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FW: Wood Green Regeneration - Swimming pool in Wood Green

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To: LDF

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing regarding the Wood Green Regeneration Plans and to ask that you ensure that a new swimming pool is considered for Wood Green.

My partner and I both swim at Park Road pool and my daughter trains there at least three days a week with her Squad – Haringey Aquatics. We live in Muswell Hill so at the moment Park Road is our nearest pool.

You should be building a new swimming pool & leisure complex in Wood Green for the following reasons:

- Since moving to the area in the early 1990s I have known of at least two swimming pools close – those belonging to LA Fitness gyms who were bought by Pure Gym. As a result there fewer places for our children to learn to swim and adults to make use of this important form of exercise.
- I swam down at Park Road this morning. More than half the pool is given over to children's swimming lessons which is absolutely as it should be. However, this only leaves two smaller lanes for adult swimmers. There were quite a few of us this morning so the lanes were congested.
- Haringey Aquatics has protected time at these pools but it is not sufficient to meet current demand and is limiting the opportunities and ambitions of young people in Haringey. It would not be right for the club to have to turn away children who are keen on swimming for them
- I wanted my son to learn to swim with Haringey Aquatics but this would mean him going to Tottenham which on a school night is too far to travel. Wood Green would be far more accessible if there was a pool there that Haringey Aquatics could teach swimming at.
- I was surprised and shocked when I realised there has been no public swimming pool in Wood Green for the past 20 years. That leaves the Wood Green community without access to this important form of exercise.
- I understand that in 2013, Haringey Council identified the need for new pools and a leisure centre to meet population growth and deficits in health and physical activity. Wood Green was identified by the Council as a prime location for the new sport and leisure complex. I am not impressed to learn that the Wood Green Regeneration plan does not include any plans for public swimming pools or a new sport and leisure complex.
- I wonder what happened to the Legacy of the London 2012 Olympic Games which was all about grassroots encouragement of young people to learn new sports. Haringey is hardly delivering on this with only two public pools serving the whole borough. This needs to be put right and the regeneration programme is how and when it should be done.
- With fewer pools overall in the area, but with a statutory requirement for all primary school children to be taught to swim, you are falling short of what you should be delivering on swimming pool provision in our borough and this needs to be put right.

I hope you will consider my points and please respond to confirm you have received them.

Thank you

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