Dear Council Members,

This is not acceptable. You are choosing to destroy and obliterate, our dear library to construct what? Another meaningless, soulless, economic dumpster for shops to generate INCOME. By choosing to demolish our historic library, you are erasing a lifeline for students, families, and countless others who depend on it. You are choosing to erase a space that has enriched minds, powered students and built our striving community.

When the dust settles and the shopping complex stands in its place, it will not be the developers or the corporations who bear the blame—it will be you. You will be remembered as the council that turned its back on education, culture, and the very people you were elected to serve. The loss of this library will be your legacy, and the community will not forget who made this choice. You are the ones that widened the gap between the poor and the rich. You are the ones that adds to the environmental pollution. You are the ones that burn down our community’s history and culture. Is this truly the legacy you wish to leave behind?

Many students, especially those who come from underprovided backgrounds are at risk. By destroying the library, you are not only boycotting the library from the rich and wealthy but from the poor too! You are only widening the gap and abuse the poor and needy. How would you feel, if your only refuge was a library that housed your sanctuary, only for it now to be destroyed in the makings of a new shopping complex that you do not have the money for? Well, you don’t need to. They **will** go through such trauma. Such individuals already had such problems without you adding more! Is this really the outcome the ‘council’ wants?

Tearing down the library to build a commercial complex would contribute to pollution, carbon gas, loss of green parks and spaces and would only increase the greenhouse effect even further. Nobody wants a community with bustling townspeople, cars dotting the streets and skyscrapers to the sky. Nobody wants a colourless city. Is this still what the ‘council’ wants?

The library is not just a building; it holds historical significance and serves as a cultural hub of the community. Its demolition would erase a space that has fostered generations of learners, readers, and thinkers, diminishing the town’s identity and heritage. Without the protection and knowledge of our library, how will our community thrive? The Winston Library in Winston reported that 95% of students studying at their library gets 25% higher grades than students that don’t. Is this perceived destruction really still what our ‘council’ wants?

If you think that demolishing the library will peak economic growth and more jobs, your correct. But, while economic development seems like the goal, a commercial shopping centre is a band-aid approach for short-term gains. This sale fails to prioritize what will be beneficial in education, literacy, and quality-of-life enhancement over many years. Storefronts are easier to come by than educated people—an educated citizenry benefits a stable economy far more than tangible storefronts. The library is an investment in the next step of knowledge, new projects down the line, career growth, and citizenship involvement. Even billionaires realize at some point that their success has come from public libraries when they were young, and some Nobel Peace Prize winners and Fortune 500 CEOs don't forget their roots.

The decision to demolish our beloved library is not just a loss of a building—it is a loss of opportunity, equity, and community spirit. It is a sanctuary for learning, a bridge for the underprivileged, and a cornerstone of our shared history. By choosing to replace it with a commercial complex, you risk alienating the very people you were elected to 'serve'. Now, finally do you see the problem in our eyes? Or do you still think that this is what our community needs?