

Dear Councillor

I am deeply concerned by the news that Maldon District Council have issued Maldon Yacht Club with an eviction notice.

This club has been part of this riverside town for 70 years and over 40 of these have been spent in the present location. It has seen generations of people learning to sail in safe waters and continues to do so. By closing down a sporting facility the Council are surely going against Government directives on health and activity? Obesity is costing the country huge sums of money and will continue to do so and yet MDC want to prevent local people from enjoying a very healthy and life-enhancing sport. Maldon Yacht Club has members still sailing well into their 80s as well as many young people and is a unique facility that should be treasured.

Any plan to increase revenue from the Prom must be very carefully considered and I do not believe that this has been the case here. Originally MYC was issued with a 6 months' notice, now with a possible extension of an extra year. A tenant of over 40 years surely deserves more consideration than this and I believe the Council have acted in a shameful manner. They do not seem to have any firm plans themselves apart from beach huts, a toilet block, possible yet another café, as if the Prom needs any of this. They have no planning permission and no finance in place for what will be a hugely expensive, and in my opinion short-lived plan for the area.

I believe public opinion is very firmly against this scheme as can clearly be seen by social media sites and I would urge you to consider this fact very carefully.

I would like the Council to reconsider their initial eviction notice and withdraw it and I hope I can count on your support in this matter.

yours sincerely,