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Dear Mr. Cohu and the Commons Council,

My name is Toby and I'm 13 years old and I'm proud to live in Vale with my family. I love going to Pembroke beach and I have a few ideas that I would like to suggest to you to improve the facilities for this lovely beach.

Firstly, a lot of people in Guernsey love sport and I think that an outdoor volleyball/badminton court would be a great addition to the beach area. There are so few free facilities for people to come and play on the island and this would be a fantastic improvement for the locals to come and enjoy the sports they love near our gorgeous location. There are 2 areas that I think this could work – one is very central, near the beach and golf course and the other – a little further away near La Jaonneuse beach (photographs 1 and 2)

Another request would be that we have a floating platform on one of the Vale beaches. This would be for the purpose of entertainment, for swimming to and jumping and diving off. This might provide a safer option for people who take risks jumping from rocks into the sea. The design could be similar to one in photograph 3

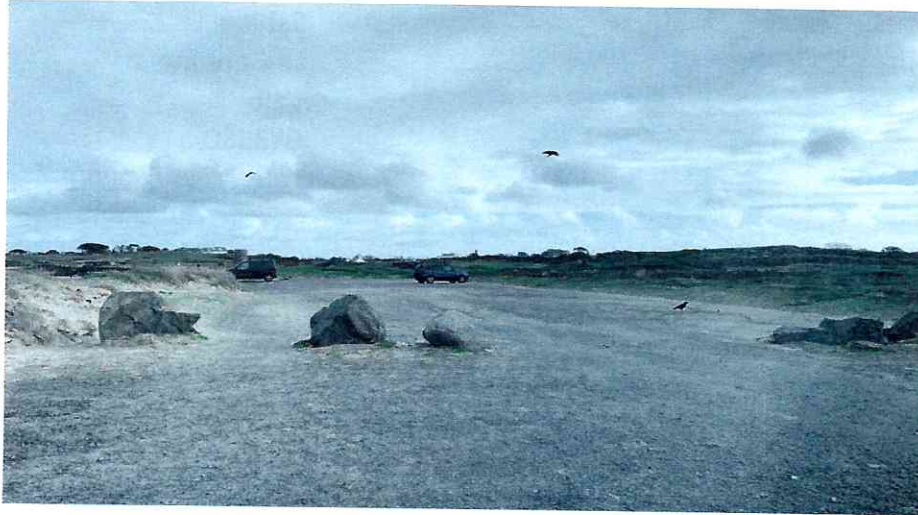
Everyone hates getting into the car with sandy feet, or worse - a sandy dog after a paddle. I think it would be a simple and effective solution to install a couple of free outdoor shower units near the Pembroke slipways. There is already water installed to the Beachhouse and kiosks so it should not be expensive. A presstex button would avoid waterwaste. To be able to rinse wetsuits would be invaluable for watersports enthusiasts too. Perhaps it could be in a boardwalk style walkway as in photograph 4 and a suggested location might be photograph 5 alongside the wheelchair shed (great idea by the way).

Finally, as Pembroke is one of the most beautiful places to spend a summer evening, a safe barbeque by the beach would be a perfect end to the day. This is why I think we should install picnic benches and barbeques or firepits in several areas – such as near the aforementioned volleyball court. Photograph 6 shows a simple grill design that is featured in public parks all over the USA for free public use.

I think these features would be a great addition to the wonderful beach that we are privileged to have access to and would be a model for other beaches in the Vale and would be the envy of the rest of the island!

I look forward to hearing your thoughts,

Toby Gregg



Photograph 1 volleyball court location in the overflow carpark (near Beachhouse) Also where picnic benches and BBQs could be located



Photograph 2
A bit further out at La Jaonneuse– a lovely location for something? Maybe the volley ball court, BBQ and picnic area could be located here instead



A simple volleyball court

Photograph 3 a basic floating platform

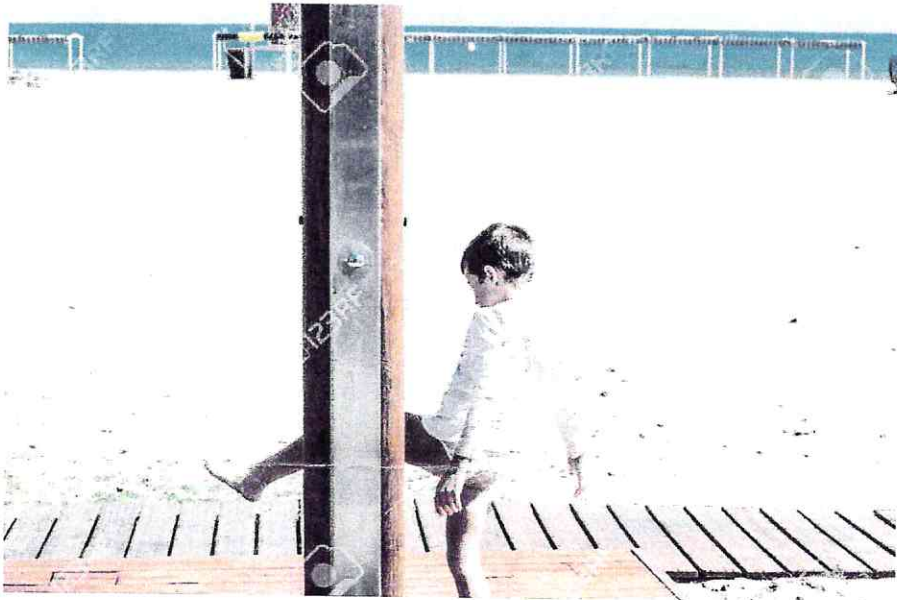


A more exotic swimming/diving platform



Photograph 6
Picnic table and grill

Photograph 4 – beachside shower



Photograph 5 a suggested location for a boardwalk

