

**Subject:** FW: Wood Green Area Action Plan - response to public consultation  
**Attachments:** Haringey Aquatics Petition on Change.org 'A Third Swimming Pool in Haringey'.pdf; Third Swimming Pool in Haringey petition - signatures from residents supporting our petition.pdf; Third Swimming Pool in Haringey petition - comments from Haringey residents.pdf; Third Swimming Pool in Haringey petition - two MPs' letter of support.pdf; Third Swimming Pool in Haringey Petition - Letter of support from President of sport governing body MCASA.pdf; Ham & High Broadway 13 April 2017.pdf; Tottenham & Wood Green Independent 14 April 2017.pdf

**From:** Eva Hanson  
**Sent:** 28 April 2017 14:46  
**To:** LDF  
**Subject:** Wood Green Area Action Plan - response to public consultation

**RE: WOOD GREEN AREA ACTION PLAN**

Dear Haringey Council,

My name is Eva Hanson, I am a Haringey resident. I was surprised and disappointed there are no plans to include a swimming pool plus other sport and leisure facilities in the Council's Preferred Option for the Wood Green Area Action Plan. On behalf of Haringey Aquatics, the borough's swimming, diving and water polo club, I started a petition for a new swimming pool/leisure centre to be built as part of the extensive regeneration in the area. As a mother to a competitive swimmer, I visit swimming pools all over the London region as well as further afield, where the facilities are of a considerably higher standard than Haringey's two public swimming pools, Park Road Leisure Centre and Tottenham Green. As a swimming club, Haringey Aquatics has to make do with very basic facilities compared to its competitors and it was first and foremost with the club's eternal plight for better facilities in mind that I started the petition 'A Third Swimming Pool in Haringey'.

However, I quickly understood this is a much, much bigger issue and one that Haringey residents feel passionately about. Over the short period the petition has been going we have had over 1000 signatures, many, many heartfelt comments, letters of support from local MPs as well as sport governing bodies and even press coverage in the local newspapers. Swimming is second only to walking as the country's most preferred activity but proximity to a pool is crucial to participation. Park Road and Tottenham Green pools are over crowded – a great bone of contention for many people who felt strongly enough to sign and comment on the petition.

Haringey residents have access to a third less pool space than the average Londoner and Haringey Council has the largest pool space deficit in North London (2010). Wood Green has not had a public swimming pool since 1997. With planned new homes and a subsequent increase in population, Haringey needs another swimming pool and leisure centre for its residents.

I attach the following to this email:

- A pdf copy of Haringey Aquatics' petition 'A Third Swimming Pool in Haringey' (change.org)
- A pdf showing 1000+ signatures (**Please note the total number has increased since the pdf was downloaded**)
- A pdf with comments from Haringey residents who feel strongly that the community needs a new swimming pool
- A letter of support from two local MPs, Catherine West and David Lammy
- A letter of support from the President of sport governing body MCASA, Middlesex County Amateur Swimming Association
- Press coverage from The Ham & High Broadway (back page) 13 April 2017; The Tottenham & Wood Green Independent (front cover) 14 April 2017

I urge the Council to take the view of Haringey residents into consideration and include plans for a new public swimming pool and leisure centre in the Wood Green AAP.

Yours sincerely,

Eva Hanson