

# MAYOR OF LONDON

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Dear Sem,

Thank you for the petition presented at the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 6 July regarding the use of the London Aquatics Centre (LAC) for regional swimming competitions. Specifically, the petition has asked for me and the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) (which owns but does not operate the venue), to use our powers to require the current operator (Greenwich Leisure Limited), to 'review how discounts are applied for hire of the pool for swimming competition and implement a scheme that allows London Regional Championships to take place at the LAC'.

Having consulted with LLDC officers, I am informed that the petition is not reflective of the current status of discussions between Swim England London (the regional association) and Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL), which is that all training and event requests between the regional association and GLL to 29 February 2024 have been agreed between the parties with no ongoing dispute.

To give Swim England London assurance on this agreement and comfort on their ability to access the venue, LLDC entered into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with GLL and Swim England London. Swim England's London Board discussed and approved the SLA at its meeting on 6 June. LLDC has also committed to ensuring all levels of swimming, from learn to swim programmes, community and club use, disability sessions, swim pathways, regional, national and international participation continue to be protected in a new operating contract for the LAC, which is being tendered, and have made all bidding parties aware of the current SLA with Swim England London.

GLL has worked with Swim England London to facilitate training and events throughout each year since the LAC opened to the public in 2014, and this is a strong relationship that LLDC wants to maintain.

I hope this demonstrates that LLDC and I are committed to ensuring that the LAC's programming meets the needs of multiple stakeholders, from schools, local community groups and casual swimmers in addition to regional, national and international events.

Yours sincerely,



**Sadiq Khan**  
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