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Dear Planners

I am a recently returned resident of [REDACTED] I was born here and attended St Christophers School and then MCS. I learned to swim at Temple Cowley Pool and then enjoyed river swimming at Longbridges, Tumbling Bay, and the station by "The Trout" in Port Meadow. The only Facility at MCS was the unsupervised Cherwell by the school Field. Fortunately my lessons at Cowley prevented my premature demise!! In the post war period Cowley Marsh park had a number of rapidly delapidating Prefab Bungalows on the area subsequently returned to sport area and on which I played Rugby at club level This is now occupied by the council service depot on a restricted lease . The teaching of swimming in a safe and supervised facility is the precursor to so many other sports in or on the water it is a basic life skill all should ave. No Olympic Medals for Rowing ,Sailing, Canoeing Windsurfing Surfing etc from non swimmers

When the depot moves, it should be replaced by a formally designated Park with an indoor pool suitable for local schools and residents.

The Speculative redevelopment of the Temple Cowley Pool into high density apartments is an example of how little the council respect the wishes of the local residents they are supposed to represent.

I can only assume they have the same intentions for the Marsh Park and the William Morris sports ground!

I urge you to seriously consider the wishes of the Local residents regarding Local Plan 2036 and designate The Cowley Marsh as a park and protect the William Morris Sports field from Housing (or Student)development .

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