

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph of the letter): **Strengths:** Your emotive language effectively conveys passion for the library. The metaphors comparing the library to "wisdom" and "thoughts and dreams" create a strong emotional appeal. **Weakness:** Sentence structure and clarity. → Your opening sentence is a run-on sentence with confusing logic. The phrase "will not be replaced by a shopping mall" actually contradicts your concern (you mean it *will* be replaced). The dramatic opening would be more effective with clearer structure and precise wording. **Exemplar:** *It is with a heavy heart and profound concern that I write regarding our beloved library—a sanctuary of wisdom, thoughts, and dreams—which now faces replacement by a shopping mall designed merely for temporary amusement.*

#2 (Third paragraph): **Strengths:** Personal connection effectively strengthens your argument. You've created a sense of community by referencing shared experiences. **Weakness:** Metaphor consistency and development. → You begin with describing yourself as a "victim of the library's nurturing care," which presents a contradictory image. The metaphors shift rapidly between describing books as friends, the library as sanctuary, and shelves as sacred without fully developing these powerful images. **Exemplar:** *Having been nurtured by this literary sanctuary throughout my formative years, I count myself amongst the many whose lives have been enriched by its presence. Within these walls, I've formed deep connections with characters who have become lifelong companions—friends who sacrifice for me in ways I could never have imagined outside the pages of their stories.*

#3 (Fifth paragraph): **Strengths:** Your conclusion effectively summarizes the emotional core of your argument. The imagery of the library as more than "glued bricks" creates a memorable ending. **Weakness:** Specificity and evidence. → While emotionally compelling, this paragraph uses general statements without specific examples. Phrases like "flourishing network" and "portal that takes us" need concrete details to make your argument more persuasive and memorable. **Exemplar:** *Our library stands not as mere bricks and mortar, but as the beating heart of our community. It houses the weekly reading circle where elderly residents find companionship, the homework club where struggling students find guidance, and the children's corner where young minds first*

discover the magic of stories. It is a true portal to countless worlds that has served as the cornerstone of our suburb's cultural identity for generations.

■ Your letter demonstrates passion and emotional investment in your cause, which is commendable. However, your persuasiveness would benefit from more structured arguments and specific examples. While you've included emotional appeals, you could strengthen these by providing concrete examples of how the library benefits different community members. Additionally, your rhetorical questions could be more strategically placed to create maximum impact. Your counterargument paragraph acknowledges opposing views, which is effective, but you could develop this further by addressing specific economic concerns with library-based solutions. Also, consider reorganising your points to build towards your strongest arguments rather than presenting them randomly. The formal letter format needs refinement, particularly in the opening and closing sections. With these adjustments, your passionate defence of the library would become a more compelling case for its preservation.

Overall Score: 41/50

Section 2:

101 Queens Street 221B

Baker's Street

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Dear Councillor,

~~It~~ [It is] with a dire urge from sorrow and despair in my heart that I say that our library made of wisdom, our library made of thoughts and dreams, our library made of the hearts and souls of thousands who shared their ideas, ~~will~~ [must] not be replaced by a shopping mall made purely for the temporary amusement of others.

#1 The library is not another boring building, it is a community of people who yearn to learn and explore the deepest depths ~~of the of the~~ [of the] most interesting stories. The demolition of this shrine would not only destroy a building but crack a society several generations tried to protect. The burning flames that we have lit long ago shall fade away forgotten if nothing is to be done. Future generations shall never experience the ~~phenome~~ [phenomenon] of absorbing the knowledge that others have bestowed ~~to~~ [upon] us. Do you want our kids, ~~grand kids~~ [grandkids], great grandkids all to never have the chance to engage in a book? How can we call ourselves ~~intelligent~~ [an intelligent] species when we can't even maintain our source of intelligence?

#2 I, like many, am a victim of the library's nurturing care and I, like many, am glad I stumbled upon this sanctuary of imagination. As many agree, the tales you read are the stories you live. The many people who I've shared lives with, are now my best friends. The library gives us friends that I couldn't even imagine. Friends that sacrifice to help you. These sacred shelves do more than what people give them credit for. I'm sure there are many others like me who would die to preserve this ancient treasure.

~~for~~ [For] those who choose to shatter this album of gold, I understand where your reasoning comes from. I see how our current world is. I see how this could give people jobs and balance the overall state of the suburb. But our suburb has plenty of other spaces to place this mall. I see no reason to destroy a building, which has entire communities, pre-existing jobs ~~(and hiring)~~ [and hiring opportunities] and has ~~important~~ [an important] role to play in the history of our suburb.

#3 Our library is not just a dull lifeless pile of glued bricks. ~~Its~~ [It's] a flourishing network of connection that ~~bond~~ [bonds] us all. A portal that takes us into another life. An important part of our history in this small suburb. Our library is where many call home.

I hope that I have made an impact on your choice.

Sincerely,

Ayush Ayan