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Dear Sacha,

Debenham SRH School Swimming Pool

Thank you for keeping me informed about the progress of the above Project at Debenham's Sir Robert Hitcham Primary School. I am delighted to learn that the proposals are fast becoming realities as support for the Project gathers pace.

We all know that the main objections to proposals such as these rest on the financial viability, especially in terms of running costs and it is good news indeed that the Business Plan has addressed such concerns successfully to overcome the various hurdles.

Energy costs are usually a major factor, but the use of a Air Source Heat Pump, itself powered by Solar Panel generated electricity, supplying the energy needed to heat the water, the surrounding air and the dehumidifying system is indeed a master stroke!

That an External Management Company, with experience of such Projects, recognises the viability of your proposals and is happy to take on the running of the facility is an act of faith in the viability of it, as a day to day undertaking. It is clear from the Business Plan that they expect the Project to be self funding so far as on-going maintenance costs are concerned.

It will be a valuable asset for the School, as children learning to swim is really a "must" in the modern world and it will also be an asset for the village, with public swimming sessions also featuring in the proposals.

For all these reasons then, the project has my full support and I have been pleased to contribute towards the architect's costs from my Locality Budget. When the proposals have planning consent, I will also give further consideration to granting an additional sum toward the costs of building the facility.

Yours sincerely,

Eddy G.N. Alcock

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