

## **RIPON – SINK OR SWIM?**

### **DID YOU KNOW:**

That Harrogate Borough Council is planning to:

- § demolish the Ripon Spa Baths;
- § sell the site for "luxury" housing;
- § provide a new pool with *fewer* facilities and;
- § build on the children's playing fields at Camp Close?

### **DID YOU KNOW that HBC are:**

- § implementing new legislation in October 2008 to curb 'greedy' developers;
- § rushing these plans through to avoid being caught by their very own rules;
- § failing to comply with a legal obligation to ensure that the Spa Baths has a continuing use as a community asset.

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[www.SaveOurSpa.co.uk](http://www.SaveOurSpa.co.uk)

## **PETITION**

### **SIGN HERE**

With your help we can stop this plan and buy enough time to apply some vision and imagination to the future of our city.

Under the current proposals:

We will lose the Health Suite facilities in the Spa Baths. The new pool will not be deep enough to be used by sub-aqua divers or for water polo. It will be too small for competitions. Jobs may well be lost.

HBC will over-ride the covenant under which the playing fields were given to the city without consideration being given to other sites.

The Spa Baths will become a 'Wild West' façade and the public will lose access to what is left of the building. There will be added traffic to the already congested Firby Lane.

Ripon must attract visitors to thrive. A new pool-based sports facility would bring new visitors and revenue. Building a new pool provides an opportunity to give the Spa Baths a new lease of life in the community. The possibilities are numerous – community hall, arts centre, theatre, indoor market, health facility....

By signing this petition you will help win time to find funding for an adequate water sports centre on a better site. You will also help to keep the Spa Baths as an asset and attraction to Ripon.