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Dear —

Rainbow Centre

I am writing to complain about the Rainbow Centre's plans to close its purpose-built, indoor bowling rink and to replace it with a young children's play area.

For well over 20 years now, members of numerous bowling clubs in the area have been using this room to play bowls all year round.

It is the only sports facility of its kind serving a great many people in the area over the age of 60. There are so few physical activities or facilities offered to senior members in the community that it seems a shame that this change is even being considered.

The proposed replacement space for the bowling members is to share a room and to have a bowling mat on which to bowl, rather than the full indoor green it has now, which is an insult to experienced and new bowlers alike.

I've been told the Centre is proposing this change because the bowling sessions are poorly attended and running at a loss. However, as the young children's play area will need to include very expensive equipment which the Centre is having to provide, I cannot see the logic of replacing the bowling facilities with the substantial additional cost to provide this play area.

Please let us keep our indoor bowling green going. Not only for the physical health benefits, but also for the social interactions it gives to its participants.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely