

Section 1:

#1 Strengths: Your opening paragraph clearly states your purpose and uses an emotional appeal with the question "Would you want this paradise for readers gone forever?"

Weaknesses: Lack of specificity → Your opening doesn't mention which specific library is being demolished or provide enough context about the situation. The reader might be confused about which library you're referring to.

Exemplar: ***I am writing to express my deep concern about the planned demolition of Riverside Library on Main Street, which has been educating many disadvantaged people in our community for over 20 years.***

#2 Strengths: You provide personal connection by explaining how you use the library and why it matters to your education with the HSC approaching.

Weaknesses: Limited evidence → Your argument about business owners being "greedy" isn't supported with facts. The contrast between the library and shopping complex needs more development.

Exemplar: ***Our library serves over 200 students daily who, like me, rely on its quiet study spaces and resources. A shopping complex would benefit few while taking away an essential educational resource that serves our entire community.***

#3 Strengths: You challenge the economic argument that opponents might make, showing you've considered different perspectives.

Weaknesses: Underdeveloped reasoning → Your claim that shopping complexes "just give more job opportunities" but "will not help if you do not know how to do the job" needs more explanation and examples.

Exemplar: ***While a shopping complex might create temporary retail positions, our library creates lasting opportunity by helping people gain qualifications for higher-paying careers through free courses, computer access, and educational materials.***

■ Your persuasive letter shows good passion for your cause, but needs stronger evidence and more specific details. You've made a good start by mentioning environmental concerns and challenging the economic argument, but your claims need more support. Try to include more specific facts about your library's services, how many people use it, and what specific programs would be lost. Also, your tone sometimes becomes too informal or accusatory, which might make the mayor defensive rather than sympathetic. You could improve your letter by suggesting alternatives, such as renovating the existing library or including a small library within the new development. Additionally, consider addressing what might happen to library staff and regular

visitors if this community space disappears. Your conclusion could be stronger by clearly restating what action you want the mayor to take.

Score: 38/50

Section 2:

324 Tony Avenue

14/4/25

Dear Mayor,

#1 I am writing to inform you about the old library. It has been educating many poor people who wanted a chance to study. This has surely changed many people's lives. Would you want this paradise for readers gone forever?

Our library, built in 1999 is old but well preserved. ~~Why would you want to knock the library down and replace it with a shopping complex where greedy business owners earn profit.~~ [Why would you want to knock down the library and replace it with a shopping complex where business owners earn profit?] I personally use the library 3 hours a day. The HSC is in about half a year and I desperately need the library for further studying. I really do not support the idea of the new shopping mall. I hope you can abandon this operation.

Furthermore, the books go to waste. They will probably go to landfill, where it takes years to decompose things. Paper is also very scarce at the moment. What's more, the library just got new books when you declared the demolition. On your campaign, you claimed that you were going to be eco friendly and protect the environment. ~~Hopefully, you will stop building the money making machine.~~ [Hopefully, you will reconsider building this shopping complex that prioritises profit over community needs.]

#3 Some people against us say that economy will improve. This looks true, but is actually not. Shopping complexes just give more job opportunities. This will not help if you do not know how to do the job. ~~Libraries give people knowledge through books, and will naturally generate many smart people.~~ [Libraries give people knowledge through books, helping them develop skills that lead to better employment opportunities and stronger communities.]

#2 Sincerely,

A desperate student