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Dear Ms Stephens

You will recall we had the chance to meet on 21 June so I could formally hear the petition you had raised along with a number of residents' who had requested the Council provides funds to build and run a new swimming pool at the site of the former Yiewsley pool, off Otterfield Road. This was in light of the Council initiating proposals to consider a more mixed re-development of the site.

At the meeting I heard a number of points raised about the need and rationale for a new swimming pool in the local area. At the end of the meeting, I undertook to discuss this further with officers and take all the views raised into account before the Council brought forward final proposals for the site and future leisure provision in the local area.

I also promised to communicate directly to you when I was in a position to do so. I have reviewed all the information that has been provided. I have also taken in to consideration future predictions in demand relating to projected increases in population growth within the Borough, in particular within the West Drayton and Yiewsley area regarding future sports provision.

Sport England have indicated that in their view, there will be a need to increase sporting facilities to meet future demand in line with identified housing and population growth.

Whilst Sport England have indicated there is demand for future swimming provision there is equally high demand for sports hall provision. I have therefore decided that a swimming pool will not be built at this site, but there will be sports provision within the development.

However, I am pleased to inform you that subject to identifying a suitable site I am committed to building a new swimming pool and sports hall in the West Drayton and Yiewsley area. which is more suited to meet this future demand.

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I believe that this commitment for a new facility within West Drayton and Yiewsley area addresses the concerns that were raised in the petition meeting. I have also requested that work commences to identify suitable sites for consideration for this exciting new development. Once further information is available I will ensure it is clearly communicated in Hillingdon People.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Bianco', written in a cursive style.

Cllr Jonathan Bianco

Cabinet Member - Finance, Property & Business Services