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Letters

Marina plan just cannot work

THE plan for the Wanliss Street Marina has recently come to my attention, and as an architect and planner for some 50 years, I cannot believe that anyone could take this inept concept seriously.

It just cannot work.

To cater for the maintenance of 500 boats requires a large area of hard-standing, which does not seem to be the case here, and will only result in later calls for more land fill or taking of beach area to provide it.

Parking is another big problem. During summer, the beachgoers can often fill every parking bay in the area, plus all the verges nearby. Adding another 50 bays on a second level of the car park will make only a small dent in the numbers required by the owners of the boat pens, not to mention the staff and patrons of the shops on the jetty.

To compound the problem, the only access to the jetty and marina is through this parking area, which must also reduce parking numbers and useability. Taking more of the foreshore would certainly not be acceptable, and talk of a multi-storey parking station in Kent Street would be laughable for the boat owners.

Putting aside the question of canals, the only logical place for the marina is where it has always been expected to go, in the lee of the Causeway to Garden Island.

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