

Rhyl waterpark images go public

A set of images of the proposed Rhyl Waterpark and leisure attraction has been released, providing a unique insight into how this major attraction will look.

Members of Denbighshire County Council formally supported the Waterpark proposal earlier this year – with detailed plans now being prepared before they are submitted to the Council's Planning department in April.

Rhyl Town Council is also providing financial support for the development.

People have a chance to learn more about the proposal at a drop in session being arranged by the County Council's leisure partners, Alliance Leisure, at the Vue Cinema, Rhyl on Wednesday, 22 March between 11am and 7pm. People can also get involved by viewing the proposals online at: <http://www.rhylwaterparkdevelopment.co.uk>

The proposal is for a 1200 metre square water space, with indoor and outdoor flume rides, children's water play frame and slides, double height children's play activity zone, climbing facilities, party rooms, reception, sales areas, outside Splash Pool – two wet splash pads, sun lounge areas and café terraces to provide wet play entertainment.

There will also be beach changing huts and WC facilities, as well as a bar and terrace to cater for evening trade.

The development will create 60 new jobs and attract 350,000 additional visitors to the town every year. Subject to planning permission, work will begin in September 2017 with the new facilities open in early 2019.

The proposals, drawn up in partnership with Alliance Leisure, will also mean that the town's skatepark will be relocated. The County Council will consult with local young people to co-design the skatepark, with the new facility offering new, more attractive design features. The paddling pool will be replaced by a significantly enhanced outdoor splash pad and sun terrace, as part of the redevelopment.

Leader of Denbighshire, Councillor Hugh Evans OBE, who is also the Cabinet Lead Member for the Economy, said: “We are delighted to offer the public a glimpse of how the proposed new waterpark will look.

“The waterpark is a flagship project for the Councils and the development is an essential element of efforts to increase footfall in the town, create jobs and increase spend in the local economy. This has also been at the forefront of our proposals to redevelop the waterfront and is a major part of our regeneration plans for Rhyl.

“There is a lot of anticipation into how the new waterpark will look and we hope this really gives people a flavour of the ambitious and exciting development that is being proposed.”

Rhyl Mayor Councillor Sarah Roberts said: “The waterpark is another step along the road in the regeneration of Rhyl. This represents a turning point for the town, with the promise of a must-visit tourist attraction, the only one of its kind along the North Wales coast. Offering something new and exciting for the people of Rhyl, the waterpark will provide employment opportunities and increased town centre footfall together with a much-needed vibrant local facility for use by local people. We'd encourage people to come along, see the plans and discover what the future holds.”