

**News Release**

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## **Don't drop THE TROP**

### **Stay of Execution for The Tropicana**

**The High Court has granted an injunction preventing North Somerset Council from demolishing The Tropicana until an appeal, made by The Trop (WsM) Ltd, is heard by the High Court on 29 November.**

Judge Mark Ockleton ordered a suspension of the Secretary of State's decision to allow The Tropicana to be demolished after the group campaigning to save the building and recreate the swimming pool submitted an appeal that the decision was flawed.

As part of the appeal to The High Court, The Trop (WsM) Ltd claim when deciding the application for demolition the Secretary of State unreasonably concluded that The Tropicana had not been subject to deliberate neglect or disrepair. As owners of the site North Somerset Council are currently under investigation by the Environment Agency for unlawfully dumping construction waste from the seawall works leading to damage to the Heritage Building.

Derek Mead, spokesperson for The Trop (WsM) Ltd, says "We are delighted with the support of The High Court in our battle to save this landmark building. We are hopeful that this reprieve will give us the opportunity to further demonstrate to North Somerset Council's decision makers 'The Executive Members' that our plans remain viable and that the site is worth saving; allowing us to deliver this exciting beachside facility to the residents and visitors of Weston-super-Mare and North Somerset. We continue to receive huge support for our plans for the site from a large number of Town and North Somerset councillors, local businesses, residents and visitors to the area".

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