

Section 1

#1: "My first reason is for the kids to have limited reading options. Do you not think that some random kid could actually be depressed by not being able to read their favourite Spiderman comics? Well if not, you're probably wrong, because there are a number of children who probably do. In fact, I know a friend that held a street interview, and 87% of children in the neighbourhood, Slim Shady, think that this will decrease their self esteem and reading capabilities."

Strengths:

- You effectively appeal to emotion by considering the impact on children
- You attempt to include supporting evidence with the survey results

Weaknesses: Vague argument → Your main point about limited reading options needs clearer development. The connection between reading comics and depression seems exaggerated without proper explanation. The survey mentioned lacks credibility without more details about how it was conducted.

"My first concern is that removing our local library will severely limit children's access to books. According to a recent neighbourhood survey, 87% of children in Slim Shady regularly use the library for both educational materials and leisure reading like comics. Restricting this access would negatively impact their literacy development and love of reading."

#2: "Secondly, you're basically asking for traffic. I do not think you are remembering, but the current library is placed in the centre of the suburb. But even if that is not enough, there is a shopping mall right next to it. There is a massive solution to removing the library, which is in fact, so obvious I do not think anyone has thought about it. The solution is to make the parking lot underground."

Strengths:

- You offer a practical alternative solution (underground parking)
- You consider the geographical context of the library's location

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped reasoning → Your traffic argument needs more explanation about why a parking lot would increase traffic compared to the library. You jump to a solution without fully establishing the problem. The tone becomes slightly disrespectful with phrases like "I do not think you are remembering" and "so obvious I do not think anyone has thought about it."

"The library's central location next to the shopping mall means replacing it with a parking lot would significantly increase traffic congestion in our already busy suburb centre. If additional parking is truly needed, I respectfully suggest exploring underground parking options that would preserve the library while addressing parking concerns."

#3: "Last, but never say it is least, protests. A major downside to this operation. Now even if you do not listen to me, there will still be parents going knock knock at your door to have a little chat. It is like saying 'Hey guys! I'm suing the whole population of this neighbourhood!' A little bit of, knock knock."

Strengths:

- You attempt to highlight potential community response
- You use a conversational tone that shows passion

Weaknesses: Inappropriate tone → Your writing becomes unnecessarily confrontational and uses vague threats rather than logical persuasion. Phrases like "parents going knock knock at your door" and comparisons to suing the population come across as hostile rather than persuasive. This weakens your argument by focusing on conflict rather than collaborative problem-solving.

"Finally, I must emphasise that the library demolition will likely face significant community opposition. Many parents and community members have already expressed their concerns about losing this valuable resource. Working together with residents to find an alternative solution would build goodwill and demonstrate the council's commitment to community needs."

■ Your persuasive letter shows good passion for your cause, but needs stronger organisation and more respectful tone to be truly effective. Your introduction clearly states your position, but your three main points need more development with specific examples of how the library benefits the community. For instance, you could mention specific library programs that help children or elderly residents. Your tone sometimes becomes too casual or confrontational, which may make the councillor less receptive to your message. Try using more formal language while still showing your concern. Also, your conclusion could be stronger by summarising your main points and making a clear call to action. You might ask for a specific outcome, such as holding a community meeting to discuss alternatives. Your alternative suggestion of underground parking is good, but you could expand on this or offer other possibilities.

Score: 41/50

Section 2

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Dear Councillor McLean,

I am sincerely writing to you because I am finding a struggle in being in favour of the demolition of our local town library with a parking lot as replacement. I have three points why you should not do this;

1. It will cause lots of trouble for children to find books and learn, ~~from~~ [as] the next closest ~~one is~~ [library is located] kilometres away
2. The parking ~~lots~~ [lot] will cause lots of traffic nearby in the urbanised areas
3. It may also ~~confine~~ [inspire] many protests, or direct hate to the council

I am sure none of these are in your fond areas. So together, we should stop it!

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#2 Secondly, you're basically asking for traffic. I do not think you are remembering, but the current library is placed in the centre of the suburb. But even if that is not enough, there is a shopping mall right next to it. There is a massive solution to removing the library, which is in fact, so obvious I do not think anyone has thought about it. The solution is to make the parking lot underground. All of the other nearby malls don't just get rid of kid's favourite libraries, do they? I hope not. You could simply do this, and thus everything else will be solved.

#3 Last, but never say it is least, protests. A major downside to this operation. Now even if you do not listen to me, there will still be parents going knock knock at your door to have a little chat. It is like saying 'Hey guys! I'm suing the whole population of this neighbourhood!' A little bit of, knock knock. Now, as a citizen of your town, I do not want people to come to hate you. I really do not. But if you are going to demolish a favoured place by all children, it's like you are asking for it.

Thank you for reading my ~~email~~ [letter]. I am sure ~~to you that~~ [that] you are not fond of hate, (nobody is), traffic caused hugely in the area, and a lot of unhappy children. As I said, you do not have to do this monstrosity of a thing. It is your choice, not the public's.

Yours sincerely, Ayaan Talwar