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PLANS UNVEILED FOR FUTURISTIC NEW PIER SCHEME

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THE coastline of Ingoldmells is set to dramatically alter now exciting plans to build an ultra-modern pier have been revealed.

The Skegness Standard can exclusively report Lee Whittaker and Simon Adderley, of Coastal Land Ltd, owners of the beach and foreshore at Ingoldmells, have submitted a first draft to East Lindsey District Council to build a very impressive pier.

Local businessman Mr Whittaker said: "We're very optimistic and excited. We see it as enhancing the area and increasing tourism.

"Ingoldmells is stuck in the '60s. It needs bringing up to date, but needs to be something which will move with the times. That's why we have not gone for a traditional pier.

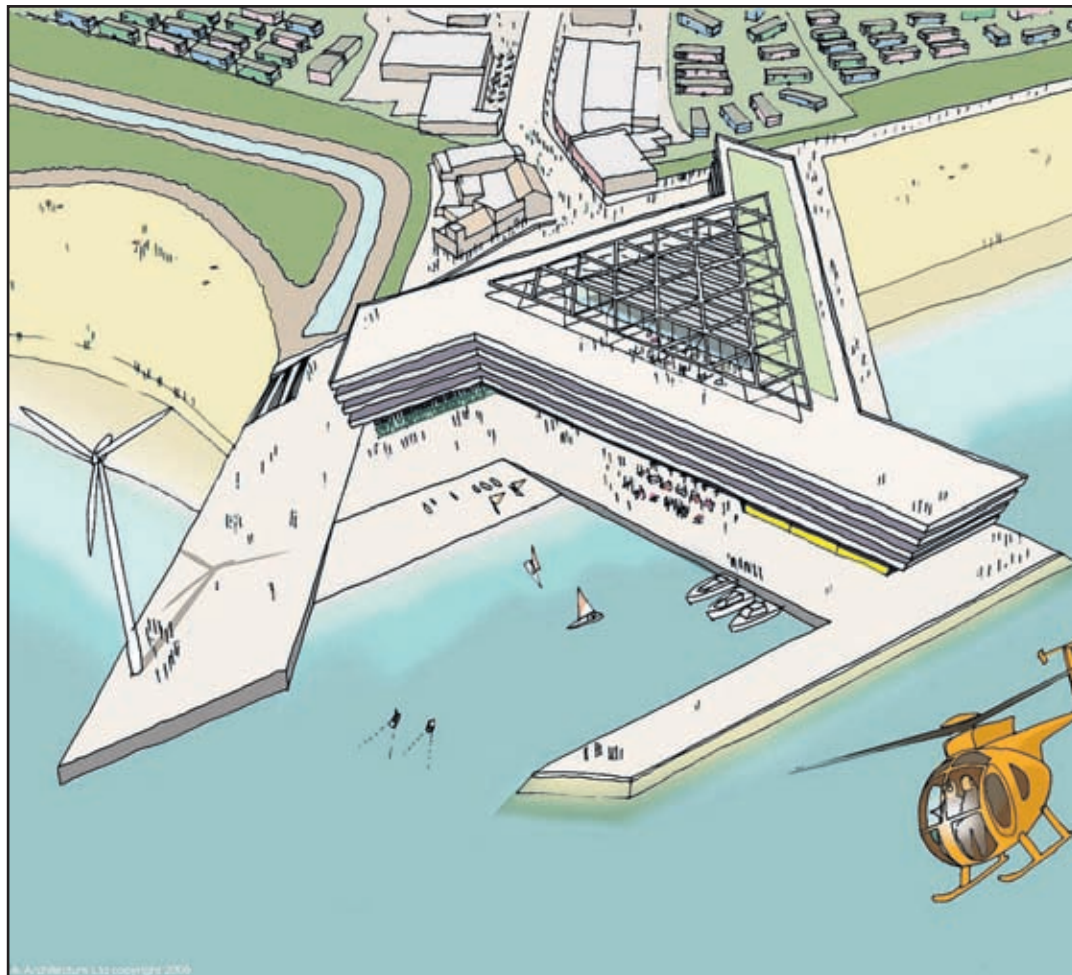
"In 100 years I won't be here, but the pier will."

The triangular design, which means people will be sheltered from the wind wherever they are on it, gives the structure an extremely contemporary look.

And architects Atomik Architecture, of London, have included a number of environmentally friendly features such as a wind turbine, solar panels to heat water and convert light into electric, a sea water cooling system instead of air conditioning, and possibly the use of wave power.

The multi-million pound project also features a marina so people can hire or use private boats, and a 300-seat Imax cinema.

Mr Whittaker said: "We have separated the pier into three wings, one for temporary themed attractions, one for cafes, bars and restaurants, and the ground floor for amusements and possibly a casino.



Exciting plans to build a pier like this at Ingoldmells have been revealed by owners of the beach Coastal Land Ltd. Photo supplied.

"We will be working with the British Urban Regeneration Association (BURA) as it is a massive project, and we have been receiving a lot of interest from other organisations who may contribute to the scheme."

He hopes part of the pier will become a multi-use venue for things

such as concerts, shows and conferences.

There could also be a coastguard station included in the plans and a bid could be made for the district's casino.

● Mr Whittaker and the Standard are keen to hear what you would like to see as part of the pier. Send your

suggestions to the editor Rebekah Baker, Skegness Standard, Unit 22, The Hildreds, Skegness, Lincs PE25 3NR.

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