Leisure operators to benefit from summer savings

By Pete Hayman

More than 40 per cent of British people are planning on spending the money saved on bills during the summer on leisure activities, according to a new report by National Savings and Investments (NS&I).

The Quarterly Savings Survey revealed that 42 per cent of people believe that they save an average of around £77 a month during the summer, a period when 48 per cent said that they spend around £110 a month on leisure activities.

A further 43 per cent of people said that the warmer weather encouraged them to feel more relaxed with their spending habits, while entertaining children on school holidays and the cost of socialising also impact upon the population’s summer leisure spending levels.

The report also revealed that more than half (60 per cent) of the people surveyed were inclined to spend more on holidaying during the summer rather than the winter, and 39 per cent admitted that they were more likely to spend money at restaurants and bars.

A series of measures has been recommended by NS&I that could help to reduce summer spending and make the most of savings on bills, including the use of ‘days out’ vouchers, researching local walking and cycling routes and getting involved with free local council activities.

The results of the Quarterly Savings Survey follows a report by Visit Britain, which predicted that the weak pound could see five million more domestic holidays being booked this summer, as well as increased numbers of overseas visitors.

Fire-ravaged Cutty Sark to reopen next summer

Popular attraction to open to the public three years after nearly being destroyed

By Luke Tuchscherer

Cutty Sark, the historic tea clipper situated in Greenwich, south London, is set to reopen in summer 2010, three years after it was ravaged by fire.

A £25m restoration project was already underway to protect the ship from corrosion and to make it more accessible to visitors, but the fire – which was caused by an industrial-sized vacuum cleaner that had been left switched on – has now added a further £10m to the scheme’s original cost.

The historic tea clipper was damaged by fire in May 2007

The cost of reconstruction has been partly funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, which awarded the scheme a £11.75m grant in June 2007. Once finished, the work will protect the vessel from corrosion and will also make it more accessible to visitors.

The restoration project will see the Cutty Sark suspended 3m (3.8ft) above its current position in order to enable visitors to walk underneath the ship and view its hull design. There will also be a glass canopy installed, meeting the ship at the waterline and covering the dry dock, creating 1,000sq m (10,763.9sq ft) of space for events.

Calls for Conan Doyle attraction

A campaign has been launched to convert the home of Sherlock Holmes’ creator, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, into a visitor centre.

The Surrey Hills Society is behind the scheme to utilise the house in Undershaw, Surrey, which was boarded up by Waverley Council in 2007.

The society said that the creation of a visitor centre at Undershaw “could be the catalyst for the reshaping of the whole of Hindhead Crossroads†.”
Clapham Junction plans extend application from council

By Pete Hayman

Plans for the £400m redevelopment of Clapham Junction railway station, capable of accommodating a 1.6 million increase in users, as well as a two-level pedestrian street with cafés, bars and a 1-acre rooftop garden with restaurant and an arthouse cinema.

But James Rillibat, chief executive of Delancy, has revealed that proposals, which also included new public spaces and residential units, were shelved after Wandsworth Council withdrew its support for the development. Rillibat said: “We are all deeply disappointed and frustrated that, despite many years of close cooperation and support from Wandsworth, to ensure that our proposals met all of our objectives for the location, the council has now seen fit to entertain a recommendation for refusal. “We’ve invested significant resources but the lack of council support has forced us to withdraw our application.”

The initiative would have included an arthouse cinema and cafés as well as Scotland’s 40 million displaced nationals, to research their family roots. Salmond said: “2009 is a unique year for visitors to Scotland to join in the celebration of the country’s great contributions to the world. I am delighted to open The Burns Monument Centre during our Homecoming year. “Homecoming extends an invitation to people around the world, with a family link or an affinity for Scotland to come home, reconnect and play a part in the dynamic, modern country we are building.”

Buckingham Palace will extend opening

By Pete Hayman

Buckingham Palace’s opening season should be extended in order to raise much-needed repair of other, dilapidated, royal palaces and monuments, according to a new report by a committee of MPs. The Committee of Public Accounts has criticised both the DCMS and the Royal Household after it was revealed that there is currently a £32m backlog of maintenance at sites, with critical repairs being deferred despite a warning from the committee in 2001.

According to the report, the condition of the Victoria and Albert Museum at Frogmore House near Windsor Castle, Berkshire, has deteriorated to such an extent that English Heritage has placed it on the Buildings at Risk register.

Despite the number of official engagements and running costs involved, the committee argues that Buckingham Palace should open for more than 63 days each year given that other buildings, including the Houses of Parliament, remain open for most of the year despite having to cater for similar obligations.

In 2007-08, the palace generated more than £7m despite its limited opening season, and it is believed that by remaining open for longer could help top up the available funds for repair schemes.
New study to chart industry progress

Latest Working in Fitness Survey looks to reveal this year’s trends in the industry

By Caroline Wilkinson

Skillsactive’s sixth UK Working in Fitness Survey - one of the largest annual surveys of people working in the UK health and fitness sector - has been launched online.

Conducted by Skillsactive and the Register of Exercise Professionals (REPs), the online survey has been created to give insight into how the fitness industry rewards its workforce as well as salary levels, job satisfaction and spending on training.

Liz Smith, research manager at Skillsactive, said: “In previous research for our Sector Skills Agreement we estimated an average 8,500 job openings a year in the fitness industry to meet staff turnover and the creation of new positions.

“One of the survey’s aims is to find out whether the industry is doing enough to attract new, as well as retain existing staff to meet these future demands,” she added.

The confidential survey will run until 17 July 2009 and is open to any full-time, part-time, or self-employed professionals in the fitness industry.

Jean-Ann Mamoch, registrar of REPs, added: “It’s really important that as many people take part as possible to get a good representation of jobs in the industry and to be able to identify issues at a local level.

By representing your views we can show what the industry is doing well and where improvement is needed.

“For example, last year we found fitness professionals were positive about remaining in the industry but continued to report a need for improvements in the areas of salary and career progression.”

Lowestoft plans go public

Local residents in Lowestoft, Suffolk, are being invited to put forward their views on plans to redevelop Waterline Leisure Centre.

A survey, carried out by Waveney District Council between 21 May and 30 June 2009, aims to determine what facilities and activities should be included in the two-storey extension in order to better meet the needs of the local community.

Potential improvements include new fitness, sports, dance, relaxation and play areas, in addition to an enlarged café.

New sports centre for St Davids

By Pete Hayman

Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) has unveiled designs for a £1.3m complex in the London borough.

The 1,672sq m complex will replace the £1.3m complex in the London borough. The latter was transformed into an athletics and clay, four plexi and four grass courts, in addition to two racket, two regular tennis and three squash.

Hatton launches Manchester centre

The new club, owned by pro-boxer Ricky Hatton, offers a dedicated boxing area

By Pete Hayman

Boxer Ricky Hatton has opened a new 1.2m fitness centre in Hyde, Manchester following eight months of development.

Formerly occupied by a print works, the 1,000sq m (10.76-ha ft) Hatton Health and Fitness Centre features an 85-station Cybex-equipped gym, two Power Plate machines. A boxing area – including two rings, bags and speed balls – as well as two studios offering a range of classes, such as Spinning and conditioning.

Facilities at the centre, which had already secured more than 300 members ahead of its opening, also include a refreshment area, a shop selling Hatton’s clothing line, a sauna and changing rooms. Wellbeing treatments and therapies are also provided as part of the offering, and is included in a number of membership packages.

Club manager Nigel Wilkes said: “We were keen to create a place where women and families would feel comfortable, as well as attracting other members of the community.”

Depending on the Hyde site’s success, Hatton is considering opening more fitness centres in the future.

London’s Queen’s Club gym gets a refurbishment

By Caroline Wilkinson

Queen’s Club in West Kensington, London, has had its fitness facilities refurbished.

Established in 1886, the club was named after its first patron Queen Victoria and is one of the first lawn Tennis and Racquet clubs in the world.

The facility, owned by members of the Lawn Tennis Association, has had its gym doubled in size to 1,800sq ft (1,672sq m). The new gym, converted from former meeting rooms, has been fitted with £50,000 worth of Cybex kit, including 15 CV stations and strength equipment from the Eagle and VR1 Dual ranges.

There is also a dedicated stretch area and two treatment rooms for massages and physiotherapy. The old gym has been transformed into an aerobics studio. The club also offers 45 lawn tennis courts - 12 grass, 10 indoor, eight shale and clay, four Plexi and four artificial grass courts, in addition to two racket, two regular tennis and three squash.

GLL is appointed as operator of six Hackney centres

Sports trust Greenwich Leisure (GLL) has signed a 15-year partnership agreement with Hackney Council to manage six leisure centres in the London borough.

GLL has managed the facilities for the past three and a half years on an interim basis and has achieved Customer Service Excellence accreditation for all six centres and Quest accreditation for five of the sites.

One of the facilities, Olissold Leisure Centre in Stoke Newington, has also been accredited by the Inclusive Fitness Initiative.

The new partnership will see £7.4m invested into developing the facilities.
**IN BRIEF**

**Camelot theme park reopens**
- Camelot Theme Park in Charnock Richard, Lancashire, has reopened just two months after its owner, Prime Resorts, went into administration. The park was acquired by The Story Group and has been leased to Knights Leisure, a newly-formed group led by the former chief executive of Prime Resorts, Roy Page. The park will now remain open for the summer season until 6 September.

**Mumbles Pier plans to move forward**
- Swansea Council has announced that plans for the restoration of Mumbles Pier in South Wales are to move forward, after it was recommended that a development framework for the area be adopted. An extensive public consultation has been held to gather the opinions of local residents on the proposed £39m mixed-use scheme, which is designed to transform the historic site into a visitor and tourist attraction.

**Plymouth City Museum completes revamp**
- The Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery has completed a £1.4m refurbishment of its first floor balcony, the creation of a new coffee shop and retail space. As part of the redevelopment, the museum has introduced Art Bites, a free 20-minute tour and presentation focused on the new art displays. The scheme has been funded by a £756,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, as well as match funding from the DCMS.

**Teesside’s wheel attraction delayed**

New Middlesbrough city centre attraction postponed despite planning permission

**By Pete Hayman**

Plans to establish a new 40m (131.2ft) wheel attraction in the centre of Middlesbrough, north east England, have been delayed after that a suitable wheel could not be obtained.

World Tourist Attractions (WTA) is behind the proposals for the attraction, which was to be situated in the town’s Centre Square and feature 30 glass-sided observation pods capable of accommodating up to five people each.

Middlesbrough Council provided planning permission for the scheme on 9 April, so that the wheel could remain in place for an initial six months at no cost to the council before a decision was made on whether to renew its stay for a longer period.

However, the council has now confirmed that the attraction will not be in place for the foreseeable future, although it has reassured local residents that efforts are continuing to ensure that the scheme becomes a reality.

Mayor Ray Mallon said: “Unfortunately, WTA has informed us that for technical reasons, they are unable to provide a suitable wheel for us in the immediate future. While this is disappointing, the council and WTA remain committed to this project and we’ll work together to ensure a wheel can be installed at the earliest opportunity.”

WTA currently operates a number of similar attractions, including ones in Belfast, Manchester, Windsor, Brisbane, Brussels, Glasgow, London, Paris, Pesh and Singapore.

**New home for Lakeland museum**

By Helen Patenall

Lakeland Motor Museum at Holker Hall in Cumbria will be relocated to a new purpose-built premises at Backbarrow near Newby Bridge.

Former Blue Mill carton packaging sheds have been redeveloped to provide a larger display space for the museum’s 50,000 exhibits, which tell the story of more than 100 years of motoring history.

A new exhibit on all aspects of road transport history will now be presented, while existing displays will be enhanced with improved information boards.

Managing director, Edwin Maher, said: “We collect, preserve and interpret motoring heritage for the public benefit and to provide educational opportunities, while providing a visitor experience via an awakening of motoring memories.”

The museum, which was established in 1976, will remain open to the public until 1 November, and the new facility will open in spring 2010.

**English Heritage saves Open Days**

English Heritage, the government’s advisory body for the historic environment, has confirmed that it has taken over one of the country’s largest voluntary cultural events, Heritage Open Days.

Concerns had been raised over the future of the annual event, which sees more than 3,500 historic buildings open to the public for free throughout September, after the Civic Trust in England went into administration earlier this year.

Among the buildings expected to open as part of this year’s planned Heritage Open Days is the Churchill Archives Centre in Cambridge, which contains the personal papers of Sir Winston Churchill.

**New Middlesbrough city centre attraction postponed despite planning permission**

An artist’s impression of how the site of the wheel would look

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**WRCESTERSHIRE CCC PLANS NEW HOTEL**

By Luke Tuchscherer

Premier Inn, the budget hotel chain, has agreed a deal with Worcestershire County Cricket Club (WCCC) to build a new hotel as part of the redevelopment of the New Road ground. The 122-room property will form part of the second phase of the club’s plans to improve and expand its home ground. Planning permission has already been granted for the development of an 80-bed-room hotel at New Road, but WCCC has now submitted amended plans to increase the size of the hotel to 122 rooms. Mark Anderson, UK and Ireland property director for Premier Inn’s owner Whitbread, said: “We have plans to increase the number of Premier Inn rooms in the UK from 38,000 to 55,000 within the next five years. “To do this means thinking laterally and partnering with other organisations that also have expansion plans.”

**UCL PLANS NEW £16M SPORTS COMPLEX FOR PRESTON**

By Helen Patenall

Plans have been submitted for a new £16m sports centre at The University of Central Lancashire (UCL) in Preston, which will provide new sporting facilities to its students and to local children during the school holidays. The new complex will feature a spring timber sports hall with more than 30 retractable bleacher seats and a viewing gallery, able to accommodate Activity studios, squash courts, multi-functional spaces and changing rooms will also be built, while a pre-school complete with sensory, nature and play areas is also planned as part of the scheme. Paul Morris, director of facilities management, said: “The facilities will be the best the city can offer and local school children will benefit when we open it out during the holidays, as we do with Preston and Sport Preston Arena.”

**CHESTER CITY FC PLACES ITSELF INTO ADMINISTRATION**

Chester City Football Club, which was recently relegated from the Football League for the second time in nine years, has announced that it has entered voluntary administration. Refuse Recovery has been appointed to oversee the running of the club after debtors agreed the measure in a bid to safeguard the long-term future of the club. In a statement, Martin Shaw of Refuse Recovery said: “Supporters can be assured that our aim is to find a new owner for the club so that professional football continues to be played in Chester from the start of the new season.”

**NEW FACILITY FOR LIVERPOOL**

A new £850,000 community sports facility has opened in Fazakerley, Liverpool. The centre, funded by the European Regional Development Fund, boasts two multi-use Astroturf pitches with changing and shower facilities. The project has been supported by Liverpool City Council (LCC), Liverpool Active City and the Fazakerley Community Federation. Keith Turner, LCC’s executive member for leisure, said: “One of our key issues is how to get children taking part in more physical activity and this excellent new pavilion and playing field will be the focal point for sport in the local area.”

**Worcestershire CCC plans new hotel**

Cricket club signs deal to develop 122-room Premier Inn at its New Road ground

**SUTCLIFFE OPENS OLYMPIC BOXING FACILITY**

By Pete Hayman

A new boxing facility, to be used by elite British boxers in preparation for the London Olympics, has been unveiled by sports minister Gerry Sutcliffe at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. It is hoped that the new venue, which has been funded by the government, UK Sport and Sport England, will enable the British boxing team to build on its success at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Both the British Podium Development squads will now be based at the English Institute of Sport after the British Amateur Boxing Association signed a four-year agreement with operator Sheffield International Venues. Richard Caborn, president of the Amateur Boxing Association of England and MP for Sheffield Central, said: “Great Britain is the new Cuba for boxing and now we have a facility that underlines that. GB Boxing has opened a facility to match the goal and vision of its coaches and I am confident we can achieve further success. Sutcliffe added: “We have congratulated GB Boxing for their success at European and Olympic contests but those are in the past – this is the future. This is a world class facility and that doesn’t happen by chance.”

**CHELMSFORD CENTRE SET FOR £1.5M REVAMP**

By Pete Hayman

A £1.5m revamp of the New Road ground in Chelmsford, Essex, is to undergo £1.5m of improvement works. Chelmsford Borough Council approved funding for the redevelopment, which will be carried out in parallel with previously approved maintenance and repair work. The scheme, which will be carried out during the next two years, will include the £100,000 modernisation of the swimming pool’s changing area and the £170,000 improvement of the reception and cafeteria.

**NEw LeASe oF LiFE FOR 포TISHEADE POoL**

An outdoor swimming pool in Portishead, Somerset, has reopened to the public after Portishead Pool Community Trust took over the management of the facility. The 33m (108ft) swimming pool, which first opened in 1962, had been set to close after North Somerset Council said that it could no longer afford to subsidise it. However, the pool has now reopened after a revamp of the facility was carried out in partnership with a team from the UK television spin-off of the American makeover programme Extreme Makeover: Home Edition.

**Rugby development for Ferndale**

A £2.4m development dubbed Rhosllaw Ridge will provide Ferndale in Wales with a new leisure complex centered on the country’s national sport. The four-year project will replace Ferndale Rugby Club with a new two-storey Rugby Club complete with an events pavilion and a fitness centre, as well as a 20-bedroom, three-star hotel, bars, a restaurant featuring the history of Welsh rugby, a café and heritage suite and offices.
**LINGFIELD PARK SET FOR 2010 OPENING**

The £29m redevelopment of Lingfield Park racecourse in Surrey is on track for completion next year, following its recent topping out ceremony and the appointment of a general manager for the venue’s new hotel.

The development, which started in May 2008, includes a four-star 116-bedroom hotel financed through a franchise agreement with Marriott International, a golf clubhouse to complement a new 18-hole golf course with a leisure club and spa. The hotel rooms have been designed to offer guests panoramic views, overlooking the racecourse. Following the topping-out ceremony last month, racecourse operator Arena Leisure has appointed Sean Quinnery – formerly of Hertfordshire’s Down Hall Country House – as general manager of the Lingfield Park Marriott Hotel & Country Club.

The 116-room hotel will be operated by Marriott International.

**SUFC STADIUM TO INCLUDE CASINO**

By Tom Walker

Southend United Football Club (SUFC) has announced that it is planning to include a casino as part of a new 22,000-seat stadium development at Fossetts Farm in Essex.

The £46m scheme, which was given the go-ahead by the government last September after being called in for a public inquiry, has now been altered to incorporate the proposed casino, as well as a new football academy.

According to the Southend Echo newspaper, SUFC chairman Ron Martin said that the proposed football academy would not be viable unless the casino, which is set to be operated by Rank Group, was included in the plans.

Martin told the newspaper: “When we were approached by Rank Group to include its planned casino for the town in the development, it was the obvious answer. Without it, the football academy would not be a feasible proposition.”

**BAA TO APPEAL BREAK-UP RULING**

By Tom Walker

Airport operator BAA will challenge the Competition Commission’s (CC) ruling that insists that BAA must sell three of its airports – Gatwick and Stansted, as well as either Glasgow or Edinburgh.

The Spanish-owned company has appealed to the Competition Appeal Tribunal after it claimed that the commission’s report was biased.

BAA also claims in its ruling, the CC had failed to take into consideration the financial implications of introducing increased competition during a time of recession.
Rezidor to open open fashion hotel in June

The hotel is the first of 30 Missoni-branded properties to open in the next decade

By Caroline Wilkinson

Rezidor Hotel Group intends to open its first Missoni-branded hotel in Edinburgh in a joint venture with the Italian fashion house in early June.

The five-star, 136-bedroom Hotel Missoni Edinburgh will open on the Royal Mile, comprising a bar and a restaurant as well as conference rooms. The opening will be shortly followed by the launch of the portfolio’s second property – Missoni in Kuwait City – this autumn.

Additional facilities will include a 1,000sq m (10,750sq ft) spa, two tennis courts, a private beach, numerous swimming pools and meeting rooms, as well as a 400sq m (4,300sq ft) ballroom.

Missoni aims to open 30 hotels over the next decade – designed by Milanese architects Studio Thun – in partnership with The Rezidor Hotel Group. Initial focus will be on Europe and the Middle East, with further expansion planned into the North and South American and Asian hospitality markets.

“It’s stylish, intimate, contemporary and eclectic design combined with the best of bars and restaurants will make this truly a unique hotel experience,” said Kurt Ritter, chief executive officer of Rezidor.

The fashion house hotel will offer 136 bedrooms and a restaurant

London hotels report mixed results

First signs of recovery in capital, but misery continues for cities outside London

By Pete Hayman

Hotellers in London have reported a 0.9 per cent increase in average room occupancy during April compared with the same period last year, according to new figures from PKF Hotel Consultancy Services.

However, the statistics revealed that room rate decreased by 10.6 per cent to £123.85 at hotels across the capital, which has been attributed to the extensive use of promotional offers designed to attract visitors over the Easter weekend.

Meanwhile, regional hotels have reported a sharp decline in the three main performance indicators after reporting double digit decreases in room rate, occupancy and yield as a result of the recession.

Hotels in Birmingham reported a 20 per cent fall in occupancy and a 15 per cent reduction in room rate, while Leeds hotels suffered a 24 per cent fall in occupancy and a 9 per cent fall in room rate. Robert Barnard, partner at PKF, said: “While the buoyant occupancy figures for London are indicative of the capital’s resilience to virtually every kind of economic, political, biological and climatic turbulence, hoteliers are clearly sacrificing margin in order to fill their beds. The longer the recession continues, the more it will eat into margins and the harder it will be for hotels to survive.”

London operators reported a small increase in average occupancy

Restaurant reopenings at Glyndebourne Opera house

By Caroline Wilkinson

Glyndebourne opera house’s restaurant, the Middle and Over Wallop, has reopened in Lewes, Sussex, following an extensive renovation to mark Glyndebourne Festival’s 75th birthday.

The new 343-seat restaurant has been designed by Brighton-based architects Miller Bourne and interior designer Nigel Coates to span three levels and includes an extension that offers views of the South Downs.

Designed with a theatrical edge, the restaurant displays serpentine banquettes, Swarowski crystal chandeliers, towering waiter stations and props from past opera house productions.

The restaurant has been themed with theatre props

Confidence gradually returning to hospitality sector

The business confidence of the European hotel and restaurant market has increased, despite predictions that certain parts of the sector are to suffer over the next 12 months.

According to KPMG’s European Business Outlook Survey, 33.5 per cent of the 1,200 service sector firms expect levels of business activity to grow over the next year, compared to 22.1 per cent which forecasted a decline.

The survey, which included 200 restaurant and hotel businesses, used net balances of -100 and +100 to evaluate the level of positive and negative attitude towards future business conditions. In the 12-month outlook for the volume of business activity, the net balance improved from -27.2 in October 2008 to +11.4 – higher than the levels of confidence in April 2008 (+9.7).
UK Centre for Carnival Arts launches
 Facilities to include performance and training space as well as hospitality zone

By Caroline Wilkinson

The new £7.3m UK Centre for Carnival Arts has opened in Luton, Bedfordshire, providing a base for UK and international performances and training. The 1,402sq m (15,091 sq ft) building offers performance and rehearsal areas, teaching rooms, a bar and crèche, community facilities and a central courtyard linking the centre’s two halves. Along with Luton’s International Carnival, the centre is set to contribute more than £3.4m to the regional economy. It is expected to attract national and international visitors, from artists and creative entrepreneurs to school children and the local community.

Barbara Follett, minister for culture, architecture and the East of England, said: “The UK Centre for Carnival Arts has created a beacon of cultural excellence in one of the East of England’s most disadvantaged towns.”

The centre will allow people of all ages and backgrounds to learn new creative and expressive skills; ones which will enable them to make an invaluable contribution to the both cultural wealth and the future workforce of our region.”

New performance centre for University of Kent

By Caroline Wilkinson

Plans to build a new performance and arts centre at the University of Kent are expected to go ahead after the university received a £4.5m grant from the Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust.

The new Colyer-Fergusson Building will contain rehearsal and performance space and will be built on the Canterbury campus to provide opportunities for music-making by students and to facilitate increased involvement by the local community.

Funding has also come from the government’s Matched Funding Scheme, as well as from other donations. Director of Music Susan Wanless said: “Sir James Colyer-Fergusson was a great supporter of Music at Kent, attending many of our concerts. As a musician himself, he would have been delighted in seeing so many of the university community making music, and clearly appreciated their talent and commitment.”

£13m Aberdeen arts centre development put on hold

The development of a new £13m contemporary arts centre in the Union Terrace Gardens in Aberdeen, Scotland, has been jeopardised as new plans were submitted for a wider redevelopment of the proposed site.

Although plans for the centre, a partnership between Aberdeen City Council and Peacock, Visual Arts, were approved last year, development has been put on hold until at least December 2009 so that Scottish Enterprise can investigate separate plans for the site.

The larger scheme, proposed by billionaire Sir Ian Wood, would include a piazza but it’s uncertain if the arts centre would be integrated.

IN BRIEF

£50,000 awarded to Walsall arts project

Goscote Monumental Art Project in Walsall has been awarded £50,000 by Arts Council England, West Midlands. The project will provide opportunities for local people to assist in the creation of artworks for Walsall’s new Palliative Care Centre. Three artists will work with children and adults from Goscote, Leamore and Harden, as well as patients and families accessing services at Little Blakewich Day Hospice, to inspire art for the new centre.

Westminster Theatre plans approved

Plans to build a new theatre on the site of the former Westminster Theatre in London have been approved by Westminster City Council. The original theatre building, built as a chapel in 1766, was so damaged by fire that it was demolished in 2002, but now there are plans for a new 314-seat theatre and smaller cabaret stage to be built on the site. The project also features a restaurant and residential apartments. The new theatre has been designed by Tim Foster and is expected to be operational by the end of next year.

Council denies theatre closure plans

Scarborough Borough Council has refused a local media report that it is planning to close the 2,035-seat Futuristic Theatre as part of a £10m refurbishment of the town’s South Bay and Spa complex. The Yorkshire Post reported that the venue could be set to host its final summer concert in 2010 after a report by consultants Driver Jonas recommended that axing the theatre would offer the best option for the South Bay and Spa redevelopment scheme.

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Birmingham set for £11m City Park

Plans for eight-acre park include formal gardens, recreational space and fountains

By Pete Hayman

Birmingham City Council (BCC) has unveiled new plans for the construction of the city’s first urban park for 125 years, despite missing out on Lottery funding for the scheme two years ago.

The council has now decided to fund the £11m project itself, which will see the creation of an 8-acre (3.2-hectare) area of parkland between the city’s Moor Street railway station and Eastside Locks.

Recreational space, formal gardens and water features are included in the plans, as well as areas for events, and it is hoped the development will lead to further private sector investment in the Eastside area.

A full business case for the scheme, designed by architects Patel Taylor, is expected to be submitted to BCC later this year, with the view of starting construction in 2010 and completing the project by 2011.

BCC leader Mike Whitby said: “The new park will provide a cornerstone for the wider regeneration of Eastside, a key element of the Big City Plan, encouraging more people to live, work and enjoy both the area and wider city. It is part of £6bn worth of public-funded projects that will transform the city over the next decade.

“Alongside developments such as the VTP Tower, and new university campus, this project will help regenerate the area.”

Elizabethan garden reopens at Kenilworth Castle

By Pete Hayman

A historic garden at Kenilworth Castle in Warwickshire, originally designed by Robert Dudley, 1st earl of Leicester, in a bid to impress Queen Elizabeth I, has been reopened by English Heritage.

Using a 16th century description of the site, as well as archaeological investigations and historical research, English Heritage has also helped recreate the Elizabethan garden at a cost of £2.1m over the last six years.

At the centre of the restored garden, first unveiled in 1575, is now an 18ft (5.5m) carved marble fountain alongside an aviary, carved arbours, a terrace, pear trees and wild strawberry plants.

Simon Thurlow, English Heritage chief executive, said: “The 16th century garden has been recreated at a cost of £2.1m and set among the sandstone ruins of his once splendid buildings, is a beautiful reminder of how sumptuous the Elizabethan culture was.”

The project, supported by the Wolfson Foundation, as well as local residents and societies, also included the revamp of Leicester’s gatehouse and stables at the castle.
Leisure centre for Welsh college

Metrix’s £12bn St Athan development to include large leisure element

by Helen Patenall

Metrix Consortium’s proposals for a £12bn defence technical college at the former RAF airbase in St Athan, South Wales, incorporate a new community leisure centre.

Plans submitted to the Vale of Glamorgan Council outline a sports centre comprising 12 sports courts plus two squash courts; an eight-lane, floodlit athletics track; 12 outdoor sports pitches for rugby, football and cricket; and a fitness suite with cardiovascular equipment and a free weights area.

A 25m, eight-lane swimming pool will also be built to Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) standards, while a crèche on site will accommodate the needs of the military personnel with any available spaces being open to community use.

The site includes a large leisure element

The planning application will be processed within the next 16 weeks and, if approved, construction on site is expected to start in autumn 2010, with the academy and sports facilities opening in 2014.

London’s Olympic Greenway link underway

by Helen Patenall

Work on the Greenway cycle and walking route is underway in east London, with the planning application being processed within the next 16 weeks and, if approved, construction on site is expected to start in autumn 2010, with the academy and sports facilities opening in 2014.

The 1.4-mile walkway will open in 2011

Competition launched to revamp Southend Pier

A design competition to transform the 1.33-mile, fire-damaged Southend Pier in Southend-on-Sea has been launched by the borough council.

In collaboration with the Landscape Institute and the Royal Institute of British Architects, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council has created a design brief with the intentions of re-establishing the pier as a “must-see destination for all visitors”.

The council wants to transform the Grade II-listed pier, built in 1830, into a cultural destination with perhaps a gallery, events or performance space.

In the current financial climate, many tenants will be looking to exercise break options in leases, to avoid potential pitfalls. Also some landlords will seek to prevent reliable tenants, paying above current market rent, from breaking their leases. A tenant who wishes to do so must comply with all the conditions in a break clause – one of which is usually of the essence where break options are concerned. Therefore, the tenant will have no option but to pay the rent in full by the break date – otherwise the landlord may claim that the break was not validly exercised, leaving the lease in place.
A great result – for once
The alcohol consultation leads to better regulation

Policy work can often be likened to the effect of water on a stone – each drop has almost no perceivable impact, but after time, the water results in considerable changes to an otherwise impermeable material. It’s a slow process and it’s impossible to pick any one drop and say that it was the one that made the difference. Which is what makes the current consultation that the Home Office is undertaking on a mandatory code for licensed premises somewhat unusual. The code is being introduced as part of a strategy to reduce binge drinking and anti-social behaviour associated with some bars and clubs, and the Home Office is proposing a set of mandatory conditions for all licensed premises.

Leaving aside that the dramatic decline in the pub sector and the existing Licensing Act mean that there does not really need to be a mandatory code, this is one time the Secretary of State actually pointed to the moment that policy changed. The moment came at a Home Office consultation meeting with industry representatives. Usually, a departmental meeting is called when the industry highlights the problems and the department then ignores them. However, this meeting was attended by the Better Regulation Task Force. The resultant consultation document is not perfect, but it is a shock to see most of points made by the industry incorporated into the proposals.

If only the Better Regulation Task Force attended all government meetings on new legislation.

Cross-border boost for Ulster
Number of visits to Northern Ireland from south of border up by a quarter

By Pete Hayman

New figures from the Irish Central Statistics Office have revealed that the number of people from the Republic of Ireland holidaying in Northern Ireland last year increased by 26 per cent. There was also a 14 per cent increase in the number of cross-border trips made by residents from the Republic of Ireland in 2008, which helped to contribute to a 16 per cent increase in tourism revenue generated for the Northern Irish economy.

Northern Irish tourism minister, Ionnie Foster, said: “The increase in visitor numbers has exceeded expectations for growth in 2008 and the statistics reinforce that Northern Ireland has a unique and appealing range of things to see and do.”

“Closer to home markets are key to delivering long-term growth for our tourism industry. Short-term opportunities are available through the strong euro. However, to maximise the benefits in the future, we must continue to promote an excellent value for money experience across Northern Ireland.”

Patchy' forecast for South West tourism

By Pete Hayman

Tourism businesses in south west England are likely to face a challenging 2009, despite the anticipated increase in the number of UK residents holidaying at home, according to new research from South West Tourism.

In the new report, which outlines key predictions for the 2009 holiday season, the regional tourist board for south west England warned that visitor numbers could decrease by up to 8 per cent following a poor start to the year.

Visits to the area are likely to fall in 2009

Shake-up for Welsh tourism advisory panel

The Welsh Assembly Government has announced plans for an overhaul of the Tourism Advisory Panel, which was established in 2006 to provide policy guidance to help improve Welsh tourism. Increased industry representation is at the heart of the changes that have been announced by Alun Ffred Jones, the Welsh heritage minister, following a review last year that recommended the creation of a new national level public/private sector partnership.

Jones said: “The two tourism summits which were held at the end of last year were a valuable opportunity to strengthen working relationships. This partnership will comprise key sector representatives from the industry.”

Youngsters facing tough prospects

Less than half of UK companies are currently planning to recruit school leavers and graduates this summer, according to new research from the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development and professional services firm, KPMG. More than 500 companies were questioned as part of the survey, which was designed to recognise excellence in customer facing roles for hospitality, leisure, travel and tourism employees under the age of thirty, and their professionalism, talent and outstanding customer service skills.

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The new initiative will target the sports and active leisure sectors

By Caroline Wilkinson

The government has launched its £9.9m Apprenticeship Expansion Programme (AEP) in sport and active leisure, created to help fill the skills gap of Level 3 instructors and to get more than 1,400 people involved in apprenticeships during the next two years. AEP is led by the National Skills Academy for Sport and Active Leisure (NSA) in collaboration with training provider Lifetime - the Centre of Excellence for Fitness for National Employers. The programme is designed to meet the additional expenses, such as training and management costs, associated with expanding apprenticeship schemes up to Level 3. Apprentices will be equipped with the necessary work-based skills through Lifetime, which will provide government-funded training in Level 2 fitness instructing during a four-week course and a Level 3 personal training qualification in five weeks. They will then enter the workplace to complete their NVQ in order to help fill their skills shortages.

Do not forget to invest in the future

Opportunities are out there for employers to recruit staff who will return the investment

On 18 May, more than 200 key industry figures gathered at the beautifully refurbished Langham Hotel in London to witness the finalists of the Olive Barnett Award demonstrate why they deserved to be in the final eight of the competition.

The award is designed to recognise excellence in customer facing roles for hospitality, leisure, travel and tourism employees under the age of thirty, and their professionalism, talent and outstanding customer service skills were clear to see in the presentations – both as individuals and as a team – they gave on the night.

Their future as successful hospitality managers is assured even in these tough economic times. They are just what the industry is looking for and are excellent ambassadors for their companies in particular and the industry in general. But what of the other aspiring hospitality recruits who perhaps need more mentoring, more assistance in achieving their goals no matter the level of entry?

Does the current economic climate mean that the industry will broaden down the hatches and simply say “the time isn’t right”?

Or is investment in the long-term growth of the sector still on the agenda?

The opportunities are out there for employers to recruit and train staff who will respond to this investment. Springboard is currently running an Into Work programme for the unemployed, providing training in CV writing, interview and customer service skills followed by mentoring for the first 13 weeks of employment. In addition, government funding now provides companies with a grant of £1,000 when employing those who have been unemployed for six months or more.

They are also working with the Department for Business Innovation and Skills to provide an additional £1,500 contribution towards training costs through Train to Gain providers. The Future Jobs Fund, which is aimed at encouraging young people between the ages of 18 and 24 into work, will also assist employers to the tune of £6,500 per employee for each newly created position.

So while times may be tough as an employer, don’t ignore the long view. Consider such initiatives as Springboard’s redundancy support programme. Whichever outlook faces your company, these opportunities to ensure that we recruit and retain employees within the industry – and develop their potential to become future award winners.
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BLF bursaries are now available for the September intake of this innovative distance learning course.

Developed by Loughborough College, the University Hospitals of Leicester and the British Lung Foundation (BLF), with funding and input from Rotherham PCT, the course has been submitted for endorsement at level 4 on the Register of Exercise Professionals. It covers:

- Physiology and pathology of respiratory disease
- Management of chronic respiratory disease
- Responses to exercise and exercise prescription
- Managing breathlessness
- Referral pathways
- 100 hours practical exercise instruction over the past year, with some experience of working with clients with COPD/respiratory disease
- Current CRB disclosure
- Level 3 equivalent qualification as recognised by REPs
- A current valid first aid certificate
- Endorsement from a local pulmonary rehabilitation team
- Instructions taking up a bursary will be expected to work with local Breathe Easy support groups to set up exercise classes within the community.

For more details or an application pack please log on to www.lunguk.org/supporting-you/blf_active/ or contact Danielle Smreczak using the details below

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Link4Life is a Cultural trust established in April 2007 working across the borough of Rochdale and is now embarking on major restructuring exercise of its Sports and Leisure Division.

This award winning service has a bright future ahead. You could be part of it if you have the drive, flair, creativity and dedication to make a lasting difference to sport and leisure across our distinct townships we want you to join us.

Operations & Projects Manager – Ref L9009
Salary: £35,079 - £39,469pa

Forming part of a new team the post holder will report direct to the Head of Sports and Leisure. Taking responsibility for all areas of diverse sports and leisure venues including a theatrical, community, stake of the art fitness provision this post is crucial to the continued success of the company. This post will help us to realise our full potential as we enter a new and exciting era.

Capable of providing leadership across the sporting network you will play a central role in our work to widen access to sport and recreation across the borough of Rochdale.

You will also take the lead on the major capital scheme programme currently taking place across the borough. The council has committed some £34milion to replace sports and leisure venues including our new Heywood Sports, Culture & Leisure Village and this post holder will be expected to manage the delivery of this scheme as well as providing operational support to the venues.

You will have excellent organisational and interpersonal skills, project management experience, a proven track record of successful partnership working with sports agencies and will possess a sound knowledge of general community development and policy.

You will also bring knowledge, expertise and diplomacy to our work and will build on our track record of achieving excellence for our work with hard to reach groups, to make a real difference to provision across the borough.

Business Development Manager - Ref L9010 (2 posts)
Salary: £28,347 - £33,128pa

Responsible directly to the Operations & Projects Manager these post holders will manage on a day to day basis our sports & leisure venues. You will need to bring significant experience of facility operation together with a detailed understanding of community outreach work.

The opportunity to be involved in new build developments and shaping the future of an award winning organisation should appeal to those determined to pursue a career within sports and leisure management.

Group Fitness Manager – Ref L9011
£17,573 - £21,439pa

We are currently looking for a highly self-motivated and commercially focused manager for the continued development of our fitness offering across all leisure centres within Link4Life.

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You will have exceptional relationship skills and the drive and determination to deliver results. You will need to be a strong communicator, with a passion for customer service and a friendly, positive and outgoing personality.

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Recreation Development Officer

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Ref: SR-CSCSL159

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This is an exciting opportunity has arisen for an Assistant Product Manager P&O Entertainment and Retail. The overall purpose of this role is to support the Product Manager in providing leadership across the ship and shore teams that will facilitate delivery of a defined Hotel and Entertainment customer experience.

Main responsibilities of this role are as follows:

- Lead and develop a team of professional experts onboard to exceed a minimum market leadership position and brand differentiation are maintained.
- Assist with the regular monitoring of financial targets.
- Support the achievement of cost and income targets and customer satisfaction scores.
- Support the Product Managers for Entertainment/ Retail as directed. This will include providing support in the following areas:

Entertainment/Retail specialism

- Contribute to the proposal of specifications for show briefs and light entertainment and variety content of the entertainment programmes.
- Analysis of performance against income targets to support the ship and shore teams with regards to identifying and implementing remedial actions and continuous development of the product.
- Recognise and support the direct relationship between entertainment and on-board income.
- Continue to monitor operator training levels in the operator and ensure implementation ofitoris and all development programs.
- Work with the Brand Team to ensure that all marketing collateral is produced on time and is within Brand guidelines.
- To be successful in this role you will be educated to degree level, or equivalent, you will have experience in one or more of the following: hospitality or hospitality training, with a food and beverage bias, entertainment, commercial retail operations.

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### Duty Manager

**Salary:** £14,000

**Location:** National Small-Bore Rifle Association

**Full Time:** 35 Hours

**Duty Manager**

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You are a dynamic and enthusiastic individual with the ability to travel. You will have experience of partnership working, of inspiring others and will have perfected the art of persuasion. You will be based at the Cheshire & Warrington Partnership in Nantwich but, as you work across the Partnership, you will need your own transport.

A full UK driving licence is essential. Application forms and further details are available from Rebecca Pratt on 0844 815 8153.

**Closing Date for Receipt of Application Form:** 30 June 2009 (Please note that this closing date is a guide only and is based on the working hours available to the person[
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### Regional Development Officer (Young People)

**Salary:** £21,000 Fixed term contract until the end of January 2010, flexible hours,

For visually impaired people, British Blind Sport is the UK’s National Disability Sports Organisation and the leading voice in the world of sport. The work of the organisation enables visually impaired people to access and enjoy sport and recreational activities, across every age group and at every level, from those just starting out to those competing at the Paralympics.

Now in the third year of funding from the Big Lottery Fund, British Blind Sport is seeking to employ a Regional Development Officer who will focus on providing sporting opportunities for people aged 11-25 in the South West region. As well as identifying new activities, the post holder will need to be able to communicate effectively with young people, encourage them to manage and create new clubs and events and support them in developing appropriate personal skills.

Reporting to the National Development Manager and communicating regularly with your voluntary regional steering group, you should have proven experience of working in sports development in a professional or voluntary capacity. You will also require solid administration and organisational skills if you are self-motivated, enthusiastic and would relish this challenge - then we’d like to hear from you.

For an application pack telephone 01295 424247

**Closing Date:** 12th June 2009

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### Part Time Swimming Pool Co-ordinator

**Salary:** approx £15-20 hours a week (weekend and evening)

Queenswood Swim School, Queenswood School, Hertfordshire

**Approx 15-20 hours a week (weekend and evening)**

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**Closing date for applications is 3rd July 2009.**

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### Sport Development Officer (Voluntary Sector Support)

**Salary:** £22,000 - £25,000 (dependent upon experience)

**Location:** The Octagon, Walker St, Hull

The postholder will provide support to a range of National Governing Bodies (NGBs) of Sport locally as well as support for delivery of other key areas of work such as safeguarding, the sport indexed programme and FE and School Sport. Applicants will also be expected to build on current partnerships with NGBs, Local Authorities and clubs.

**Basketball Development Officer**

**Salary:** £18,500 - 22,000 (dependant on experience)

**Location:** The Octagon, Walker St, Hull

The HSP will be involved in working with England Basketball in enquiring to recruit a Basketball Development officer to work across the Humberside area. Applicants will be expected to build on current partnerships with England Basketball and Forest of Arden Basketball. As a good knowledge of the current issues within sports development is important, along with a commitment to working in a Flexible and innovative way.

**Closing Date:** 14th July 2009

**Interviews:** 9th July 2009

For further information and application form please contact Becky Forshaw on 020 8689 1255 (option 2) or beckyforsh@hotmail.co.uk

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### Part Time Sport Development Coordinator

**Salary:** £15,000 pro rata

**Closing date for application is 9th July 2009.**

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### Regional Development Officer

**Salary:** £16,675 - £20,010 (1 year fixed term contract)

The Archbishops’ Legacy Sports Partnership is looking to support in areas of Sports Coaching. From September 2009, the Partnership is committed to quality teaching in schools and providing pathways to community clubs.

**About the Job:**

- Delivers high quality coaching to young people aged 5-19 in local schools and clubs in Croydon.
- To strengthen links with NGBs and clubs, heading into existing structures and creating new partnerships.

**About You:**

- Minimum level 2 coaching qualification in the relevant sport
- 1 flexible attitude towards evening and weekend work
- Subject to Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure

**Closing Date:** 29th June 2009

**Interviews:** 4th July 2009

We welcome your application and ask for a CV, quoting your current role no. Mia Dee Fuller, Performing Manager, NUGA. Lord Roberts Centre, Burley Road, Bracknell, RG12 2DA. Phone: 01344 450512

**Email:** duletters@nuga.org

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### Active Schools Coordinator

**Closed Date:** 12th June 2009

**Salary:** £22,048 – £23,394, 29 hours per week at various locations. Ref ABS8877 (6 posts)

**>> You are Degree qualified or GTC registered. As well as a proven experience working with children in education, sport, health, leisure and/or recreation industry you have experience of managing projects in this field. Ability to travel is essential.**

**>> You will be required to support current and develop new, high quality opportunities for school pupils to participate in regular, frequent, safe and fun physical activity (incorporating sports, arts, health and active travel). You will oversee the development and implementation of the Active Schools network within a nominated Community Schools Network. Closing Date:** 26 June 2009

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**职位要求：**

- 拥有L Level 2游泳教师资格，有相关的经验。
- 能够使用Microsoft Office Applications。
- 能够胜任管理工作。

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- 需要有良好的团队合作精神。

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The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate exceptional leadership skills. You will work with key partners and agencies including NHS Havering, community groups, local authorities, facilities providers and other bodies to develop a successful programme. You should have a proactive approach to community outreach with sound physical activity or sport development knowledge and experience.

You must have an interest and experience of working in a physical activity, sports development, health or related field. This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974; you will be expected to undertake a satisfactory Disclosure. Having a criminal record will not necessarily disqualify you from obtaining a position with the Council.

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VisitEngland unveils a new pub tourism campaign

Traditional English pubs to become unofficial tourist information centres in an effort to heighten their profile

By Tom Walker

VisitEngland, the national tourism agency, has launched a campaign to make pubs an integral part of England’s visitor experience by transforming them into unofficial tourist information centres.

The ‘Inn England’ initiative has been created to promote the importance of traditional English pubs to both domestic and overseas tourists. The campaign is also hoped to help struggling pubs diversify into providing tourism services that can act as a starting point for visitors to discover the activities offered in a local area.

VisitEngland’s head of marketing, Amanda Smyth, said: “Pubs are a key part of England’s brand, history and way of life. They are often the cornerstone of a local community and a great way to discover more about a destination, be it the produce on the menu, the history of the people and surroundings, or the great walks and activities in the area,” she added.

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Sport England urges action to raise participation

By Luke Tuchscherer

Sport England is calling for “everyone in sport” to do more to increase participation by people with learning difficulties.

The organisation’s chair, Richard Lewis, made the plea as Summer Games are for all ages to be held in Leicester between 25-31 July, the event can act as a starting point for visitors to discover the activities offered in a local area.

VisitEngland announced it would be investing £200,000 at this year’s Special Olympics GB Summer Games.

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London projects get £16m boost

Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, and the Home and Communities Agency (HCA) are to invest £16m in two regeneration projects. The HCA will contribute £13m and £3m respectively to Clapham Park in Lambeth and £600m Hale Village scheme in Haringey, which will include a new hotel and green space.