



Dear Sir or Madam

**Debenham Community Swimming Pool project**

I am writing in support of Debenham Community Swimming Pool Project, to be located at Sir Robert Hitchum Primary School.

The current facilities at this Leisure Centre do not provide for a swimming pool and there are no plans to make this happen. However we continually receive telephone calls and personal enquiries as to the availability of a pool.

Clearly there is a need to provide opportunities to enable children to learn to swim whilst allowing others to swim for pleasure and improve on their ability.

Swimming is a sport that all can enjoy, improving peoples health and fitness and providing great opportunities to meet and socialise.

A pool that provides exclusive access to children during school times and then opening up for general public use should meet the needs of the population.

Debenham is a large village of over 2000 adults and a similar number of children. Currently we need to travel around 12 miles to undertake swimming activities, which takes up valuable time and increases our carbon footprint through car use.

Both swimming pools that are available have limited public transport links thereby reducing the opportunities for some of the population in actually undertaking swimming activities.

We wish the Debenham Community Swimming Project every success and know that you will support this worthwhile project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Spurling".

Steve Spurling