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Sir

Swimming is a life skill that everyone should have – death by drowning is still a major issue even in 2017.

I know from personal experience how important it is, especially for children, to learn to swim. I rescued my 4-year-old brother when he fell into a canal, at the age of 7.

I have 5 children, and I have ensured that all of them have learned to swim early in their lives.

The four older children have gone on to swim competitively for club and county.

My youngest son, having learned to swim, is now learning diving, and taking part in competitions.

I am convinced that the involvement in swimming has helped to keep my children away from unhealthy habits, like smoking and drugs.

The provision of swimming pools as part of the community infrastructure is very important to all communities. The facility will provide opportunity for children to learn a vital life skill, and provide opportunity to improve the general fitness of the community.

Yours sincerely
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