

**Email to Developers from SPC – 1 September 2020**

**Subject:** Ganges development- Swimming Pool enquiry

Dear ....

I hope you are keeping well.

Following the recent updates shared with our parishioners on Ganges matters, it appears that a proportion of the parish was not aware of the discussions and agreements reached in 2017 with regards to the swimming pool.

Following requests from members of the public, this matter was placed on the agenda again in order to allow members of the public an opportunity to voice their opinions and members of the Council to have a brief debate.

As a result, the Parish Council has been asked to approach the developer with a request, and this is whether they would consider putting the demolition process on hold for a period of time, enough to give the community time to look into whether they would be able to prepare a business plan, carry out feasibility studies and raise sufficient funds to refurbish the swimming pool as the heritage/community asset that many feel it is (or has the potential to become).

There is a certain amount of hope that the recent pandemic could result in a shift of priorities and that government/external funding may well be available to make it happen, as well as a belief that advances in alternative power technologies and solutions may facilitate its sustainability in the future.

The Parish is aware that legal agreements have just been finalised (July 2020) and that demolition orders have been approved but the developer is kindly being asked to give the community the opportunity to explore whether the asset is salvageable and whether this can be realistically achieved.

As someone who has previously worked with the Parish Council in terms of community/developer cohesion, may I please ask if you could bring this request to Haylink's attention.

We look forward to hearing back from you.