

Clayton C of E- four hundred and ninety-five

Clayton Village- two hundred and seven

Denholme- two hundred and thirty one

Foxhill- two hundred and forty three

Home Farm- four hundred and fifty eight

Horton Grange- seven hundred and forty

Keelham- ^{one} ~~on~~ hundred and twenty

Reevy Hill- two hundred and twenty six

Russell Hall- two hundred and fifty seven

Shibden Head- four hundred and sixteen

St Anthony's- two hundred and fifty five

St John's - two hundred

St William's- two hundred *and twenty seven*

St Winefride's - four hundred and fifty five

Stocks Lane - one hundred and twenty one

Thornton - six hundred and forty

This is a total of five thousand, two hundred and ninety one children that you are depriving.

My name is Brooke and I use the swimming pool every week with school. This is Sharn who uses the pool for her knee injury. This is Pat who goes every Monday to help with her mobility. This is Sharon who reopened the petition. And this is my teacher who has walked with hundreds of pupils before me, to the swimming pool every week.

We had to reopen our petition as the plans for the new pool at Clayton Heights have been scrapped and there will be no replacement pool for mine and the 15 other schools that also learn to swim at Queenbury. According to the National Save Kids campayn, drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death to children between the ages of 1 and 14. Swimming is the only sport that I can learn, that could help save my life.

I know that the government doesn't give you a lot of money and you rely on people to pay their council tax but not everybody does. If everybody in Bradford paid their council tax, you would be loaded. However, we've seen you spend our council tax money on:

- The Baby of the North sculpture in town costing 15 thousand pounds.
- Lights on top of the Margaret McMillan Tower costing 13 thousand pounds
- And the cost of Britannia Mills for the swimming pool costing 1.2 million pounds. Now you're not building a pool there. What a waste!

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Did you know that the time it will take for a class to travel to the new pool at Odsal would mean less time in class and less time swimming? That's not fair on any of us. Our School can't afford to send us swimming for a whole year. I only have the right to swim for 3 half-terms but my school pays for us to learn for double that. If my school has to pay 3 and a half thousand pounds a year for a coach, it means that they can't afford to send us for the whole year. Again, it is us children that are being affected.

You planned to build 4 new swimming pools across the city and one of these was a replacement for Queensbury. Your budget was around 40 million pounds. Now you are only building 2 pools as 4 was too expensive. I know I'm only in Year 5, but even I know that a big mistake was made in that calculation. Again it is my community and those five thousand, two hundred and ninety-one children who are missing out. We feel a little bit like Boris Johnson and his gang in the run up to Brexit. We pay an awful lot in, but don't get much back out.

To top it all, there's new houses popping up constantly! Opposite Tesco are one hundred and fourteen new houses and down the road is another one hundred and twenty-four. I've done my own research and in your Bradford council plan for 2016 to 2020, you say that your goals are 'Better health, better lives' and 'Active communities'. One of the actions you want to take is 'to improve the health and wellbeing of people for example swimming pools, parks, walking and cycling activities.' Well how can we keep our ever-expanding community active and healthy if you take away our pool?

I look forward to hearing your decision on my future.

Merry Christmas (Smile)