict ones that are being knocked down. However, I can't find out what the proposals are to improve access to the beach, especially for disabled people, pushchairs etc from the council's fee paying Brierdene car park, and to warn people from the beach that the cliffs are unstable and not be climbed ( a recent notice has appeared on the top closing the footpath). Have i missed it? We seem to jump from the Rendezvous cafe area to the St Marys' headland. I also think we should have some swings etc int he Brierdene, there is</p>	Positive + comments
231	<p>Like the plans for the seafront and The Dome, but am really not keen on the conference centre style building for St Mary's Headland. Haven't we got enough big glass souless buildings in the business parks around Cobalt and Quorum? Can we have something more in keeping with the area please for St Marys?</p>	Positive + comments
234	<p>I heard a rumour that the Jam Jar Cinema is going to be moving into part of the dome. This is brilliant news if true? My gran used to love going but now can't make it up the stairs. The centre at the lighthouse looks great and i know my son will love the land train. All in All great proposals, i hope you make it happen</p>	Positive + comments
235	<p>I have just read through the proposals and I am very happy to hear that something will be happening soon. As a local resident who often walks the coastline in this area it is disappointing to see how poor the area looks incomparision to the South Shields area. However one thing that I think is in need of action is the state of the beach itself. It is oftern covered in bits of rubble, bricks, pieces of concrete, rubbish and lost of pebbles. Whilst I appreciate that pebbles are part of a beach, the beach is narrow in parts and covered in large pebbles. Can the beach itself not be cleaned up? Surely this will not involve a great cost?</p>	Positive + comments
241	<p>Comments on the Whitley Bay Masterplan: Whilst I am pleased to see that North Tyneside Council has made progress in sharing its plans for the Whitley Bay coastline, I am particularly concerned about the proposal for a café and visitor centre situated on the St Mary's headland. The proposal is entirely inappropriate for the site, which as the Council must be aware, is an extremely important wildlife site that benefits from a number of designations and statutory protections. For this reason, the proposed development at St Mary's should be removed from the Whitley Bay Masterplan immediately. The headland and coastline at St Mary's form part of a wider Site of Special Scientific Interest, as well as being a Special Protection Area, Site of Nature Conservation Interest, Local Nature Reserve and Ramsar designated site for birds. The area is important for its resident wading and sea birds, as well as birds on passage migration in spring and autumn, which use the area as an important rest and refuelling stop before their onward journey. Any development here would undoubtedly lead to increased disturbance, which would tilt the already delicate balance in this sensitive area, to the detriment of its wildlife. Indeed I note comments by Natural England – the Government's statutory body responsible for the protection of</p>	Positive + comments

241	To conclude, I am surprised at the inclusion of the proposals for St Mary's headland in the Masterplan, given the sensitive nature of the area for wildlife and the designations and protections it is afforded. I do not understand why North Tyneside Council has included this proposal in its plan, when it must surely recognise that it faces significant barriers to ever being realised – in terms of both public resistance and the statutory obligations placed upon the Local Authority. I would urge North Tyneside Council to remove any form of proposed development at St Mary's headland from the Masterplan with immediate effect. Follow Up Questions: I would be grateful if you could provide answers to the following questions: · How long can interested parties comment on these proposals? · What are the next steps in the Masterplan process? · According to the Masterplan document, the proposed development at St Mary's headland would be funded by a private developer. Has North Tyneside Council already been approached or indeed secured a private partner for this proposal? · If so, please could you provide the name of the proposed developer? · Finally, does North Tyneside Council employ a trained ecologist or biodiversity officer and if so, has that employee been consulted on the proposal for	Positive + comments
240	This is generally an excellent and well-co-ordinated set of proposals. It is heartening to see a unified framework underpinning the development of arguably North Tyneside's greatest asset. In particular and although small in scale, I welcome the development of outdoor gym equipment. There are clearly large numbers of people who exercise along the beachfront and this will provide welcome additional facilities. There are two reservations, however. Firstly the new cafe facilities at St Mary's are not given any context. The building proposed is large and distinctly modern. Unless it is set within an appropriate context will look very out of place and intrusive in this sensitive location. The cafe designs by the same practice on Longsands are poor and the hope is that these are better. The second point relates to Watts Slope and the replacement of a cafe with a kiosk. While I understand the economic and 'view' arguments for this I think they are outweighed by the positives that could come out of a revitalised cafe here. Existing locations for development right on the beach are precious. Let's face it, the weather in the north east can be pretty fierce and having a place to shelter whilst still appreciating the sea view is paramount. Look at the success of Crusoe's at Longsands. With improved infrastructure this can become a	Positive + comments
238	Very sensible plan at last that looks attractive and properly thought through. Particularly like the plans for St Mary's Island. I still think it's a shame to have no indoor seated cafe incorporated into the plan at Watts Slope. Built into the hillside or built into the toilets as is happening at Longsands? The boardwalk building itself is no great loss however. Not clear also in this plan what will happen to the units built under the promenade, this may also make a nice cafe /restaurant area as an alternative to Boardwalk?	Positive + comments
1	Nice ideas but replace the Boardwalk with more than a kiosk - Whitley Bay is always windy and cold - need shelter! Outdoor concert place in Panama Dip impractical - always cold here! Concentrate on outdoor activity not sitting around. Will making the sploe down the promenade be strong enough to avoid erosion?	Neutral
9	Remove shingle from south Whitley sands and move to north end. Protect golf course from erosion, build new sea wall. Groynes on beach? Improve beach. Evidence of groynes at Rendezvous café. Coastal slopes untidy - cut properly.	Neutral
10	Over the past few years there has been a change in the direction of the prevailing wind, probably due to the southerly deflection of the jet stream. The effect has been that there are now long periods when the wind blows from the south east. The result for our beaches is that the sandy beach which originally extended south from Watts Slope to the sea wall has now been replaced by exposure of the underlying rock. The sand has been deposited at the north end of the beach towards St Mary's Island. this is probably not going to change. An effect of this is that instead of sand, the area northwards to Watts Slope and even further, rather than being fine sand, is a mixture of sand, gravel and small stones. This is bad for us since Watts Slope is one of the major access points to the beach and the place where people play on the sand. I think it would be too much to completely restore to sand the area now featured by bedrock, but I think it would not be too diffidult to restore a full sandy beach to the Watts Slope area. This could be done by constructing rock or timber groynes to limit drift and encourage deposit of sand. This would not be an expensive solution. I would like to add something that I said about accumulation of seaweed. I understand that it is proposed to have a café or stall situated at the south end of	Neutral
12	Don't make it cheap and cheerful and remove the shops (?) and it is a mass of concrete - depressing in winter. Learn from Eastbourne - shops, rather than steps wherever possible - plenty of benches, interspersed with sheltered seating, and plenty of toilets. All ages benefit as a consequence and all ages?????. Proposal for St Marys will become ?? and dated.	Neutral
13	All ?? ?? But figure of £55,0000 existing shelters seems excessive. Visitor centre at St Mary's looks impressive. Do have comfortable seats to sit on and high for people who are elderly and cant get up and down ?? More modern seating. Hope the Council keep their promises and have the funding without having to increase our council tax.	Neutral
22	About time something being done! Why are the stairs being removed on Northern Prom? Can anything be done about traffic lights by Spanish City i.e roundabout/ped lights. More events needed i.e flower show, car show etc	Neutral
23	Land train - suggest extending it to Tynemouth. Paddling Pool - no development?	Neutral
26	First the good news - café at St Mary's lighthouse looks very good. However - little thought appears to have been given about the effect of a large hotel group - rumoured to be Premier Inn - on the gheat houses - they will go cheap t kill off the boarding houses and thwn they are bust raise prices.	Neutral

27	Having lived in Whitley Bay for 60yrs + I am concerned to see the comment on the drawings about (funding to be secured). I would like to see the bingo hall behind the Dome demolished and a private ?? ?? Serve prestige flats on the site of the Avenue pub with balconies overlooking the sea - not a monstrosity like those in Cauldwell Lane, Monkseaton.	Neutral
28	I am particularly interested in any developmental impact on the recently established work of the St Mary's wetland conservation group (+ visa versa) by the proposed headland visitor centre/café. In discussion I was passed the name of a NTC officer for future liason - thank you	Neutral
29	If a hotel is going to be built it needs to be 4 or 5 star + not a budget hotel like Premier as that would take away all our guest house business.	Neutral
33	I think the idea of a 1 year garden at The Avenue site is a waste of money - do it or don't but a year in the life of a garden is its defects period only. Wildflowers I am happy with. I don't value acres of mown grass that costs a fortune to maintain.	Neutral
35	A musical pavement as in Mainz, Germany, people would buy trees, shelters, flower beds, bushes etc as memorials. A German fountain would be good, Worcester has - by the riverwater squirts out of the pavements for children to play running in and out.	Neutral
41	Mud cliffs between Brierdene and Lighthouse could be saved from erosion fairly inexpensively by putting blocks/stones at their base - as at south end of Brierdene - this would save the Brierdene carpark which is now at the risk of erosion of the cliff.	Neutral
43	Please include Parkrun - wifi, cycle parking, vehicle swept path for access, quality installation over cost of materials, opening hours to co-ordinate with established events i.e parkrun, North Shields Poly grand prix, improve toilets and make sure they are open, think about refuse bins location and type.	neutral
46	I'm particularly interested in the St Mary's visitor centre as I help manage the wetland there. How much will the visitor centre extend into the area which is currently fenced off? How are you proposing to deal with 16 japanese roses? Would there be an option of how to address views of areas over the wetland as part of the scheme.	neutral
47	Ponies on the beach again! Shuggie boats/swings/roundabouts on the beach	Neutral
49	Give up on train, is hotel necessary? Accept holiday makers go abroad. Build extra care scheme bottom of Coquet Avenue	Neutral
50	What about a cycle track?	Neutral
51	We need a funfair for the children at Spanish City	Neutral
52	Paint cycle track on lower promenade to segregate cyclist from dog walkers.	Neutral
71	Can you please plan the regeneration of Whitley Bay as a place in keeping with current/future time and not as a way of harking back to what has been. I want to live in Whitley Bay and be proud of my local environment rather than living in Beamish! thank you	Neutral
186	Where is the funding coming from? Are routine referred going to be carried out while we wait for it to materialise?	Neutral
193	A lot of pretty pictures, no detail on what happening around Dome.	Neutral
18	Are we able to see these projects in line? If so which website?	Neutral
53	Why still insist on calling the overnight accomodaiton on the prom 'beach huts'. They are houses. How will you prevent car parking on the prom?	Neutral
92	If you build a café at Curry's Point, the toilets must be available when the café is closed!	neutral
188	Lights on beach - people are supposed to be able to observe the dark skies - astronomers won't be able to do this.	Neutral
55	Marvelous what you can produce in your displays from computer generated photos. Lost of promises lots of dates - some a long way ahead. Been here before - many times. Good displays promises and dates. Work on Dome was supposed to start Spring 2014!!! What is here looks good. Will believe it when I see it happen.	Neutral
56	A sensible addition to current proposals would be to return 2way traffic to Park Avenue and stop up Park Road at the Playhouse. This would eliminate 3 sets of traffic lights, a radar slow down/speed sign + reduce the toxic exhaust fumes drifting into Marine Park first school.	Neutral + comments
58	How much will the units at the Dome cost? Will they be within reach of local entrepreneurs or will they only be accessible financially to corporate interests?	Neutral + comments

59	What kind of hotel is proposed? If it is say a 5* establishment which would attract conference, well and good. If it is a budget hotel it will spell disaster for present guesthouses and B &B's. This is crucial.	Neutral + comments
60	Concrete seating is not sensible (North Shields town centre)!! Overnight huts are unlikely to be used long - day huts as used in Blyth have much more attraction. Demolition of Watts Slope is good but a temporary hut seems short sighted. Improving the visual impact would enhance the development. Motor vehicles and pedestrians do not mix - please consider the latter urgently!	Neutral + comments
61	Using the prime site next to Spanish City is, in my opinion, not the best use of that location. The site of the Avenue pub is a better option + regenerate The Rex! Use the site next to Spanish City for a family attraction such as a mini fairground. Not keen on overnight huts on the promenade. We need a permanent cafe at Watts Slope.	Neutral + comments
62	Who will maintain wildflower/planted areas as there does not seem to be enough park staff in North Tyneside now. We have lived here for 30 years and have repeatedly been promised various regeneration schemes - most to no avail. Please let the young people of Whitley Bay have their say along with the long term residents. Times have got to move on.	Neutral + comments
63	Promote healthy air, healthy living, bring back the pleasure/leisure dome with health/wellness grants available. less chips, more smoothies. Victorian age - salt baths for the new era - spa facilities etc (success of yoga station, Whitley Bay)	Neutral + comments
66	Move the dog restricted area north past the Rendezvous café. Children and dogs mix on the most popular family area. Not hygienic. The family/dog restricted area constantly loses sand and is unsuitable for children	Neutral + comments
67	An absolute disgrace that W?B has been allowed to degenerate to this extent and it has taken 20 yrs to reach this stage. We badly need cafes/restaurants to take advantage of beautiful sea views. Can't see overnight beach huts taking off. Let them to families like Blyth. New centre at lighthouse looks good.	Neutral + comments
68	Please try hard not to allow any changes to the iconic look of the Rendezvous café - very important to many people. The type, scope, size and feel of a hotel next to the Dome will be very hard to get right, if not used it would be a disaster	Neutral + comments
69	the plans look very grand, so did all the others. Hopefully this time Whitley Bay will have some money spent on it as our beautiful town deserves it. The Dome is an eyesore so please hurry up and get on with it. Worried about beach huts, overnight stay. Don't think overnight stay very good idea, why?	Neutral + comments
70	It would be wonderful but is it all false promises again. There does not seem to be definite money promised for most developments. Who is going to renovate St Marys - a beautiful building. If things are done will there be money for maintenance after any development?	Neutral + comments
74	there seems to be a great deal of metal work involved - is there a budget for regular maintenance and please no more black paint - it looks dreadful will all the lampposts etc spoiling the sea view. Please consider the views from all angles.	Neutral + comments
75	I would like confirmation that the current steps down onto the northern promenade (which have metal pole handrails and broken brick + stone edging and worn steps) will be replaced with better materials to suit the refurbished promenade below	Neutral + comments
80	Please ensure that the memorial to Doris Ewbank (I think?) is preserved. Perhaps a board telling her story would be a good idea. This is in Panama Dip.	Neutral + comments
82	Please, please move those awful bins away from the Sandcastle sculpture and from other vantage points. Please get new planters - the current ones are ugly.	Neutral + comments
84	Having looked around the various display boards showing what would improve the whole seafront, the main concerns for me are: funding - where is it all coming from? What happens if the conservatives get back in? Do you really know what to do with the Spanish City, for me, knock it down and build a decent hotel and cinema and not adapt what we have.	Neutral + comments
93	In the winter months the beach at the north end of the Links and the rocky headland around St Marys is used by wintering birds for feeding. They are regularly chased off by dogs. Please consider banning dogs from this area in the winter months when they are allowed on the southern area of the beach (where they are banned/excluded in the summer)	Neutral + comments
94	Paint the Dome with the same paint they used on the Forth Road Bridge (only white). It is said to last 25years before repainting. May cost extra but would save on maintenance	Neutral + comments

98	I am concerned that there are a lack of options for lower central promenade. It is nearly 100 years old - once its gone, its gone. Please could you consider other options - including filling in every 3rd or 2nd unit and keeping some of the promenade - aim high! Also ?? if the levels need to change?	Neutral + comments
99	Big Local stuff is great - a product of wide consultation. The lighthouse café lacks context. Missed opportunity - could be better looks like an office. Annoyed with lower central prom proposals - should be much better.	Neutral + comments
101	Central Promenade : consideration of loss of Blue Flag status due to demolition of toilet block, café and lifeboat station. Does this stretch of beach have Blue Flag status and if so, could it be lost?	Neutral + comments
135	My main concerns are the size and visual impact of the visitor's centre opposite St. Mary's Island. Making the centre with 'natural' materials and on one level would make the centre less intrusive. Secondly as the shoreline is SSSI. Would an environmental Impact Audit be required as there are huge flocks of waders around there especially in the winter?	Neutral + comments
177	Beach huts - we do not need residential or overnight beach huts - day beach huts only - no need to expend more money on electricity, plumbing etc. Need old design to be put back on plinths and circular bases for turning into sun like the last ones. No facilities need apart from upgrading public toilets.	Neutral + comments
180	We are concerned about the fact that the erosion, which has become much worse over the past 18 months below the Links and Pitch and Putt has not been addressed in these plans. Failure to tackle the problem is in our view shortsighted. Whilst expensive a promenade which continues along from the proposed beach huts would add a further dimension to Whitley Bay Seafront and solve the problem.	Neutral + comments
181	I see no mention of the eyesore that is the panama swimming club house. I think it looks worse than the Boardwalk cafe! You can't be serious about leaving this eyesore in the middle of all this new landscaping etc. can you?	Neutral + comments
192	Money has been so badly spent on cheap and nasty bits of street furniture and so called improvements that it is hard to feel optimistic about a plan for 'improvements', BUT in hope I would request; money for maintenance e.g. Paint for fences, railings, walls, the Dome. Good planting of low maintenance shrubs so that we avoid big concrete jungles like the pedestrian areas in front of the Spanish City and the lower promenade. Fewer projects - but a priority given to good quality materials and work e.g. South Shields and Blyth don't have our heritage buildings and natural advantages but they have used good quality design for their really good developments. Overnight huts with no car parking - a recipe for vandalism and cheap tourism.	Neutral + comments
194	Removal of the promenade at beach level is not acceptable, need something for people with mobility issues/pushchairs etc. to get of close to the beach as possible. I think the proposed land train is a waste of money. I don't see huge demand for it and it will just end up another dis-used bit of Whitley Bay. We also need foot showers at beach exit points. Parking in my opinion should be free in out of season in order to still attract people to the town in winter. I also don't like the proposed concrete seating, I much prefer a traditional wooden seat. Natural materials for a natural environment. Existing shelters on the promenade should be repaired and not knocked down or any new shelters should be replicas.	Neutral + comments
196	Retain retail units - no evidence to support demolition. Grass slope should be cut more regularly and litter picked up. Keep balustrade on upper promenade. Improve beach at Whitley Sands, shingle/rock. Will send more detailed comments by email.	Neutral + comments
200	Problems with cycling on the prom - dedicated love? Problems with car parking adjacent to highway for cyclists. Parking on prom for overnight beach huts - no. Remove example of beach huts - derelict	Neutral + comments
204	It is important that the Avenue site is used for leisure, business and culture, not houses. Like TGI Fridays, Mexican restaurant and dinner and parties for all ages and families. Please do not build new houses on Whiskey Bends site/Old ballroom site and along Whitley Road and get rid of old dead shops/flats which look unsightly and spoil the area.	Neutral + comments
205	Cant see the coast, castles cycle route on the plans, will it still run along Whitley Prom and then up to the road to St. Mary's? Will it be refurbished after the work? Will it be useable driving to work?	Neutral + comments
209	Bring forward Dome developments to 2015/2016. The children's park behind the Dome where the library is ugly. Make flatter/tidier.	Neutral + comments
210	Get rid of the street wooden furniture outside the bars in South Parade. Remove all plastic canopies instead. Ask bars to tidy up to benefit the whole area.	Neutral + comments

225	Whilst I am pleased to see that the local authority is actively looking to improve the coastline I have to say the text and images presented are somewhat underwhelming. Lack of a masterplan: The text document claims to be a "seafront masterplan" yet a single coherent masterplan plan drawing for the proposals does not exist or is presented; this is very worrying. If one does exist the LA should make it available for the public to view and comment on. How are the spaces connected? What and how will the pedestrian routes flow along the coastline? Where are the prominent notes and how do these interact with the pedestrian routes? What and how will each of the developments be phased and how does this relate to the other proposals? St Mary's Headland (new visitor facilities): The CGI images presented again are underwhelming; it is disappointing that the architect responsible has created images that suggest an architecture that does not respond to the unique nature of the site by proving a generic architecture that could be located anywhere. Northern Promenade: How many beach huts are proposed? the 80k investment seems very ambitious. Spanish City Dome: What is the proposed "commercial and leisure-related" use for the Dome? Given the A#10m investment I would hope that the Local Authority had a clear vision	Neutral + comments
2	No café at St Marys Island, should be left as it is. There are enough cafes.	Negative
6	Do you not realise that these 'improvements' are unnecessary and will result in a council debt of £130000000, to pay this off needs 2% on council tax for 100 years!	Negative
7	Visitor centre at St Marys Island will restrict the iconic view. Is it really necessary? It could harm the vulnerable wildlife with lights, noise etc	Negative
11	The level of procrastination in that consultation room made me breathless and sick. What a waste of money! Capita are the biggest collection of crooks, bleeding North Tyneside dry - Whitley Decay continues for another 15 years. Stop your fanning around and get things done!	Negative
190	Lighthouse cafe will spoil the environment and will become another business site.	Negative
191	The proposals are just that 'proposals'. Funding does not appear to have been secured. No grand vision for the future appears to have been identified as envisaged. A great opportunity seems to have been lost on un-coordinated effort. The seafront is the heart of whitley bay - not the Dome. A fresh look should be made - stop pandering to the anti-brigade who want to retain Watts cafe, the shelters etc. Lacking in vision/ambition - poor show.	Negative
197	A total waste of money to produce all this plan without any chance of securing the funding for probably most of these plans.	Negative
198	Waste of time and money - still nothing to make people want to come to the area. Car parks and more car parks to come and see what exactly? No restraurants, no nice cafes, no high class areas at all, the overnight stay beach huts will end up being used for what? I hate to imagine. I wonder how many meetings and people and council tax has been wasted on these 'ideas'.	Negative
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189	Nothing new - be back next year	Negative
228	Regarding the 'Dome' It's jerry built rubbish, it needs to be demolished, and perhaps a winter gardens created. Iconic, is a word I have heard, that's laughable. Has anyone been to Rome, Vienna, Madrid or Grey St. Regards, Michael Mill.	Negative
87	Street furniture on the prom is horrible - horrible shape, colour (bins) - benches not much better. What about incorporating some interesting art feature along the railings designed by children helped by artists eg birds, fish etc. Pavement on central promenade needs to have a coherent theme from Rex hotel to the Dome. Improvements ?? patterns in the paving stones. Visitor centre at lighthouse looks too big for the site. ???in that it remains quite natural - I don't want it to be dominated by buildings.	Negative + comments
91	The overnight beach huts are not suitable. Day use beach huts as at Blyth yes but not overnight stay huts	Negative + comments
96	Like most other people who have lived for many years in Whitley Bay I doubt that you will deliver on this latest plan. Why not publish a time line so the Council can be held accountable?	Negative + comments

178	There is no reason to demolish boardwalk add steps by all means but leave boardwalk and seeing as steps are not scheduled for another 5 years then allow a further tenancy and do not demolish it - we need a beach cafe - like Tynemouth so why not Whitley Bay??	Negative + comments
179	Demolishing the boardwalk cafe is a disaster it could be remodelled. A temporary kiosk is not a cafe/shelter. It will get washed away, love St. Mary's Visitor Centre. Temporary Gardens are a waste of money either make them permanent or scrap the idea. Pop up gardens not required! New hotel will become an eyesore very quickly - invest in the iconic Rex Hotel. Why bother asking the residents anything when it seems you have already made up your minds!	Negative + comments
182	Totally against any development at the Island. People appreciate that area as being relatively unspoiled. A large building is not needed. Similarly the train, there is no room for a train and the traffic on the road to the island or the seafront either.	Negative + comments
183	Concentrate on todying up the mess that Whitley Bay currently is before introducing any more daft and expensive ideas.	Negative + comments
184	This is just airy fairy - illustration and diagrams don't match. Most of projects unfunded less than impressed, we dont want visions, we want firm funded proposals.	Negative + comments
185	Still cannot see why the Boardwalk Cafe needs to be knocked down - timescale for all of this work is a long way off so once knocked down will be an eysore for years! Hotel proposed at Spanish City?? Who? Guesthouses are struggling now to be filled up, new hotel will kill their businesses.	Negative + comments
187	For the life of me, I cannot see why the Boardwalk Seaside Beach Cafe has to go! The view from the Hotel will not be obstructed by it. The hotel is higher than the cafe, which we need. If this is unattractive - rebuild!	Negative + comments
195	I hate the 'proposal'/idea/thought of the lower central promenade being arbitrarily, removed and replaced with another bl**dy grassy slope/embankment. This is a terrible proposal. The units on that promenade could be made viable commercial sites with a little foresight and will! Look at what has been done in the arch spaces next to Newcastle Central Station! The lower promenade is in the state its in through decades of neglect by the local council, who have it seems, deliberately allowed this deterioration, to 'prove' their own promise, that 'no-one wants to use those units'. The lower central promenade has character, can be usable, and is a long standing historic part of the Whitley Bay charm, and a popular walkway even now, as it is. To remove this vital walk, at almost sea level, would be a great loss and detriment to that WB seafront attractiveness and utility close to centre of WB. Please, please, please!!! Do not destroy yet another part of what makes WB seafront special and welcoming. These units could hold art galleries, studios, workshops, coffee shops, but they need to be made viable by Council first. Thank you.	Negative + comments
216	Whitley bay is not a tourist destination - The USP of Whitley bay is the residents who will use facilities if they are right for them - eg WAVES and attend events - classic car show/ fireworks/ arts performances I think this looks expensive and the train will spoil our unspoiled coastline - that bylaw was there for a reason!! Keep it for walkers cyclists - maintain the shelters properly so they are usable - surely this is cheaper than an expensive gimmick I also worry about the wildlife if there is a tourist train to the lighthouse - please abandon this daft idea Why do we need another hotel - why do we need a chain - encourage local independent business instead People want different When my cousin visited recently she loved Park View shops because they were independents and different - no chains - made the shopping experience good rather than a repeat of what you get else where Steer clear of chains - steer clear of gimmicks - make Whitley Bay a nicer place to live and a pleasurable experience for visitors without over doing the tourist thing Serve the residents properly and they will spend locally and the whole place will be much more upmarket and desirable	Negative + comments
221	There are two things in this plan which bother me. Firstly, if there is to be a cafe at St. Mary's headland it should be in keeping with the area. The design pictured is horrible. Secondly, I don't understand why you would build another hotel in Whitley Bay. The ones we have got already aren't doing all that well.	Negative + comments
232	I'm deeply concerned at the proposals relating to the development at St Mary's Island. The image shown I would suggest is totally out of keeping with the nature of the area. I understood it was a wildlife conservation area! Don't agree with it at all. Regarding the rest, how many versions are we going to get before something attractive is provided and entertains children and there parents? A cinema would be useful I would have thought.	Negative + comments

237	With regard to proposals for redeveloping Watts Slope: plans to remodel the public toilets and install beach showers are very welcome, offering a useful amenity to residents and good value, in terms of visitor satisfaction, in return for the initial outlay. The rest of the proposals regarding this area are wanting. In particular, the demolition without adequate replacement of the Boardwalk Caf?? - Whitley Baya??s only caf?? located on the beach itself, and a popular venue for functions - cannot be justified after careful inspection of the plans. The confluence of central and north promenades is a natural location for a caf??, as has been proved by the success of the present establishment over close on one-and-a-half centuries (in fact, until Whitley Bay began to be torn apart in recent years). Once the new showers are installed, this part of the beach will obviously draw greater numbers of bathers, and if proposals for a Coastline Land Train from Watts Slope to St Marya??s Lighthouse (an excellent idea) come to fruition, the present site of the caf?? will be even more of a focal point for visitors. The substitution of a seasonal kiosk in place of a proper, covered day-and-evening eating-and-meeting place on the sands. would be no fair exchange either for families on a day out or for residents enjoying the beach as a year-round local amenity. As for	Negative + comments
114	South Parade is good and should be done. East Parade is good and should be done. Station is good and should be done.	Comments
116	I had an evening wedding reception in the Dome 30 years ago when my brother in law was a chef at the Starlight Rooms.	Comments
155	Suggest continuation of the new sea wall to preserve the present cliffs which are eroding rapidly - partly due to water flowing from golf course drains - glacier effect.	Comments
207	Paint railings black outside cook and co.	Comments
208	Capita bins that are grey paint black - unsightly.	Comments
218	I see no mention within the Masterplan documents of the Panama Swimming Club building on the North Promenade. Please advise what plans there are for this eyesore.	Comments
233	Again there seems to be a lack of vision as Taxi rank facilities or public transport(bus) facilities are omitted,surely these should be included in the proposals from the outset or are they not recognised as important services to the public in general. No discussions have taken place regarding the siting of the TAXI rank in the vicinity of the Dome which was promised (in a written statement) from the Council. The Councils word is not their bond in instances such as this.	Comments
236	I was wondering what was happening to the mini golf which is situated between St Mary's Lighthouse and the Spanish City. I hope this is being retained, as has not been mentioned in the plans. It is so much fun and families do get exercise using this, as well as all that fresh sea air.	Comments
239	Is there any proposal for a cinema within the Dome. I use the Jam-jar cinema, which is a brilliant facility & permanently over-subscribed ( 42 seats ), surely there is a need for similar, independent cinema. Perhaps market research would high-light?	Comments
81	Steps proposed for Watts Slope onto the beach will prevent emergency access for RNLI lifeboat to the beach when required, there is no other access to the beach. Cullercoats lifeboat needs access to all of Whitley Bay, Cullercoats and Tynemouth beaches. Fulmar colony above Southern Promenade to be considered during works.	Comments
36	A large amount of folk live full time on the caravan park by St Marys Island. Although we don't live there we do have a caravan there and it always feels that community are not included in Whitley Bay plans. I may be wrong but that's how it seems - it would be good to reach out to them more.	Comment
79	Would like some info on the status of planning application re beach huts on Links	Comment
103	Is a grass slope in a position vulnerable to high tides and stormy weather really a sensible option?	Comment
104	These plans need to be on display for more than 2 sessions. There is a lot of info and a lot of people - which makes it hard to really see them without 'being poked in the eye'. Are these available on line?	Comment
105	Could we have the exhibition kept open for one week so that we can have a fuller consultation?	Comment
106	Please can you update me on development via email	Comment



85	It is great that the dire toilet situation in W/B is going to be somewhat improved, but, as welcome and overdue as that is its of little practical use if they are not open when someone wishes to use them. The toilets need to be open every day, all day and until a useful and practical time in the evening! at Guy Fawkes, probably 5,000 or more people come to the Links for the fireworks and not a single public toilet was kept open at either the Rendezvous cafe site or Watts Rd - that was absurd!	Comments - negative but not us!
227	In one of the illustrations (view from beach up Watts slope) there is a proposed footpath shown connecting from the lower prom. This pathway looks to be placed halfway between the proposed kiosk and the Dome, and presumably exiting halfway up Watts Slope. Any pedestrian walking along this would therefore have a forward view framed of the toilet blocks! Surely, it would make more sense to make the pathway loop around the proposed Kiosk for footfall/passing trade purposes, or pull the footpath right back so that the forward view is directly central aligned to the middle of the Dome. As it is currently illustrated the pathway serves neither one or the other. Viewpoints are important in creating a sense of place and in this case I am left wondering what the centre-piece of the masterplan is - the revamped toilet block? There is a different illustration shown, looking toward the Dome, a pedestrian footpath could easily connect from the lower prom in this direction and thereby centre the view on the Dome. I also in looking at the Masterplan document wonder if the demolition costs of the Boardwalk cafe together with remediation work could have been better utilised on a refurbishment. There is no options appraisal contained within this masterplan to know otherwise. If the path connection was altered as I have outlined I see no reason why the Boardwalk cafe could not be retained if local residents so wished. I believe there was a prospective party interested in its tenancy. I actually think revamping the toilet block is a good proposal as by including showers it will better serve the needs of the beach.	Comments + negative
31	Small/Medium works should have been done over the years - now lumped together with Government (all flavours - current and hopeful) proposing further cost, how will it be paid for? In 33 years + at the coast no real investment has been shown in the Dome and surrounding areas - we now go to South Shields	Neutral, Partly negative
72	If the coastal development is going to consist of a large number of small projects (as I have been told today) I have a major concern about coherence. The whole development needs to be managed so that it is all of high quality and that each individual element and the total area is something that gives visual pleasure and aesthetic delight. None of this will be the case if the aesthetic decisions are made by the same people who designed the plaza area in front of the Dome.	Neutral/negative
5	When are you going to provide safe facilities for beach users and boat launchers at Cullercoats? Currently it is unsafe launching our boat there on busy days in summer. We need a safe launch site i.e. Tynemouth haven yacht/boat club.	not relevant to Whitley Bay
199	25 years too late, can't believe its taken so long to come up with proposal which could have been given to a school as a project at what cost? Estimated costs for proposals look ridiculous and surely could have been a fraction if proper prevention had been kept up to date over decades of neglect. Can't see what the attraction(s) are other than the beach (which is all there is currently) and if people were to come to Whitley Bay where do they park (100+ car park seems inadequate) and will no doubt be chargeable. Cafe at St. Mary's, road train, ideas long overdue, however any improvement is welcome. Why not use promenades for businesses and attractions, developments. Brilliant news why not use them? Seems a huge amount of money spent sloping seafronts and grassing areas - why? Still no proposal for Dome? Possible hotel to be confirmed - proposals only, why not have concrete proposal from interested parties - this has been going on for so long someone must have expressed an interest or 'got on board' but no evidence and just appears to be 'talk'. Need some better timescale for development rather than 2015-16, if the Plaza in front of the Dome is anything to go by, this could be 'anytime' along with demolishing of the High Point, Avenue, Whiskey Bends and Boardwalk. Why knock these down if no proposals are ready to start, temporary garden at the avenue, waste of money, if its going to be developed, develop it!	Positive + negative comments
19	We welcome the investment and improvements but what will attract visitors to come? If they do, where will they park? South Shields has answered both of those issues, your proposals don't! Even Newbiggin has better at a fraction of the cost	Positive and negative
88	I am annoyed to see that the shelters are to be demolished after the huge public response to this (e-petition etc) the proposed 'contemporary' shelters look totally out of place and look like bus shelters! Overall, pleased that Whitley Bay seafront is to be improved. The proposed landscape planting looks very attractive. On a taste point of view, I find some of the contemporary furniture etc a little tacky. Taking design references from the historical aspects of the seafront would be nice i.e. Victorian times when this town really thrived.	Positive, some negative +comments

230	Central Promenade:	Some negative, some positive
230	1. The loss of the commercial units under the top promenade has not been justified. The NTC does not appear to have any detailed structural reports available on the condition of the top promenade support beams and columns situated within these commercial units. Is their condition quite as bad as unsubstantiated comments are suggesting? Photos that I have of the units that are open to view appear to show only minor superficial corrosion of the top promenade support beams where their concrete cladding has been spalled off.	Some negative, some positive
230	NB The Scott Wilson 2007 Technical Inspection Report 7b generally concluded, without any measurement details mentioned, that the steel beams supporting the lower promenade were corroded but only superficially. One would expect that the situation of the support beams in the chambers underneath the lower promenade should be considerably more at risk of corrosion degradation compared to those above supporting the top promenade. This would be due to the lower chambers' closer proximity, and vulnerability, to seawater ingress, etc.	Some negative, some positive
230	2. The commercial units should not be filled in and grassed over (at great expense?) but held until needed when Whitley Bay again becomes the visitor destination that it should be.	Some negative, some positive
230	3. These support structures within the commercial units should be inspected, refurbished and preserved. After that is completed a new decorative wall / façade should be built right across the front of these units prior to a future need for them being identified.	Some negative, some positive
230	4. The Central Promenade proposed grassed bank, if created, would soon become an unkempt litter and debris collector as has been well demonstrated by all our other similar such banks including the bank leading down to the beach in front of the new Plaza (by the way it should be called a 'Piazza', an Italian open-air meeting place, as in an original NTC promotional description).	Some negative, some positive
230	5. Most holiday visitors will be looking for and will appreciate a well-maintained, neat, tidy and attractive shoreline. They are not wanting to see an untended, neglected grass bank (to be cut once a year I am told) seeded with some Marram type grass and meadow flowers (they being unlikely bedfellows) and blooming for only a few short weeks! This proposed bank is to be built down to the shore edge where it will be lashed by easterly winds giving it a salt sea soaking which will either kill off or deter any great show of wild flower blooms. Our present similarly situated and untended grassed banks are presently packed full of robust weeds such as docks, nettles, couch grass, ragwort, plantains, creeping thistle and dandelions to name but a few. What is going to stop this newly planted grass bank reverting to the state of these other similarly situated grass banks?	Some negative, some positive
230	Central Promenade Beach:	Some negative, some positive
230	6. The need for a proper sandy beach to replace the present shingle, rocks and building debris beach will need to be addressed at the same time as the remedial work to the Lower Central Promenade. Very few holidaymakers will be making a bee-line to Whitley Bay until the town has an attractive beach to offer, particularly for children to play on.	Some negative, some positive
230	7. These present heaps of shingle, rocks and building debris are far too large to get 'washed away' by anything but a major storm coming from exactly the right direction. Any such storm is not likely to arrive anytime soon and will probably be from the wrong direction anyway and make things even worse. One solution might be to use these heaps of shingle, rocks and building debris to contribute to the infill of the lower promenade chambers behind the new sea wall as 'filling in' there is the present plan intention.	Some negative, some positive
230	8. The need to reintroduce the previous beach groins (which I am told were actually sewer overflow outfalls) should be investigated to reduce the loss of sand from the south end of the beach.	Some negative, some positive
230	NB the River Tyne is routinely dredged at the river mouth ... What proportion of this 'sediment' is sand and, if the mix is of an acceptable composition, could this 'sediment' be deposited at sea near Whitley Bay so that this deposited sand can be washed up onto the south end of the Whitley Bay beach?	Some negative, some positive
230	North end of Whitley Sands Beach Cliffs:	Some negative, some positive
230	1. I believe the Mini-golf course is now losing ground at its cliff edge at a much higher rate of between 1m/yr and 1.5m/yr rather than that rate quoted in the Scott Wilson 2007 Technical Report 12 Executive Summary which based its findings and recommendations on the then historical rate of	Some negative, some positive

230	2. The Briardene car park north eastern corner is very close to the clay cliff edge and the whole of the car park eastern side may soon need to be barriered off for safety reasons.	Some negative, some positive
230	3. Efforts should be made to arrest the accelerated rate of cliff erosion by installing a riprap (rock barrier) along the cliff base, as has been installed many years ago at the south side of the Briardene Burn outflow, or by extending the northern end of the Promenade to meet up with the Trinity Road sea wall.	Some negative, some positive
230	St Marys Island Visitor Centre:	Some negative, some positive
230	1. The idea of a visitor centre at St Marys Island Headland is commendable but the present plans show it sited in the wrong position at the southern end of the large 156 space car park. This is a mistake because the best part of its viewing aspect will be directly over the adjacent car park and the	Some negative, some positive
230	2. There is a good, wide sandy beach within a few metres walk of this location at the northern end of the car park.	Some negative, some positive
230	3. I can imagine that the only reason for the visitor centre's proposed current location is its access to the current public toilet block's water, electricity and sewage services, which may not have sufficient capacity for this large visitor centre anyway. These services could be extended to the northern side of the car park at relatively little extra cost. (NB In addition, the currently proposed Visitor Centre site has not been designed or positioned to include any sort of Wetlands observation facility).	Some negative, some positive
230	4. I would also like to suggest that, along with the Visitor Centre, a proper top quality, family friendly, Wetlands observation facility is also built a short distance away at or on the raised bank that runs along the eastern side of the Wetland. As this area is a popular bird spotter's destination then this observation post would contribute significantly to the success of the Visitor Centre.	Some negative, some positive
230	Miscellaneous:	Some negative, some positive
230	1. I am glad to see that the Links rectangular hard stand area on the south side of the Panama Gardens is to be returned to grass.	Some negative, some positive
230	2. The 59m long x 3.8m deep fenced off public shelter towards the southern end of the north promenade could be refurbished and adapted to produce some day-stay 'beach hut' type accommodation instead of being demolished.	Some negative, some positive
230	3. It would be advantageous if the St Mary's Island causeway could have its level raised to lengthen the access times available for visitors to the Island.	Some negative, some positive