

Activity 10 – A new Pier - The Pier as a liner!

This worksheet has been developed to supplement Activity 8.

Read carefully the article about Lawrence Fuller's plans in 1976 to develop Worthing Pier.

Do you think that your parents and grandparents liked and supported this idea?

PIER AS A LINER!

A WORTHING DEVELOPMENT consultant has big ideas to turn the town's Pier into a multi-million pound hotel, leisure and shopping complex.

Mr Lawrie Fuller, 61, a commander in the Royal Naval Reserve lives in Broadwater Street West.

He has resurrected a scheme he first proposed in 1974 at Bognor Regis to replace the pier with a fixed structure modelled like a luxury ocean liner.

The scheme won outline planning permission and attracted widespread support at the time, but had to be abandoned because of major upheavals in the property and financial markets.

By MIKE MONTGOMERY

Worthing in a sophisticated, modern and highly profitable way, leaving other resorts in second place,' he enthused.

He said he was not considering re-launching the plan at Bognor because the town had not improved over the past 10 years as

had been predicted.

It was dead compared with Worthing, which was expanding and seeking a more youthful and vigorous resort image.

Mr Fuller pointed out that his scheme would be a bonanza for the council and the town, because it would remove a loss-making facility and replace it with a privately-owned asset.



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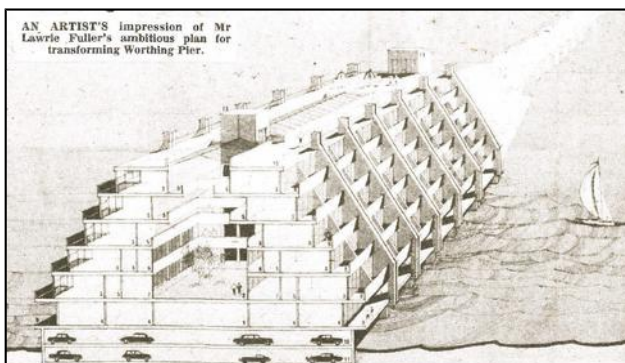
Mr Fuller showed the Gazette and Herald the initial design suggestions drawn up by Arundel architect Neil Holland, who created the futuristic Arundel Wildfowl Trust building.

They show a 300-bed hotel at the landward end of the complex, with an arm extending 1,000ft seawards to a southern complex containing car parking at the bottom, conference facilities on the upper floors and a helipad on the roof.

The arm would have tunnels for cars to reach the parking, and to hold the service ducting, topped by an avenue of shops, with a central glass-covered walkway and open promenade decking on each side.

There would also be bars, restaurants and a solarium.

Mr Fuller believes the money for such a project is available, principally from overseas. He says it would



AN ARTIST'S impression of Mr Lawrie Fuller's ambitious plan for transforming Worthing Pier.

Activity: You are a member of the Adur & Worthing District Council Planning Department.

If the plan to develop the Liner was resubmitted today would you endorse or oppose the application? Write a persuasive letter clearly stating your reasons why this proposal should or should not receive support.