

## **Why do the council ask so many questions?**

You may be considering purchasing a Hydrotherapy Jet Pool. If you are intending operating as a business, planning consent may be required for change of use of the building. If you wish to construct a new building and you are incorporating it into an existing business, you may still need planning consent. If you have a business and a building ready to convert, you may still need to apply for building regulations.

The council may ask you these questions, because until they get the answers from you, they assume that all swimming pools will be Olympic-sized, catering for the whole community and causing major traffic problems, noise and waste water problems.

The council always appear to be quite negative, so do not be put off, use the information below to help them understand what you are planning to do.

## **So, how can you help your council to help you?**

Some questions your local council may ask you, and answers you might give.

### **1. What is a Hydrotherapy Centre? What equipment will you be putting in?**

*It is probably best to tell them that you are installing a dog spa, you can clarify this further by telling them that the size and volume of water is similar to a human home spa that someone may have on their decking in the garden.*

### **2. What quantity of waste water will you be dispelling?**

*Unless you are very unlucky or careless you should never need to completely empty your pool. It is a closed system that requires a once weekly backwash to clean the sand in the filter (details are in the operation manual), then a top up with fresh water. Backwashing dispels the equivalent of about half a bath of water.*

### **3. What will content of that water be?**

*All the sanitising and water balancing chemicals need to be stored carefully but once they are in the water so long as you have kept them within the guidelines set out by Westcoast they pose no threat to the environment.*

*The chemical content of the wastewater operated under our guidelines is as follows:*

*Bacteria 0*

*Algae 0*

*Chlorine between 1.0 ppm & 3ppm*

*Calcium Hardness 300 ppm*

*Total Alkalinity 150*

*pH 7.2 to 7.6 Chlorine pool*

*Westcoast have since 1998 fitted hundreds of pools in the UK, Europe, USA and Japan, none have caused any problem to their local councils or water authorities.*

### **4. If you were to move and take the pool with you, how big would the hole left in the ground be?**

*You may decide to position the pool totally above ground, then be sure to tell them that there will be no hole.*

*But if you are placing the pool below ground you must remember to tell the council that the Westcoast range of pools are not just a hole in the ground. They are totally removable structures. Made of welded polypropylene or Fibreglass with steel framing. It is only placed in the ground by about 600mm. (the remaining 600mm is above ground). Therefore, if the pool were to be removed, a minimal hole would be left requiring filling.*

### **5. Dogs make a lot of noise?**

*As all dogs will be visiting and remaining with their owners on an appointment basis, numbers will be strictly limited and controlled. Usually there will be no kennelling requirements. Therefore, as the dogs are not left unattended, they will not generally create any noise.*

### **6. Your business will create a lot of extra traffic**

*As all dogs will be coming with their owners on an appointment basis, and only one client will be visiting at a time, increased traffic will therefore be minimal and never to a level that would cause congestion.*