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Closure of the Ladywell Leisure Centre cannot be justified. The Lewisham Infrastructure Delivery Plan (as of August 2010) indicates that there will be shortfall of 600sq.m. of swimming space by 2026, given the expected growth in population, if the current provision of 12.63sq.m. per head of population is to

be maintained. According to Table 6.10 in the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, Ladywell Leisure Centre comprises 572.5sq.m. so is needed to meet the requirement. Given an expected increase of population of 5,460 in the Lewisham Town Centre area (Loampit Vale, Thurston Road, Gateway) and given that the Loampit Vale Leisure Centre will prove attractive to a wider population given its proximity to transport links, Ladywell Leisure Centre is required for swimming.

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The findings of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan should be taken notice of, and the proposal to redevelop the Ladywell Leisure Centre withdrawn, otherwise there will be a shortfall in the required swimming provision.

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To emphasise the importance of retaining the swimming provision of Ladywell Leisure Centre.



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With reference to the proposed redevelopment of the Ladywell leisure Centre as mixed retail and residential: introduction of a new large retail unit could affect the viability of the existing A1 units on the other side of the road. These include many independent shops and a recently opened branch of

a major chain. If the present retail units are forced to close, the area would be less attractive to residents and shoppers.

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The viability of the existing local shopping parade should be considered v v a new large retail outlet. Consideration should be given to retain the existing leisure centre, and expanding its appeal by including a cinema, within the footprint of the site.

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To expand on the impact of a large retail store on the local parade, and to explain the benefits of the expansion of leisure facilities.