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Dear Councillor Smith,

I am writing to you on behalf of the committee of young minds at Sharolland Public School, who know that the Sharolland Community Library must not be closed, not even under the strictest circumstances. What are you going to change our glorious library into? A dusty old shopping centre that no one will use at all.

Firstly, children love hanging around the library after school while waiting for their parents to pick them up. Imagine changing the retreat into a shopping centre that parents will not want their children to stay in, for shopping centres have a terrible reputation with teenagers.

Secondly, a library is a learning opportunity for children elderly and everyone in between. Children can read about an upcoming test, and the elderly can exercise their minds with puzzles, riddles and learn how to use technology. The library has story time for toddlers and young children to familiarise them with good literature. You name a book, the library has it.

Thirdly, if you put a shopping centre right next to a school, do not expect the traffic will flow smoothly. The school drop off will be clogged. The school pickup will be clogged. The pathways will be clogged. A calm, quiet area will have turned into an ongoing battle for a park. Would you do that to innocent children?

Finally, it would be horrible for small, local businesses being overshadowed by the ugly, looming, eyesore grey, concrete blob. What if those stores are the only way the owners get money? They would get stranded when their regular customers would pass without even a glance. They would prefer libraries any day.

You, Councillor Smith, are the hope. You, Councillor Smith, are the saviour. You, Councillor Smith, are the change we all urgently need. You are the only one who can stop the unspeakable horrors happening to the community. Be the change.

 Yours sincerely,

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