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Dear Councillor/MP name

I am extremely disappointed to learn that the Council is considering closing Tunstall Pool by 2012. It is a well used and loved pool that enjoys attendances of approximately 2,000 people per week. The Council should keep the pool open because:

- It is a Victorian building with historic significance and the Council should be aiming to maintain the City's heritage not destroy it.
- The City's population is in poor health and the Council should be aiming to increase participation in swimming to increase the health and life expectancy of the population.
- The Government is actively promoting swimming and the Council should be following this initiative to increase swimming activity not reduce the number of pools that are available.
- The Council should be making sports and leisure facilities more accessible, not less.
- Stoke on Trent is already below average in achieving National Curriculum swimming targets. The Pool is currently used for 20 hours of school lesson swimming every week, and this time will not be accommodated at other pools in the City, making the situation even worse.
- The Council has not promoted the Pool properly. It has the perfect opportunity on its website to promote all of its revenue generating facilities, and it has not yet taken that opportunity to promote the Pool properly.
- The annual cost of running this swimming pool is small compared to the cost of putting up stainless steel art sculptures around the City.
- If the pool closes people in the north of the City will be forced to travel to the other side of the City to swim, which will have a consequential environmental impact.

- I don't understand why the Council is looking to close facilities when they have themselves recognised that sport and physical activity opportunities are important in reducing crime and fear of crime.
- Other

In addition:

- I enjoy swimming at Tunstall Pool because of the warm, friendly atmosphere that is so much better at a smaller pool than the larger, more modern facilities.
- My children go swimming at Tunstall Pool with the school. It is their opportunity to learn to swim and without the school swimming lessons they will not have the opportunity to learn this skill.
- My children go to swimming lessons at Tunstall Pool. The teachers are fantastic. I have tried to get in to swimming lessons at other pools, but only Tunstall Pool could accommodate our needs.
- I go swimming at Tunstall Pool twice a week for the health benefits from swimming. If Tunstall Pool closed I would not go to another Pool and my health would suffer as a result.
- I walk to Tunstall Pool, my closest pool, and if the Pool closed I would not go to another Pool.
- Tunstall Pool is the only public swimming pool in the north of the City, and I would not travel as far as Fenton to go swimming.
- I prefer Tunstall Pool because I enjoy swimming at a small Victorian Pool rather than a large modern facility.
- I don't think the Council currently provides enough opportunity for young people in the area to get involved in different sports. For example, where is the City's water polo team or synchronised swimming team?
- I think that anti-social behaviour will increase in Tunstall if the Pool closes as young people will have less activities available to them.
- Other

As a Councillor/MP elected by the people of Stoke on Trent I hope that you will stand up for the people of Stoke on Trent and ask the Council to stop this proposal from going any further.

I ask for your support on behalf of the people of Stoke on Trent and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Name