

Latest on Rhyl Waterpark plans



Exciting proposals for a brand new waterpark in Rhyl have moved a step closer, with the planning application for the ambitious leisure attraction now submitted for consideration.

Members of Denbighshire County Council formally supported the Waterpark proposal earlier this year – with the Council, Rhyl Town Council and Welsh Government providing financial support for the development.

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 'style' changing huts in the outdoor splash zone 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.

Rebecca Maxwell, Denbighshire's Corporate Director – Public Realm and the Economy, said: "The waterpark is a flagship project for the Councils and the development is an essential element of efforts to increase footfall in the town, to 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.



Jamie Groves, Denbighshire's Head of Facilities, Assets and Housing, said: "This is a significant milestone in the waterpark development. There is a lot of anticipation into how the new waterpark will look and the recent public drop-in held at the Vue cinema really gave people a flavour of the ambitious and exciting development that is being proposed. The feedback we have received from the public has been extremely positive."

Gareth Nickels, Rhyl Town Council Town Clerk, said: "We welcome the submission of the waterpark planning application which heralds another step in Rhyl's regeneration. The response to the public consultation showed there is clear support for the waterpark proposal which will bring not only a new, much-needed attraction to Rhyl but jobs, tourists and business footfall too."

For further details about the proposed development, please visit: www.rhylwaterpark.co.uk

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