

OFFICIAL STATEMENT: NEW POOL AND OPPORTUNITIES

As most of our members will be aware by now that a new pool facility for the Commonwealth Games in 2022 is to be built in Smethwick, Sandwell. As a result of this, our current facilities at Langley will no longer exist for swimming. We will therefore move into the new pool following the games as our new home.

Our neighbouring clubs at Warley and Haden Hill will also need to share the facilities on offer, and it will be inconceivable and illogical for any one of us to act independently to secure the best deal in terms of pool time and reasonable pool hire charges.

Myself, Alison, Kevin and Keith are heavily involved with the newly set up Sandwell Aquatics Group, the members of which have and will continue to hold regular meetings. The main drive of it being how we can best work together to the mutual benefit of all members within each club and to continue to provide and develop swimming for our members.

The best, and we believe, the only practical way forward is closer working together with the great likelihood that we will amalgamate into one great club. The precedent has been set elsewhere in the country, with high levels of success, and there is no good reason why we would not do likewise.

As mentioned in the parents meetings held last month, we have already begun asking league officials how best to go about entering as one team between three clubs, we along with Warley and Haden Hill believe the earlier we can start to work together, the better and easier the transition into one club will be.

On behalf of Oldbury Swimming Club, I invite you all to be a part of this amazing opportunity and for us to continue our fantastic progress from where we are now, to the super club we will be in the future. Our ambition is to become a Midlands Centre of Excellence. There is no reason not to achieve this, with your help and support.

Raj, Alison, Kevin, Keith

Head Coach/Vice Chair/Chairman/ Secretary: on behalf of the committee

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