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From: Pamela Voaden <pamelavoaden@icloud.com>
Sent: 22 June 2023 17:34
To: admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk
Subject: Town Beach promenade and the seating area between Ambulance Hall and Mr Spurrel House

Hi Milly and Harriet

I hope you are finding some time to enjoy the super weather we are having.

My reason for this email is to ask, Is it still the intention of the council to improve the waterside areas of Torpoint for the enjoyment of all residents.

If that remains the case then the council needs to act to stop the general misuse that currently is taking over the waterfront areas for nefarious use which has driven the decent citizens away .

The promenade area which was widely used by people who liked to sit and chat with friends and enjoy the view. Also people who came to enjoy eating their lunch and to enjoy the view

The seating area has now been taken over all day by a young couple who are fit and healthy but do not work and spend their day listening to music and shouting over the music to talk to each other and their friends which has meant that those people who used to meet up and quietly enjoy looking at the view and talking to their friends NO LONGER USE THE AREA BECAUSE IT IS NO LONGER AN AREA THEY ARE ALLOWED TO ENJOY.

Now the seating area between the old SJA Hall and Mr Spurrels new home this area has also been taken over by young people using it for drinking and sex who leave the area covered in empty cans and smashed glass at the bottom of the steps. In a recent conversation with the Estate manager he used the term Dogging which is apparently the modern day description of such acts. Recently three school age girls and a boy were seen performing sexual acts during the afternoon alongside Carew Wharf.

There seems to be total disregard for the enjoyment of decent respectful citizens of the town to be able to enjoy meeting friends on the waterfront which is fast being taken over drug taking beer swilling layabouts many of whom are having under age sex on the seats at the top of the steps next to the SJA building.

As this is the first impression of Cornwall for people arriving in Torpoint get if they use the ferry what does that say about the Town and how it is being run.

We were told over thirty years ago by a friend and neighbour and previous Mayor Mr Len Yates "I believe that Torpoint has always been LAST REMEMBERED AND FIRST FORGOTTEN." And restated to my partner by Councillor Bracegirdle in the council chambers at a monthly meeting.

The enjoyment of the decent citizens of this Town have I'm afraid now being treated in the same manner. Their use of the seating area is being denied them regardless of the fact that it is a small pleasure they once enjoyed.

For and on behalf of the many senior members of Torpoint and those enjoyed their lunch break on those seats. People of Torpoint who took great pleasure sitting looking out at the river and are now sadly afraid to use it.

IS THIS THE SPECTACLE THAT WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO BEING EXPANDED ALONG THE WHOLE OF TORPOINT'S WATERFRONT IN FUTURE ??????? IF THE TOWN PLAN GETS THE GO AHEAD.

I look forward to the Councils reply

Regards

Pamela Voaden