

Your local council is considering to close a sports and leisure centre that it runs, in order to save money.

Write a letter to the local council. In your letter

- **give details of how you and your friends or family use the centre**
- **explain why the sports and leisure centre is important for the local community**
- **describe the possible effects on local people if the centre closes**

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Anjali Khanna and I am writing to raise my concern regarding the plans to close our local sports and leisure center.

First of all, my family is used to going to the center several times a week. My husband and I attend fitness lessons for adults on Monday and Wednesday after work. My two sons go to the center after school; they have a place there to do their homework, to play with other children and relax in safe environment. On weekends we usually meet friends there and go to the swimming pool and open-air tennis courts provided, it doesn't rain cats and dogs.

It is hard to underestimate the importance of this center for citizens. In fact, it has become the point where we all meet each other to share some positive emotions and spend free time. Also, one cannot miss the influence of sports activities provided there on the health of the people.

I can think of several negative consequences the closure of the center could cause. Firstly, people could become less engaged in sport activities which will definitely affect their health. Secondly, children will lose the opportunity to spend their time in a healthy atmosphere and will spend more time in the street. Finally, for the people interested in sports, it will become more difficult to get to the place to exercise as the nearest sports center in Toronto which is 30 miles away.

I believe this question deserves close attention.

Yours faithfully,
Irina Smirnova