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**Subject:** GAIL de' CLAIRE, SULLY RESIDENT - STRONG OBJECTION TO WAKEBOARDING AT COSMESTON NATURE RESERVE - URGENT

Morning

I very rarely put pen to paper but I am absolutely appalled that someone could even be thinking of establishing this facility at Cosmeston – A Nature Reserve!!!!

I have been a sully resident for 25 years and have lived in the Penarth area since I was born – I am 45 and this is one of the most ridiculous ideas yet.

There is no merit in doing this for anyone concerned. I am a mum and naturally understand the children will find this wonderful (for a short while and only in the summer) but there are huge and obvious considerations and implications at the expense of having some fun!

Children have other local activities to engage in and their entertainment should not be crossed with the protection of wildlife.

About 100 endangered water voles have been released there recently!

Whatever section is put aside for this spectacle it will definitely have implications for any immediate wildlife – above and below the water.

I'm not going to even bother detailing other obvious challenges such as parking, litter, increased volume of people .....

I have been visiting Cosmeston all my life – I have friends that have travelled from London just to bird watch for the day – protect what you have and engage some common sense.

**Café – could you please direct me to the right department who control the café and put out the tender for the contract.**

I have spoken to management (at the café) last week about the outside seating facilities.

Extra seating that was in place prior to new management now in place has gone – it's lead to at least 16 customers not being able to sit outside (lake side). They simply stand and don't bother ordering any food – it's lost business and frustrating for customers.

Applying some commercial common sense – surely small tables and chairs can be purchased which would:

- Increase capacity
- Increase custom
- Increase profits
- Increase the attraction of repeat custom

Small tables had been there for a few years – worked very well for everyone concerned and there were never any safety issues.

There is also no seating available on the car park side. Custom has and will be lost.

Eg my husband is a teacher and walks our dogs every day during the summer holidays and sits outside ordering a full breakfast – the existing tables are scruffy, in the shade and there is little room (especially when you have kids and dogs) to sit comfortably together.

All walkers have fewer places now to sit outside and no one seems to have applied any commercial sense to extending the area. The patio is in place outside already – there is nothing to do apart from putting a few extra chairs and tables outside which can simply be bought from IKEA at a nominal cost.

Before anyone thinks of establishing a ridiculous sporting activity in Cosmeston – think about the basics first – something that would not harm or inflict danger to wildlife.

Cosmeston is a fantastic experience on our doorstep – a very special place indeed. Don't damage or change that – whoever might agree to this plan should think very hard of the implications and be comfortable as a team if they decide to go ahead.

I rather suspect they will regret that decision in years to come.

In conclusion

- Weigh up the advantages over the disadvantages of putting Wakeboarding in place and the huge downside impact – there is little merit in doing this longer term and the team know this.
- Spend a few hundred pounds to simply extend the capacity of the café outside (front and back)– it makes perfect sense.

**PLEASE COME BACK TO ME WITH CONTACT DETAILS FOR THE APPROPRIATE PERSON/DEPARTMENT FOR THE CAFÉ.**

Kind regards.

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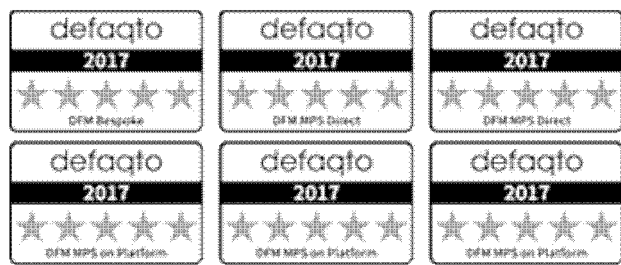
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