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A third swimming pool in Haringey

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Haringey Aquatics swimming, diving, and water polo club is campaigning for Haringey Council to consider a major new combined leisure centre and public pool complex in Wood Green to meet the current deficit in provision and future demand due to population growth.

OUR RATIONALE:

- Haringey residents have access to a third less pool space than the average Londoner and Haringey Council has the largest pool space deficit in North London (2010).
- Wood Green has not had a swimming pool since Western Road Pool shut in 1997
- Swimming is second only to walking as the nation's most popular activity but proximity to a pool is critical for regular participation

- Haringey Council's infrastructure assessment (2013) clearly identified the need for a third major leisure centre and pool to meet demand due to population growth and Wood Green is considered to be a prime site for a new leisure centre/pool complex
- A major new leisure centre and swimming pool will not only improve facilities for the council's competitive swimmers, divers and water polo players but also serve to break down barriers and increase access to swimming for families on low incomes and where there is little or no culture of participation in physical activity and swimming

OUR CONCERNS:

- Despite all past assessments of need and the total absence of public facilities for swimming and other aquatic sport in Wood Green, the significant requirement for and benefits of such facilities are barely mentioned in the Wood Green Area Action Plan
- Most Haringey councillors have stated to Haringey Aquatics that there is no money to build a new pool or leisure centre
- The Council's focus on other pressing issues - housing, social care, health, education - may have precluded key and timely opportunities for planning with private and public partners, which in turn may have significant knock-on effects, particularly for Wood Green
- The Council's lack of planning may ultimately lead to a proliferation of private clubs, gyms and commercial pools that cannot handle a growing Haringey population, have restrictive pricing for Haringey families and are less prone to support competitive aquatics

OUR VISION:

- Haringey Aquatics wants Haringey Council to build a major new leisure centre with improved facilities for competitive aquatics including swimming, diving, water polo and synchro. A new complex will not only help more young Haringey residents gain access to a great club environment, to excel at sport, to build confidence and self esteem, it will also have a considerable positive impact on the community as a whole with significantly increased opportunities for physical activity in the borough, leading to improved health and fitness
- Haringey Aquatics would like to give its Head Coach Paul Doyle and his team the opportunity for more swimmers, divers and water polo players to continue the success the club has enjoyed in the past couple of years. With more and better facilities, more

young people can develop into competitive athletes to county, regional and national standard.

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- **Haringey Council**
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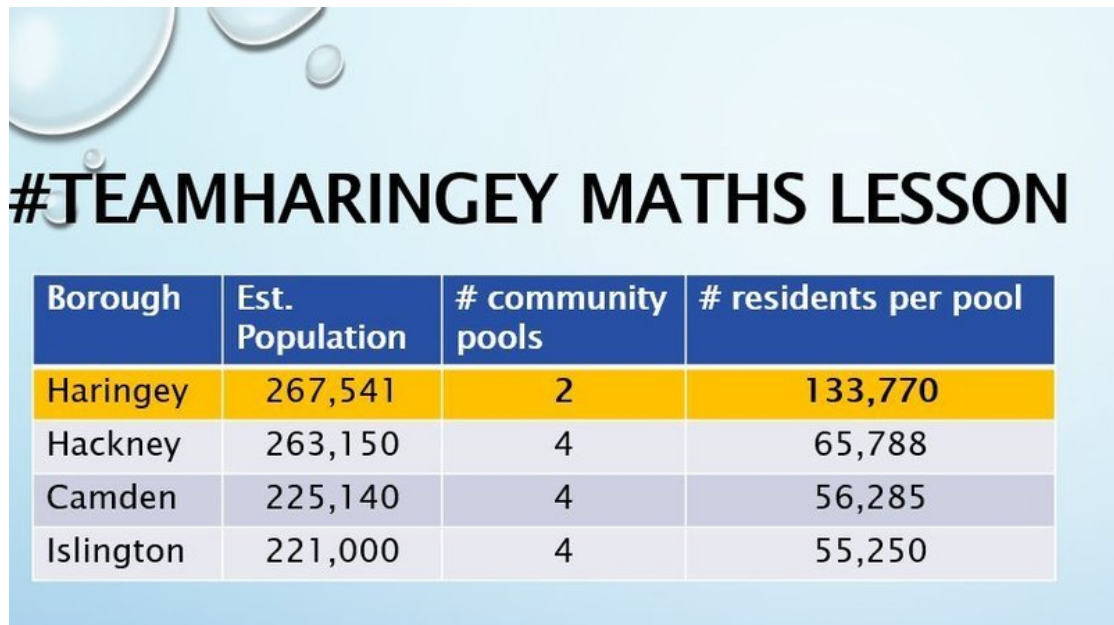
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Petition update

Help us make the Council listen!



Help us tell Haringey Council that two swimming pools for 265,000+ people really doesn't add up. We have until 28...

3. 3 weeks ago

Petition update

Consultation Deadline: End of April

If you live in the borough of Haringey, you may have had a leaflet from the council called 'Wood Green News' through your letterbox. It outlines the Council's plan to...

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Petition update

In the news!



One of the BBC's top news stories today is how more than 20 million people in the UK are physically inactive, according to...

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Petition update

Deadline extended

Good news everyone! The deadline for Haringey council's consultation period has been extended so we have more time to get even more people on board...

6. 4 weeks ago

500 supporters

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Petition update

Two swimming pools is nowhere near enough for over 250,000 residents!

Thank you very much to everyone who has taken the time to sign our petition and lent their support. We're nearly, nearly at 500 signatures - help us get there and...

8. 1 month ago

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Petition update

Swimming is fantastic exercise - help give more people the opportunity to swim regularly!

The top 8 benefits of swimming 1. Full body workout. Swimming uses all the muscles in the body so whether you swim a gentle breaststroke or hammer butterfly...

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250 supporters

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Petition update

We're off to a great start - let's keep it going!

Thank you to everyone who has signed our petition and for all the encouraging, supportive comments. Please help us get as many signatures as possible by sharing...

11.1 month ago

200 supporters

12.1 month ago

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Petition update

We Need Another Pool in Haringey!

Haringey Aquatics Head Coach Paul Doyle concurs: "There is a definite need for another pool in the borough. A population of 250,000 and 2 pools is a...

1 comment

13.1 month ago

10 supporters

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Eva Hanson started this petition