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Dear Cllr Puddifoot

### **Yiewsley swimming pool site petition**

Firstly, as this letter will reach you after Christmas, I hope you had a good break.

I am writing regarding the Council's budget proposals for 2018/19. As lead petitioner for the Yiewsley swimming pool campaign, I was pleased to see the Council had decided to allocate capital funds to build a new swimming pool in the Yiewsley/West Drayton area.

It is good that the Council is moving towards public opinion on this issue. From the wording of the petition residents would like the former site of the pool to be the location of the new pool.

The wording of the petition was as follows: "We formally request that Hillingdon Council provides funds to build and run a new swimming pool **at the site of the old Yiewsley pool** off Otterfield Road."

There were 761 signatories to the paper petition and there are currently 841 signatories to the online petition.

The reasons why the old pool site is best are as follows:

1. It is the traditional site of the pool.
2. It is close to the station, buses and the main High street of the town. The bus routes close by are U1, U3, U5, 222 and 350.
3. Car parking is already in place.
4. Parents can go shopping whilst kids swim.
5. It is an easy walk for five local schools.
6. The site has a special place in the hearts of the local public and would be seen by them as politicians listening to voters. This is something today that all too often has been lost.
7. The site is empty and ready to be developed.

Please can you ensure that a detailed feasibility study is undertaken which **includes** the Yiewsley site? And that the feasibility study is published in good time to enable the people who signed the petition in support of the former Yiewsley pool site to have their say?

Currently it feels that the former Yiewsley pool site has been rejected out of hand. This is not looking at the positive benefits that developing the Yiewsley site will bring.

The timescale for development would be much quicker with the site and would enable you to fulfil your election promises more quickly.

Please would you confirm to me in writing the Yiewsley site will be appraised for its feasibility as the new pool for the Yiewsley/West Drayton area. No other site will have the benefits listed above.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this issue.

Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

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