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A summary of comments made by the public	Response from the Council
It has already cost £100,000 and nothing has been achieved.	<p>The figure of £100,000 quoted in the Skegness Standard as being spent by the Town on the plans for the Pavilion replacement last year was wrong.</p> <p>Skegness Partnership spent around £50,000 of a national grant to undertake a survey, undertake consultation and prepare a feasibility report and plans. Skegness Town Council paid invoices totalling £18,519 to obtain planning permission, obtain legal and VAT advice and to undertake various site/environmental surveys.</p> <p>Much of the advice and survey information can be used to inform a new scheme.</p>
Eyesore at the moment, needs sorting	The Council agrees
Better things to do with the money	Tower Gardens was the most prominent area raised as of concern in the Skegness Community Led Plan in 2015. During the Pavilion consultation in 2016 an overwhelming majority of those responding supported plans to redevelop the Pavilion site. Skegness Town Council believes that the site should be used for the benefit of the Community, but in the absence of any grant funding it can only raise the funds through the precept. To put this in context, it is a bag of crisps per month for those paying Council Tax in Band D property and less than this for the majority who live in properties valued A to C.
Community events would be great and some kind or heritage centre, with investment going on in the town this building needs returning to former glory	A Heritage Centre could be delivered as phase 2. There would be a greater chance of getting external funding for this, once the basic building is in place.
Skegness Town Council are not representative of what people think.	19 of the 21 Councillors on Skegness Town Council were elected in a democratic way. Two have been appointed by co-option. In a democratic system there will always be people who hold different views. This Council has taken the decision to ask the public what it thinks and so the decision will be representative.
It would benefit the community greatly and I would willingly give any more input if required	The Council really appreciate this kind of response
Replacing the Pavilion with something so vastly different.	The previous plans were a departure from the design of the original building. The Council are now working towards a new design being much more in keeping with a "pavilion" style and will consult residents on the design.

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<p>The local council have the interest of the local people in mind and will develop the site to better the community and improve the area. If the district council decided they won't have as much of a connection with the town and what would be most desirable for the residents. The site is currently an eye sore and needs something doing with it asap which will happen quicker with the town council in charge. The proposal sounds reasonable enough to allow the work to be carried out and completed quicker.</p>	<p>The Council agrees with your views thank you.</p>
<p>ELDC should pay</p>	<p>ELDC examined the potential to redevelop the site on 3 occasions but was unable to make the plans work. ELDC have indicated they will transfer the site into Skegness Town Council's ownership so that it can be controlled by the Town.</p>
<p>Skegness Town Council should determine the future of the site as they are acting for the residents of the town. ELDC sold off the Pier fields to boost their income and nothing has been seen in Skegness from the proceeds of this site to date. Skegness should not lose another community area, which would probably happen if left to ELDC to determine the fate of what could potentially be a beautiful pavilion for the whole Skegness community to use.</p>	<p>The Council in its debates have agreed that the site would be best off in the control of the Town Council.</p>
<p>Taking on LCC and ELDC services and assets that then must be paid for by Skegness residents</p>	<p>When services are cut by LCC and ELDC there is a choice of not having those services any more or Skegness Town Council taking them on. Skegness Town Council do not take on services without consideration of both the costs and risks associated with providing that service. Many in Skegness want the Town to have control of assets. This has only started to become a possibility in recent months. The Town Council will only take on these assets after considering the financial and resource implications.</p>
<p>This building could become a fabulous asset for the people of Skegness to use, I wouldn't be happy if it became another tourist attraction. We desperately need a community centre that can be fully utilised by local people.</p> <p>My concern would be how it will be funded going forward, will it need to be self sufficient</p>	<p>It is important that the community use the building so that it is not reliant on the Council funding all the running costs. During the consultation carried out last year many Community Groups expressed an interest in using such a facility and we will be re-consulting with them.</p>

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<p>and any money raised by hiring the centre out is used to offset the running costs or will it become a money pit and take from the council tax fund to keep afloat, as then it wouldn't be long before it becomes underused and closed!</p> <p>Properly run I feel this will be a great centre for the community.</p>	<p>If the Council occupy a modest area (less than 20%) then it will act as an Anchor Tenant to contribute towards the running costs and also be there to administer and manage the building.</p>
<p>Oppose building a New Town Hall or new building for the Council and its staff.</p>	<p>This is a false rumour It is not and will not be a New Town Hall. It will be a building for the community with at least 80% of the building available for community use. The Council will engage with the community to ensure it is used for community benefit.</p>
<p>I remember this building from the 1950's, so pleased you are planning one as nice and not the monstrosity you wanted first time around</p>	<p>The Council will be consulting with the public to make sure it is right for the community.</p>