Writing Feedback

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Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph): Strengths: Your use of rhetorical questions effectively challenges the reader. The emotive language ("incomparable library," "invaluable") creates a strong emotional appeal. Weakness: Inconsistent tone → The formal tone wavers with phrases like "payloads of knowledge" which sounds misused and diminishes the persuasive impact. The paragraph contains several expressions that don't quite fit the formal context you're aiming for. Exemplar: Our library represents an irreplaceable repository of knowledge, and its destruction would mean the loss of countless historical treasures. Would you truly sacrifice our shared heritage for yet another commercial enterprise?

#2 (Second paragraph): Strengths: Your vivid physical descriptions create powerful imagery. The use of personification for the machines adds emotional weight. Weakness: Overuse of dramatic language → The excessive use of emotive words like "malefic," "malignity," and "sinister" sounds forced and undermines credibility. The imagery, while vivid, becomes melodramatic with phrases like "mechanical monsters." Exemplar: Imagine the distressing scene as demolition equipment tears through our beloved library. The ground will tremble as centuries of knowledge and community history are reduced to rubble, leaving our citizens to witness the destruction of their cultural heritage.

#3 (Third paragraph): Strengths: Your concluding appeal effectively summarises the community's position. The direct address creates a personal connection. Weakness: Underdeveloped argument → The final paragraph lacks specific details about what action you want the councillor to take. It ends rather abruptly without a compelling call to action or alternative solutions. Exemplar: *I urge you to reconsider the demolition plans and instead support our proposal to renovate and modernise the existing library structure.* Our community stands ready to collaborate with the council on finding a solution that preserves our heritage while meeting contemporary needs.

Your letter demonstrates good understanding of persuasive techniques, particularly with rhetorical questions and emotive language. However, the persuasive impact could be strengthened by maintaining consistent formality and developing your arguments with more specific details.

■ The letter would benefit from clearer structure with distinct sections for introduction, main arguments, and conclusion. Additionally, while your emotional appeals are strong, balancing them with factual evidence would make your case more compelling. Consider including specific examples of the library's historical significance or community impact. Also, providing a practical alternative to demolition would strengthen your position rather than simply opposing the current plan. Your writing shows potential but needs refinement in terms of tone consistency and argument development.

Overall Score: 40/50

Section 2:

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Dear Counceller [Councillor] Huang,

#1 The knowledge held in our incomparable library is invaluable and destroying this library is also destroying payloads [vast amounts] of knowledge. Not only does the guardian of knowledge protect knowledge but also holds intricate books of our history, what will replace our historic library? A soulless shopping complex devoid of intellectual nourishment. Would you really mitigate [sacrifice] history for yet another dire shopping mall? This beacon of life produces the most profound minds in our country, and it also produced your mind. The threat of losing this monumental player in this community lingers eerily throughout the town, sending chills down the back of our spines.

#2 I just have to urge you to think of our superb library getting demolished by malefie [destructive] machines. You will feel the tremors in the ground as those electric monsters will crunch that sublime library to pieces. The very air shivers as knowledge and history are torn to shreds. Those mechanical monsters will cast an aura of malignity [devastation] around you, wherever you go you will be met by faces of despair. So just think, do you

want to do this sinister [dreadful] deed? It's our library that has nurtured our minds, it's our library that preserved our history, it's our library that deserves protection.

#3 I hope that among that mindset to demolish our beloved library you may choose to spare that innocent library. Me [I] and my community hope for the best so please don't let us down.

Kind regards,

The community