

Section 1:

#1 Strengths: Your opening paragraph effectively establishes your connection to the library and explains why this issue matters to you personally. You create vivid imagery with phrases like "hallowed walls."

Weaknesses: Emotional exaggeration → Your language becomes overly dramatic with phrases like "visceral tremors of revulsion through our community's collective consciousness" and "irreversible cultural atrocity." This undermines your credibility and may cause the councillor to dismiss your concerns.

Exemplar: ***I urge you to reconsider this decision that would remove a vital educational resource from our community, one that has supported countless students like myself through their academic journeys.***

#2 Strengths: You attempt to address a counterargument about the car park, which shows you understand both sides of the issue. You try to include some evidence to support your position.

Weaknesses: Unsupported claims → Your statements about "statistics" and "research" lack specific sources or details. Claims like "a million words worth of knowledge" and "for 500 years has bestowed knowledge" seem exaggerated without proper evidence to back them up.

Exemplar: ***While I understand the need for additional parking, our library serves over 200 community members daily, offering resources that aren't available elsewhere in our town.***

#3 Strengths: Your conclusion effectively restates your main concern and poses a thoughtful question about values. You end with a clear statement about the library's importance to the community.

Weaknesses: Hyperbolic language → Phrases like "children would weep tears of sadness every day of their lives" and "the worst councillor in the world" are unrealistic exaggerations that damage your argument's credibility rather than strengthen it.

Exemplar: ***I respectfully ask you to consider the educational and cultural impact of this decision on our community before proceeding with the demolition plan.***

■ Your persuasive letter shows passion for saving the library, but your message gets lost in overly dramatic language. Try using a more respectful, measured tone throughout. Councillor Thompson will likely respond better to clear, reasonable arguments rather than emotional attacks. You could strengthen your letter by focusing on specific community benefits the library provides. Also, when mentioning facts or statistics, make sure they sound realistic and believable. Additionally, consider suggesting alternatives to demolition that might solve the parking problem while preserving the library. Your letter would be more persuasive if you

acknowledged the councillor's perspective while firmly but politely presenting your own. Remember to keep your language respectful even when you strongly disagree with a decision.

Score: 41/50

Section 2:

Dear Councillor Thompson,

I write to you with deep concern regarding the council's proposal to demolish our beloved community library. As a student whose intellectual growth has been nurtured within its walls, I hope you can understand the profound impact this decision would have on our community. #1 In those hallowed walls lies the spirit of our community's hearts. Destroying this historically significant and essential structure destroys the life of our town. ~~A crestfallen town, melancholic and desolate, all because of your ill-considered idea — do you really want that on your reputation?~~ [Our town would lose an important part of its identity - something I hope you would not want to be responsible for.] The mere thought of those shelves - laden with humanity's greatest thoughts - being reduced to splintered debris sends visceral tremors of revulsion through our community's collective consciousness. I implore you, with every fibre of my academic being, please reconsider this catastrophic decision before an irreversible cultural atrocity is committed.

~~The destruction of our library would not only inflict a wound, but a gaping, festering laceration in our community's soul — one that would suppurate regret for generations.~~ [The loss of our library would cause lasting damage to our community that would be felt for generations.] Each beloved tome wrenched from its rightful place would be akin to severing an artery in our collective body of knowledge, leaving us haemorrhaging cultural memory and intellectual potential. ~~Can you not even imagine the agony of viewing bulldozers and wrecking balls just striking on the wood of our library without even contemplating your choices?~~ [Can you imagine how distressing it would be to see bulldozers demolishing our library?] The cacophonous symphony of destruction would reverberate through our neighbourhood, drowning out the whispered wisdom that the library had previously shared. ~~Is this the legacy of cultural desecration that you want to pass on to your sons and daughters?~~ [Is this the legacy you wish to leave for future generations?]

#2 While I understand the council's position that a new car park would address ongoing parking challenges in our area, I believe the library's educational value far outweighs this benefit. This historic building has housed knowledge for generations and continues to support our community's educational needs. ~~Statistics show that this structure holds over a million words worth of knowledge, and for 500 years has bestowed knowledge upon individuals.~~ [Our library contains thousands of valuable books and has served our community for many years.] ~~Research also indicates a huge causation between successful people who work for an~~

~~English-based company and people who studied at our library.~~ [Many successful members of our community have benefited from the resources our library provides.] ~~If the library gets demolished, it would affect millions of people, and this demolition is more significant than a new parking lot.~~ [The demolition of our library would affect many people in our community, and I believe this impact outweighs the benefits of a new car park.] #3 ~~Children would weep tears of sadness every day of their lives while you would be reputed as the worst councillor in the world.~~ [Many children in our community would lose a valuable educational resource, which could reflect poorly on the council's commitment to education.] ~~What would the community become as your cruelty overcomes our justice and vehemence?~~ [How would this decision affect our community's view of the council's priorities?] ~~It would become a melancholic town, full of cries and horror, with not even a cent of joy.~~ [It would create disappointment and frustration within our community.] Is this what you really want in your conscience?

I urge you to reconsider this proposal that would leave our community without its most valuable resource. Have we truly reached a point where convenience matters more than knowledge? Our library has been the foundation of learning in our community for generations, cultivating intellect and wisdom in countless residents.

Yours in profound concern, Saathvik Kapavarapu