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Dear Mr Tuckley

At the public meeting of the Erith Town Forum on 24th September much concern was expressed about the dangerous state of the old Erith Swimming Baths. We were previously told that this building would be taken down before Christmas but now I understand from Cllr. Waters that it is likely to be January 2009.

Members of the public attending the meeting expressed worries that people were continually getting on to the site and more damage or serious accidents could happen there. There was also a suggestion that some dubious trading might be going on there. It is now in such a vandalised state that it totally spoils a riverfront that has been much improved over recent years. I understand cost to the Council is not a problem since English Partnerships have agreed to fund this work.

Also at a previous meeting of the Forum, a resident raised the question of the need to notify neighbours of the arrangements and working practices to be adopted during the demolition process. I understand from Cllr. Waters that such notification will go out in good time for residents to make any comments if necessary.

I was asked to write and inform you about the concerns we have about this building and to seek assurance that this matter will be dealt with as quickly as possible and I look forward to hearing from you.

Just on a more positive note we are very pleased to hear that work is progressing on the restoration of the mural.

Yours sincerely

Doreen Ives