

From: Ryde Town Council Clerk
Sent: 04 December 2018 13:35
By email

At a well attended meeting of Ryde Town Council yesterday evening the Town Council agreed that the following representation be submitted to you before the above decision is taken in respect of Ryde Harbour:

“Ryde Town Council objects to the recommendations contained in the Delegated Decision Report in regard to Ryde Harbour and asks that the Cabinet Member for Resources attend a public meeting in Ryde to discuss alternative options with the Ryde community within the next two weeks, which should include the option of the Isle of Wight Council selling the Harbour to Ryde Town Council for a £1.”

You will see from the above wording that there is now an expectation that a public meeting be arranged within the next two weeks at which Ryde residents can have an opportunity to express their views on the future of Ryde Harbour. I understand from Councillor Whittle, who is copied into this email, that he may well have emailed you about the IWC arranging this meeting? Alternatively, the Town Council could arrange the meeting based on your availability. Please do let me know if/how you would like to take this forward. Councillor Malcolm Ross, Ryde Mayor is also copied into this email along with Councillor Michael Lilley who proposed the above wording.

From: Stella Davis
Sent: 11 December 2018 11:46
By email

We are very concerned by the recent proposal under delegated powers to offer the freehold/leasehold of Ryde Harbour for sale, particularly as it is suggested that there is already interest from a number of 'developers'.

This would seem contrary to what we, the Ryde Community, have been promised by The Isle of Wight Council - that we would be consulted on the future of our seafront. (You might, I realise, argue that we have indeed been consulted - but just not listened to - but I don't think this is the moment for semantics). Every 'consultation' has highlighted the importance of the site to the Georgian town, to its people, to its amenities and to the ecology that the sea beyond it holds - it has the highest levels of protection available in the UK both in terms of its Conservation Area and its SSSIs and Ramsar.

We are looking forward to Mr Ashman's presentation on the 'rethink' for the whole of the Esplanade at our meeting on 14th January, but are concerned that by then, it may

already be too late to develop an inclusive overview of the regeneration of the whole seafront as an integral part, the harbour, may already be moving into private hands.

There is much assumption, rumour and inaccurate information concerning what surrounds this particular delegated decision process and The Ryde Society would very much appreciate an accurate insight, by someone directly involved, into how this fits with the new overall plan for the future of the Esplanade and beach at Ryde - which we have not yet seen.

This is an area of great community interest and not one that should be sold off without its being part of the larger regeneration project. Surely consultations funded by the IOWCC and representations and proposals by the community, through their representatives Ryde Town Council, and through The Ryde Society should be listened too before this delegated decision is finalised?

There is some urgency to this and I would appreciate a detailed reply on the status of this decision before it is finalised, so that I can forward to our members.

From: Gerald Davison
Sent: 04 December 2018 09:02
By email

I write to you as a resident of Ryde and a member of The Ryde Society, as I am very concerned about reports that the IoW Council is considering the sale of Ryde harbour out of public ownership.

There does not appear to have been proper consultation with the people of Ryde over what could lead to a disastrous outcome for the amenities that we currently enjoy and the future of the Esplanade area. The long term possible loss of this important asset could have a serious impact on the quality and attractiveness of North East Ryde.

I do hope you will ensure that this issue is properly addressed with full and urgent public consultation so that I and other residents will have the opportunity to hear from your council directly and for us to be able to raise our concerns in a public meeting.

From: John Bowler
Sent: 03 December 2018 21:38
By email

I'd like to take this opportunity to raise my concerns and opposition to the proposed sales of Ryde harbour.

Having taken part in several public consultation events on the subject of Ryde regeneration I was surprised that this decision was taken, before any public announcements about the regeneration were made.

Bearing in mind that the overwhelming public opinion was not for large scale property development to take place, but rather the development of public owned, public spaces and buildings, something that would preserve and improve the character of Ryde esplanade and beaches, it seems that your proposal goes against the public wishes.

At several points during the consultation we were given the impression that the Isle of Wight council were reconsidering selling off public land to private developers.

I think you owe the people of Ryde a full explanation of your decision process, coming to a public meeting in Ryde would be a good start.

Otherwise this could be perceived as an attempt to push the sale of the harbour through on the quiet and thus opening the door for further sales and/or development, on Ryde seafront.

From: Joan Wheelton
Sent: 30 November 2018 16:38
By email

Please see my attached response to the consultation of berth holders in Ryde Harbour. My response is on behalf of the Vectis Boating and Fishing Club who are permanent berth holders in addition to constant users with a 125 year lease giving free access to the water through the harbour, and on behalf of myself as a member of Ryde community.

Proposed sale of Ryde Harbour

I have seen your Delegated decision report paper 13/18 and am responding on behalf of Vectis Boating and Fishing Club as an interested party and as a member of the Ryde community.

Executive Summary

You state that the Council has received offers by private investor/investors (ie a small number) expressing interest in purchasing Ryde and Ventnor Harbours. You state that the harbours have not previously been included in the list of assets considered for sale by this Council however without consultation of Ryde Town Council (as I understand it) or any of the interested parties (including the community) you now appear to be rushing this proposal through. Your Forward Plan of August 2018 lists consultees as 'relevant officers, members and stakeholders'. Paras. 16 and 31 of your paper 13/18

commit you to consultation of 'all interested parties'. Is an email to berth-holders your version of 'wider consultation' (para 16)? I would suggest that included in 'interested parties' should be the population of Ryde.

As a major stakeholder, with a 125 year lease on its premises on the understanding that safe launching access through the harbour would continue for that period, and being a permanent berth-holder, Vectis Boating and Fishing Club has not been consulted. I have seen your email to berth holders sent 27 November 2018 inviting representations by 5pm on Tuesday 4 December 2018 implying that the decision will be made soon thereafter. In my view in your haste to make a decision your failure to consult does not meet your obligations to stakeholders and to the community of Ryde as an elected Council.

Background: Ryde Harbour

You stress the Council's financial difficulties and its need to generate savings, yet you use the profits from Ryde Harbour to defray the costs of Ventnor Haven. I would argue that Ryde has a case to be treated independently of Ventnor, and whatever decision you reach should be based on the value of Ryde as gateway to the Island for visitors. Ryde needs to offer an attractive entrance to the Island, and to offer amenities which persuade people to come and stay within the town area. You acknowledge that Ryde Harbour is a popular marine destination, attracting 26,000 or so visitors a year. It has been estimated that this brings some £2m annually to the local economy. It is widely acknowledged that the Ryde seafront area is in dire need of investment and upgrading, including the harbour, but selling off parts of the area piecemeal will not help. It needs an overall plan, which I understand has been the objective of the IW Council's Regeneration Plan, which largely relates to the Ryde area. You will also be aware that Ryde Town Council has recently produced an Outline Planning Document and the IW Chamber of Commerce has produced a Master Plan (2015) which was endorsed by RTC and resulted from extensive public consultations as well as with both RTC and the IW Council. Selling the harbour at this stage without such a plan would inhibit any further attempts to improve the seafront to make the town more attractive to visitors. The tourist industry is the Island's lifeline. If the Island is to survive economically it needs to invest rather than sell capital assets for short term cash solutions. The sale of Ryde Town Hall is a case in point. The building was sold cheaply and has been left to deteriorate. The ice rink, which previously attracted huge numbers and renown for the Island's hockey team, is closed. The harbour, despite lack of maintenance and dredging, reducing access times depending on the tide, and facilities which fall 'below RYA

recommended standards', still thrives and makes a profit, and provides a focal point for Ryde seafront.

Financial/Budget implications

Your paper para. 17 refers to projected costs to IW Council over the next ten years if it retains management of the harbour of some £1.2m. However, you have recently obtained funding and carried out the diversion of Monkton Mead Brook through the harbour, which while being an attempt to alleviate the flooding problems in Ryde was also anticipated to reduce the need for dredging. Until the work is completed and given time to take effect you could not be in a position to estimate future costs of dredging the harbour. Having just gone to such expense do you really plan to immediately hand over the benefits to private enterprise? Also, any agreement you might reach with a future owner/leaseholder would need to incorporate the Council's responsibility to maintain the drainage system.

Legal implications

Para. 22 states that you have still to research any Covenants which might apply to the area in favour of the Lind and Brigstocke estates. I am aware of at least one covenant which requires building height in the Esplanade area to be restricted to 25ft. The Vectis Boating and Fishing Club was made aware of this when building its new Clubhouse in 2001. Another point which comes to mind is the fact that the Harbour is in a Conservation Area. We were reminded of this when proposals were made to install a security gate at the harbour entrance. No doubt these points will be brought to the attention of those drawing up the documents.

Vectis Boating and Fishing Club (Established 1861)

The Vectis Boating and Fishing Club's new premises on Ryde Esplanade were funded by IW Council £34,000, Sport England Lottery £88,000 and members £7,500. The whole enterprise was made viable and predicated on the existence of the harbour and public slipway. We were granted a lease for 125 years which long lease was a requirement insisted on by Sport England, and it is paid in full. Without safe, protected access to the water the Club could not function. We have 7 Club boats and 20 private boats in the compound. The Club has a close connection with Ryde Town Council, supporting each other's efforts to involve the Ryde community, especially by connecting with young people in order to teach them about fishing and conservation, and teaching them boating skills in a safe environment.

The Public Slipway

One of the first points from your proposal to sell or lease the harbour that concerns us is the proposed clause that any covenants to retain the area as a harbour/marina could be removed 'if an alternative use of the area could generate a significant and sustainable economic benefit ...'. With regard to the slipway itself, this is a Public Slip, and should remain so. When the harbour was built it incorporated the previous public slip, which lies under the car park behind the Ryde Pavilion. We have been advised that a public slip has equivalent status to a public footpath, and while it can be diverted, as it has already, it cannot easily be removed. It should therefore not be part of any sale or lease agreement with a private enterprise, and continued free and cost-free access to the sea should be maintained by IW Council. The slip is used by hundreds of local boat and watercraft owners every year, and loss of cost-free access to the sea would have a major impact on the Ryde community as well as those most closely connected with the harbour.

Options

To move to Councillor Hutchinson's recommendations, para. 38. I will restrict my comments to those that affect Ryde.

We could support Option 1, subject to IW Council retaining the freehold of the harbour, guaranteeing maintenance of the slipway and cost-free access to the sea for all, and providing that should the leaseholder wish to discontinue using the area as a harbour/marina it would revert to IW Council. All interested parties should then be consulted on any future consideration of development of Ryde seafront following such reversion. We also think that the leaseholder should be required to carry out any improvement works within an agreed timetable, to avoid the harbour being left to deteriorate further awaiting some unknown event as in the case of Ryde Town Hall. The IW Council should have the right to re-claim the harbour if the new management are in default – Ryde cannot afford for this important facility to become derelict.

Option 6 – With regard to your proposal that a single nominated Cabinet member of IW Council be solely responsible for the final decision we think this is not appropriate. All decisions affecting a community should be made in an open and answerable way. We believe this would be a decision for the Full Council to make.

Finally, I would like to see the promised wider consultation (para 16 of paper 13/18) actually take place.

From: Tim Wakeley
Sent: 29 November 2018 16:36
By Email

In the spirit of open consultation this letter is open.

I have been a berth-holder in the Ryde Harbour in excess of 12 years.

Thank you for the invitation to comment on your Delegated Decision Report and for the 3 x full working days you have kindly granted me and other stakeholders to construct a full response.

Paragraphs 16 and 31 both refer to local consultations – is this it????

I do not believe that you have consulted in any meaningful way with the Ryde Town Council despite Member promises to do so. This suggests that, once again, the IW Council is 'doing to Ryde' rather than engaging with the locally elected representatives that make up Ryde Town Council.

It is a shame that the future of the Harbour, as outlined in your report, has hardly been discussed as part of the regeneration of Ryde Esplanade. In this context I would argue that the proposed disposal is more than a little premature. Any disposal must protect the potential for Esplanade re-development and regeneration and must not allow for a third party to be able to unduly influence the future regeneration of Ryde Esplanade. Your Council has a terrible record in this regard when we look at the consequences visited on Ryde residents through the hasty disposal of the Town Hall and the lease associated with the Ice Rink.

Ryde Harbour users have been poorly served over time with the lack of investment in infrastructure and the failure to regularly dredge the body of the harbour. The consequence has been for there to be less and less time afloat for harbour users whilst costs rise. In this regard it would be pleasing to have a managing body that was required, as a condition of the lease, to dredge the body of the harbour on a scheduled, regular basis; provide electricity and water to all users and undertake the proper upkeep of the pontoons as well as upgrade the toilet and shower facilities for visitors. All of which your authority has failed to do.

Ryde Harbour is an important public leisure and recreational facility that adds dimension and interest to the Esplanade. It must be retained as such, as should ready access to the important public slipways.

Currently the Harbour Office is located on the internal arm (over the new inlet). The only access for most craft is opposite the Harbour Office, down the one pontoon. There is another point of access for small craft moored on a pontoon that is accessed via the slipway and car park. Any new arrangement should require the re-location of the unsightly and 'not fit for purpose' Harbour Office to be re-located adjacent to the car park slipway with the current access point for all berth-holders and visitors to also be at this point by extending the existing pontoon. This will remove the current high risk that your council has perpetuated whereby berth-holders servicing their craft have to drive along the Esplanade to the drop off point competing with pedestrians, children and dogs as well as the Esplanade café seating and tables and ice cream parlour users. There is no need for this risk with a little careful re-design work. These thoughts have featured regularly on the Regeneration Team Consultations – have you seen them?? Do you know about them??

Access to the Harbour by the Vectis Boating and Fishing Club must be enshrined in any leasehold agreement as must access by the general public via the public slipway.

In pursuing your collective desire to relinquish responsibility for the management of Ryde Harbour I would urge that it is the management and operational functions that need to be delegated to a responsible organisation but that the freehold be retained by the people of Ryde through your retention of the freehold. Therefore a leasehold arrangement, with the necessary safeguards built in should be the way forward.

Your paper identifies that Ryde Harbour receives in excess of 26,000 visitors each year. Calculations demonstrate that this brings in in excess of £2m to the economy of Ryde on an annual basis. This in addition to the small operating profit generated each year. Had your council operated the Ryde Harbour in a business like way over the years by budgeting for the anticipated (known) capital costs of dredging , gabion repairs and other maintenance and improvement items the costs now facing the IW Council would not be so daunting. It is your collective failure to manage this and other facilities effectively that has created the sense that the only way forward is disposal.

You will, by now, have got a sense of my anger that you as custodians of local facilities and amenities have again failed so totally and we are all having to pay the price. This cannot in any way shape or form be blamed on Brexit or Austerity but purely and simply on very poor local management. Let us hope that new management arrangements will, in time, work to remedy your legacy and enhance our wonderful Esplanade.

From: Lilley, Michael
Sent: 20 December 2018 14:02
By Email

Although, the consultation period date has passed, I have now come privy to further information that I wish to share and ask for clarification:

1. There seems to be the indication that there have been 4 to 5 expressions of interest in the Harbour, which seems incorrect.
2. Riley Marine Ltd appears to be the only company that has active talks with IW Council and this has been going on for nearly 18 months, please can you confirm this?
3. Riley Marine Ltd is a dredging company who are interested in the Harbour for a base of its dredging fleet in return to dredge Ventnor Harbour Free of charge, please can you confirm this or not?
4. Riley Marine Ltd (owned by a Mr Stephen Higgins) was dissolved on 2nd October 2018 and a new company was established in August 2018 called Riley Marine Services Ltd, is this the company now in talks with IW Council?
5. The Seawall that surrounds the Harbour is under the management of the Coastal Team as a sea defence system, would the seawall remain under the jurisdiction and responsibility of the CT? The Environment Agency are responsible for the current work on the beach side of the Harbour, as a local stakeholder are they being consulted in regard the future of the Harbour?
6. There are reportedly 93 berth holders, have they been consulted and what are their principal objections?
7. Ryde Town Council has asked for a meeting with IW Council since their Motion at RTC Full Council Meeting on 3rd December and wish to seriously discuss the Town Council having first option. RTC are considering applying to IW Council for registration of the Harbour as a Community Asset under the Localism Act 2011. Would you Support this Action?
8. The title deeds for the area including the Harbour includes a wider area, how will the title deeds be changed and could areas like Eastern Gardens be included in discussions with RTC?
9. There seems to a variety of figures mentioned in regard the investment needed for the harbour which varies, what is the breakdown on the estimates needed for bringing the Harbour back into good repair?
10. How does the proposal to dispose of the Harbour relate to regeneration plans for the area?
11. Some years ago, the Harbour was reportedly nearly sold to Bembridge Harbour Owners, Malcolm Thorpe, was this true and is there any information about this? And is BH still an interested party?

After seeing recent correspondence from Ryde Society's Chair, Stella Davies, I am very concerned that Ryde Harbour is becoming a very contentious issue with the Ryde

Community, and personally feel that any delegated decision be postponed until there are open talks with Ryde Town Council and the issue goes through a Scrutiny process. I feel that the matter is best placed with Cabinet as opposed a delegated decision so it goes to Scrutiny as a matter of process.

Happy to discuss this with you in early New Year in more detail.

From: Janet Welsh

Sent: Friday, November 30, 2018 2:39:45 PM

By Email

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Please don't let this fabulous and popular facility be lost, now or in the future.

We are relying on you to protect it on our behalf.

From: Anmarie Bowler

Sent: 03 December 2018 20:41

By Email

I am writing to express my extreme concern for plans to sell Ryde Harbour to a private developer. This, to me, seems like only the thin end of the wedge, and is both concerning and frankly disheartening.

I took part in several of the consultations regarding Ryde's redevelopment and was more than heard it expressed that members of the IOW Council were having a "re-think" after hearing from Ryde residents. It seems the so-called re-think has brought you back

to the same old, preconceived idea, an idea that members of the community have REPEATEDLY said they are against - as is Ryde Town Council.

Before moving any further it seems to me members of the IOW Council MUST come to Ryde, engage in a PUBLIC meeting and answer pressing questions and concerns from the residents of Ryde.

From: Patrick Mill
Sent: 04 December 2018 09:19
By Email

As you no doubt know there was a public meeting last night in Ryde where councillors met around 70 members of the public to discuss amongst other things Ryde Harbour.

In summary, there was a combination of anger and disbelief in the way the future of Ryde seafront appears to be planned by your council.

The views of the residents of this town have not been sought. Decisions are being taken in secret.

Regeneration appears to be a euphemism for licence to developers to build apartment blocks. If the plan for five tower blocks goes ahead, they will almost certainly be bought as second homes. How would that benefit the Island?

I ask that you adopt a more democratic approach. Seek the views of Ryde residents and consider improving what Ryde already offers.

From: Lilley, Michael
Sent: 03 December 2018 18:40
By Email

My Comments on Delegated Paper on Ryde Harbour as follows:

1. This proposal seems in contradiction with the new Ryde Town Council position statement.
2. This proposal seems in contradiction to all the consultation undertaken by the regeneration team with the Ryde Community where it was overwhelmingly expressed that Ryde residents wanted all the Esplanade to be kept within the public realm and primarily be for community and tourist use.

3. Research into the success of private harbours in public estates shows they simply they do not work. A significant enterprise in the middle of a public area will just make it very difficult for any future development. There is a real danger of an investor creating a much higher hope value pinned to the development of the whole Esplanade. This is exemplified by AEW which owns a 100 year lease on the derelict Ice Rink/Arena which invested in the purchase of the lease to have the opportunity of further Esplanade development. Their hope value has put the lease at a value of over £3M on the books. There is a real danger AEW in the open market would buy the Harbour which would be disastrous.

4. It is viewed that you cannot effectively covenant public benefit to a private business.

5. Ryde Harbour should be separated from Ventnor which is totally a different make-up. Ryde Harbour needs investment but it does make a profit and could with support make more of a profit. Why cannot IW Council Link with RTC and through the Public Loan Board borrow funds to re-invest in the Harbour as the first stage of increasing potential income and opportunities in the Esplanade. This would be supported by the Community. Ryde Harbour should be included in the IW Council Harbour Committee and through the Committee in consultation with RTC have a full business plan developed with community consultation .

I as the member for Ryde East, totally object to the options as proposed in the delegated paper and ask, the Cabinet Member, to reconsider options including the above suggestions in 5.

From: Lilley, Michael
Sent: 30 December 2018 13:51
Sent by Email

After reading, Stella's email to you on behalf of Ryde Society, I feel moved to respond as she does raise some important points and adds to the ever increasing contentiousness of this specific delegated decision in regard Ryde Harbour.

Firstly, I do understand this subject can be best described as a "hindsight is a perfect science" and "you are damned if you do and damned if you do not" decision. However, I do feel the best course of action would be:

1. Consider withdrawing the delegated decision until discussions have been undertaken with Ryde Town Council with consultation with local stakeholders such as Ryde Business Association and Ryde Society amongst others. One suggestion is RTC consider establishing a Harbour and Community Asset Working Group within its constitution and this Group could explore options with IW Council. I do think getting into discussions with other interested parties would be premature until RTC has agreed a way forward with IW Council in consultation with other community stakeholders.

2. The points raised by Stella regarding conflict of interest should be explored by the Monitoring Officer and therefore I feel it be better to withdraw the delegated paper and put the whole issue on the Cabinet Agenda. The Cabinet could then clarify how best to proceed and these can then be scrutinised by Scrutiny Committee. This would give more transparency and reduce confusion. On reflection, I do feel that the responsibility of Ryde Regeneration moving to you as Cabinet Member of Resources due to Cllr Whittle being a business owner in Ryde and local Ward member with Ryde Esplanade and Harbour in his Ward perhaps needs to be revisited. Stella does raise a relevant point that there could be more conflict between your role in maximising value of assets and getting a balanced budget and the regeneration needs of Ryde Town, which naturally by their nature could be at odds. I do feel this issue has become contentious due to the process of consultation with the community and RTC regarding the regeneration of the Esplanade has clashed with the need for the Council to resolve immediate budgetary and liability issues in regard the Harbour/Leisure Marina. It would be good to get resolution of the perceived areas of conflict so everyone is clear and there is an improved transparent way forward in regard Ryde. There is always going to be grey areas but this should be covered by existing protocols in place and I am sure the Monitoring Officer can resolve this satisfactorily for all those involved. I feel withdrawing the delegated decision and referring it to full Cabinet in my view would be the first step in the right direction. I also feel a strategic decision to have all areas that encompass Regeneration of Ryde be formulated into a transparent process and channel and again this could be through RTC and a working group process. It has to be mentioned that IW Council's own Regeneration Team's development process has inspired healthy involvement of Ryde residents and organisations, and therefore there needs to be a transparent vehicle to make sure any decisions about Ryde's future and the future of any community assets are decided through a process everyone can see and interact with and meet community aspirations (encouraged by your Regeneration officers).

I thank you for your due diligence in this matter and welcome your response. I again wish you and your family a wonderful New Year.

From: Stella Davis

Sent: 29 December 2018 20:37

Sent by email

You may have been somewhat puzzled by correspondence in which I stated that you had suggested (to me) that if I wanted somewhere nice to live, I should forget about Ryde and consider Yarmouth - where your ward is. If you are unable to recall the occasion, it was at the first meeting of the Regen team at the Ryde Castle in May when you were chatting to my Swiss guest and I came to join you. It was said in jest, but my concern is that you are in charge of the regeneration of Ryde. It is worrying to think that you are prepared, even as a joke, to imply that Ryde is something of a dump and has little future.

Were the IOWCC - both Councillors and officers, to have a more positive, integrated and proactive view of Ryde Conservation Area with its 400+ mainly Georgian, listed buildings and one of the best beaches in the South of the UK, the town would begin to thrive, increasing jobs and reducing the need for benefits in the town. This alternative will, we hope, be presented to us by Mr Ashman on 14th January at the meeting of The Ryde Society at 7p.m. in the Royal Esplanade Hotel, and you are welcome to attend.

Selling off our leisure marina or even seeking 'expressions of interest' is certainly not the answer to regeneration. As far as we can ascertain, Ryde Marina is profitable and has been since 1994, creating a profit in the region of £100,000 since then (not a lot, but not a loss making asset). So why search for 'expressions of interest' for a profit making asset? Perhaps loss makers like the floating bridge might make more appropriate asset sales. That has cost and is costing and will cost considerably more than Ryde marina.

In our view, your position as Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Resources is in direct conflict with your role as the member in charge of regeneration of Ryde.

From: John Gardner
Sent: 03 December 2018 21:56
Sent by email

As a berth holder in Ryde Harbour we were surprised that we had not been officially informed of the proposal to sell off Ryde Harbour with virtually no restrictions on the open market.

We only learned about it at a meeting of Ryde Town Council.
We would totally object to such a proposal that might well lead to the closure of the harbour and its development with high rise flats. This is completely against the wishes of the people of Ryde a fact that you have been repeatedly told and is also contrary to any suitable plan for the regeneration of Ryde We would earnestly request you to take up the offer of Ryde Town Council to buy it from you so that it remains a public amenity for the people of Ryde and the Island in general. It also generates much needed income to the locality with the number of visiting yachtsmen often having to moor three deep on summer weekends

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Sent: 30 November 2018 14:20
Sent by email

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