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Date: 27th May 2024

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: Ward Freman Community Pool Group

I am writing on behalf of Braughing Parish Council to express our wholehearted support for the Ward Freman Community Pool Group's bid for funding from the Community Ownership Fund.

The swimming pool in Buntingford, a vital community asset, unfortunately closed just before Christmas 2023. This closure has had a profound impact on the residents of Braughing and the surrounding areas, as it was the closest public swimming facility available. Generations of local residents, including schoolchildren and individual users, have benefited immensely from this pool since its establishment in the 1970s. Many of our residents learned to swim there, with some progressing to competitive levels, illustrating the pool's role in promoting health, safety, and well-being in our community.

The importance of Ward Freman Community Pool to Braughing cannot be overstated. It has served as a vital facility for our residents, fostering not only physical fitness but also community cohesion.

Our local MP, Sir Oliver Heald, has pledged his support, and we join him in urging you to consider this application favourably.

Yours faithfully,

Alice Lawrence Clerk – Braughing Parish Council