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Dear Cllr Carter

Question at Council – Wednesday 10th September 2025

Thank you for your supplementary question that you raised at the Council meeting on Wednesday 10th September. I have set out your question and my response below:

Could the watersplash be opened earlier than 11am in the summer holidays so that the Council were not encouraging young people to be out in the height of the heat, risking sun damage?

I can advise that this season, the team has been familiarising themselves with the new waterplay system, which has required additional time to ensure correct and safe operation. In addition, Park Rangers are responsible for carrying out essential safety inspections across the site each morning before initiating the waterplay start-up procedures.

The team fully acknowledge the concern regarding young people being outdoors during the hottest part of the day, and they are currently reviewing operational arrangements to identify efficiencies. The aim is to explore the feasibility of an earlier

opening time for the 2026 summer season, while maintaining the necessary safety standards.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Cllr Lynda Marshall

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