

Dear Ward 11 City Councillor Skylar Franke, London City Council members, and Community and Protective Services Committee,

I am writing to ask for your support in saving Thames Park Pool by voting in favour of conducting necessary repairs.

As a resident of Wortley Village, I can not emphasize enough how much this pool means to my family and the community in Old South, the Core, and beyond. It's not just a recreational facility, which in itself is important. It is also an accessible community space multiple generations have enjoyed and will enjoy if Thames Pool is maintained.

Despite the increase in cost, there is currently no alternative to Thames Pool within walking distance to the Core and Old South. Regardless of how long Thames Pool will be operational in the long-run, in the short term, and until a permanent sustainable solution has been established, we need Thames Pool to be operational for the reasons outlined above.

\$2-2.3 million is not an outrageous amount to spend on repairing Thames Pool. Compared to the amount of taxpayer money spent on other projects, e.g. \$200 million in 2023 road work projects, it's a drop in the bucket with a high return in value for London's community.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and feel free to add my email to the public agenda.

Best,
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