

Dear

On behalf of Huntingdon Piranhas Swimming Club I would like to register my protest at the increase in price for the Block Booking of the pool (from 1st January 2010) from its current rate of £55.00 per hour to £60.00 per hour - an increase of 10%.

Not only is this increment much greater than that of the current rate of inflation, it is going to mean that the club are penalised for pursuing their goal of providing a competitive environment for swimmers in the area. Your own mission statement says "We aim to provide a progressive, quality and value for money service encouraging continued and frequent use by the community".

As a member of the community I believe that the increase will mean that the club is discouraged and will probably have to lower its use in future to survive. Neither is an option that is favourable to a competitive swimming club where we should instead be looking for an increase in pool times to help develop our swimmers.

It has been noticed that the prices for the general public will remain the same – provided they sign up for a one leisure card. Could not the same be applied to the swimming club who are, after all, one of the pools largest clients providing them with a large part of their income – or at least a reduced rate of increase to ease the burden that will inevitably have to be passed on to the individual?

The club has represented Huntingdon for 70 years now and in that time has grown to become a competitive Development club. I urge you to consider this appeal and reconsider the huge increase.

Yours sincerely