

I'm here to propose a new swimming pool in Alexandra park.

After the lockdowns in 2020 a number of swimming facilities in Bath closed despite demand.

Public facilities in Bath are limited and under maintained while private pools are expensive and exclusive. There aren't enough pools for children in Bath. Services like Puddleducks have been trying to find local facilities but are moving out to Chippenham and further.

There are various expensive pools but there is, as of yet, no middle ground.

A heated indoor swimming pool that allows you to swim for £15 would be welcomed.
A pool with the amazing view over the city from Alexandra Park would be loved.

I propose a sheltered swimming facility is built. A 40x20m mid sized pool near the existing bowling green. It would make enough space for a pool that could be used by tourists, nearby schools and locals.

I recommend the pool be built by digging into the hillside. Once the construction is finished it should be covered with turf and with trees replanted nearby to merge with the existing landscape and to not change this area of outstanding natural beauty.

A similar design to the glass walled roof area of the Thermae would allow one of the best views in the world: the skyline from Alexandra Park.

Inside the building could have a sauna, steam room and other affordable spa facilities.
Changing rooms, showers, reception and a waiting room that also has the view.

Many of the tourists coming to Bath come with the agenda to bathe which generates a large amount of income for the city. The Bath skyline is a global highlight. It's frequently posted online but is not directly generating local income.

Many of the local schools don't have a pool.

(Locally Beechen cliff school, hayesfield, ralph allen, st gregs, culverhay and the paragon)

The pool could be crowd-funded. Crowd funded pools online for larger pools in less prestigious or high demand areas have had donations for millions. I'm quite confident that funding for this project can be met if advertised correctly. It could be a great investment opportunity.

Potential income after construction could be in the millions but that will vary depending on the finished product.

The Thermae's yearly revenue was allegedly £4 million.

I believe that if care is given to not damage the park this project will bring joy to the community and tourists.

I hope friends of the council can see the feasibility of this project. I'd like to begin the discussion on how to cultivate it.

With professional help from local civil engineers, surveyors and architects I think this project could be wonderful.

I'd like to find other people interested in this project and for it to be communally realized.

James Chalmers

*Included in your briefings are annotated photos of the proposed site with reference to how much expected change should be noticeable by completion.

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An uncovered 40x20m pool could cost £1,000,000

A steel structure to house it £65,000 (unsure if this includes labor.)

Surface area 800 m²

1300 m³

Three existing trees should be moved.

£1000 to £10,000 each.

Chlorine £500

Water £3000 initialy, £200 more monthly

500 kwh power a day.

(Providing residents with solar panels would reduce to near 0)

£2000 a year maintenance

Thermae recorded revenue of £4 million on glassdoor.com

On the partially annotated pictures below, the blue shaded areas are the proposed pool sites. Green is for existing trees. The third photo is what the view would likely be (Sometimes without fog)







