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'DON'T CLEAN-UP PETERLEE PAVILION – BLOW IT UP'

Suggestions for cleaning up Peterlee's Pasmore Pavilion have been slammed today as a "makeshift antidote."

And Coun. Mrs Joan Maslin has rejected Peterlee Development Corporation's offer to contribute towards the cost as a waste of money.

Residents at Sunny Blunts say the 20ft high concrete work of art is a monstrosity which attracts gangs of vandals and trouble-makers. They want Easington District Council to blow up the sculpture.

But Peterlee Development Corporation – which originally commissioned the structure from internationally-famous artist Victor Pasmore – has now stepped into the row. Managing director Mr. Garry Philipson has said the Corporation would be prepared to give a small donation towards the cost of saving and cleaning the graffiti-covered Pavilion.

But Coun. Mrs Maslin says the offer should be firmly refused.

"The Corporation is just throwing good money away yet again,' she said today.

@I would rather they donated the cash to a local charity because within a matter of weeks of the restoration work the Pavilion will be back the way it is now.

Coun. Mrs Maslin said the best cure for the problem was demolition.

"Wouldn't it be nice if, just for once, Easington District Council and Peterlee Development Corporation listened to residents and tried to get to the root of the problem instead of ignoring them and coming up with make-shift antidotes", she added.