

We have identified a massive need from the residents of Leeds for an additional pool with over 1400 signatures online and a further 500 collected on paper. We feel it would be beneficial to the council to re-instate the pool that was at Middleton Leisure Centre until it was demolished over a decade ago.

The new pool would help young people find somewhere to go on a weekend, it would increase provision for lessons and allow local families - who often are priced out of visits to a pool due to the cost of getting there. A pool would show the people of Middleton and the surrounding areas that the Council does care and wants to invest in the area as well as the other benefits related to it, such as a benefit to the community's health and in turn saving the NHS money.

Obesity.

Whilst Leeds has made strides on obesity in the City – It remains a common problem, estimated to affect around one in every four adults and around one in every five children aged 10 to 11 in the UK.

Leeds Data Mill figures on Adult obesity rates (where BMI>30) from Oct 2018 shows us the Leeds Inner South Community Committee area where the Pool would be based has the second highest obesity rates per 100,000 people reported from GP's (28,050.3). The only larger area was Leeds Inner East having a marginally larger number of cases (28,661.2) and the Pool would also service the third highest Community Committee area is in the Outer South (25893.7) due to its location.

A Middleton Pool would help reduce obesity rates across the City as it would be accessible from most of South Leeds, East Leeds and West Leeds, the bus connections to the Centre are regular from the City Centre and situated in the Ring Road means its easily accessible by Car.

Other stats to be added...

Waiting lists

Whilst waiting list exist at other pools there is a chance a child may drown and all because the parents couldn't source a lesson.

I think we all agree that the sooner children the swim the better, the longer we wait for a child to learn how to swim the more chance of drowning there is – that's just common sense.

Waiting list times will be added her for each local pool in leeds.

Family Swims

Families need somewhere they can enjoy swimming and relax together and in turn keep fit and healthy – None of the local pools are offering regular family swims, when they are offered these are often cancelled for swimming gala's.

Transport

Non-drivers in the Middleton area especially feel isolated from a pool as the transport to all the pools in South Leeds is poor, generally hourly buses and these are very difficult to use with small children who just want to get home after a swim for example and you could be waiting up to an hour for a bus after.

Price

The pool will cost xxxx, but an estimated cost to the NHS would be xxxx if its wasn't built.