

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Individual comments provided as part of the online survey during the public consultation on the draft family Hub Strategy and Early Years Nurseries – September 2023

Please note some comments have been redacted for Legal reasons.

Comments regarding attendance (or not) at children's centres and activities available.

These services are essential to enable parents to work
They had only just opened when my son was born so I did not know about them
my partner has used the service with our child but I haven't
My Child is already on waitlist, rather than expanding the capacity council is trying to shut it down. that will make life of parents like me even more difficult.
My children were used to go to child minders instead of nurseries. So I didn't really needed to attend children centres.
Promote services on social media
Kids Social services were no help at all thank goodness my oldest has been passed to adult team who are proving much more helpful
Right activities for child
We recently came to UK from India.
No information on this is available
I didn't know and wasn't told of the services available
The plan was to send granddaughter to Uxbridge Nursery twice weekly. You put the cost up

Resident comments relating to the concept of Family Hubs.

parents want a centre that is accessible for them. A lot of them don't have the means/ money to travel by bus or car so its not ideal for them. Also, a number of our families suffer with social anxiety and want a smaller, comforting place where they can come for a session. A family hub will throw them off and may be intimidating for them to come to, IF they can afford to travel to and back from there.
None of this is a new idea. Why were these services slashed under the Conservative government and local council?
There indeed need to be family/children support centres in local towns
I agree with all the above, however for those who are siloed and have difficulty accessing physical services, a singly digital front door to access Family Hubs services should be in place as advised by the DFE
Nestles Avenue Children Centre does a fabulous job in Teaching and Looking after the Children. They also have excellent staff, who are knowledgeable, experienced, patient and kind.
Fantastic having services under one roof which allows better engagement into support readily available (which sometimes is not known about).
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Careful consideration must be given to the appropriateness of the spaces used and the sensitivities for each service in being co located.
Its very important that young families have local support of professionals especially with all of the building in uxbridge of new homes for example St Andrews development we need the infrastructure to support all of the families and school, Nursery!

The support I found at the children's centre carried me through my post party period - it was invaluable. Now I am pregnant with number 2, the fact I can access a midwifery team nearby is brilliant.

For people like me, who don't have a car it is very imp to have these services within walking distance. Taking public transport everytime turns out to be very costly thus finally impacting the child's development as it's hard to afford the rising transport cost.

The answer to Q6 should not be at the expense /closure of specialist centres already in existence

Early Years and older children should be kept separate. I can see a benefit in continuity of care/support but how is this realistically achievable and it's not reflective of the school system to have all the resources served out of the same hub. Parents of younger children need safe spaces for their children to move freely within. Combining services takes that space away and confines it.

Fair

If it means removal of the 3 EYCs then I completely disagree

The hubs are so important for the families and kids . They should be in a walking distance

Parents like me have been sending our children to Early years centre and the level of support we receive cannot be matched by combining the services with other centres. It is a dedicated place to build a strong foundation of young minds and we hope we continue to have that space for future generations. P.S my newborn is on waiting list to join from January 2024.

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I found these centres very helpful and a place where I can take my toddler with other children and enjoy the classes either dancing, cooking or play. This helped my children to socialize and be more open to people specially they were born in pandemic when everything was closed.

Duplication of services.

All my children attended Uxbridge early year and it's a fantastic nursery.

Being a large Borough geographically, I am not sure that the proposed model can meet this.

Family hub services have been of fundamental importance for me during my breastfeeding journey, which was particularly difficult for me since my baby had a tongue tie and I needed extra support. Also, the early years classes have been wonderful for my little one, and for myself as a new mum. It has given me the opportunity to socialise with other mums at the same stage as me.

Family need all the support they can get

I believe that libraries are not suitable to be joint with Family Hubs, as libraries should remain independent community hubs in their own rights, providing spaces and services to all residents, including the ones that do not have children, the elderly or young adolescents. In addition a Family Hub might bring limitations to current library offers in favour for families with children. For example, at the moment, libraries offer independent safe spaces and activities for young adults away from school and other official agencies and I am concerned that many won't use these offers anymore, should libraries be linked to Family hubs. I have put this to my 16 year old daughter and she would not continue to use her local library if the proposal was to go ahead. Finally, I believe that including Family Hubs into libraries would probably mean a reduction in library spaces and subsequent offers. I do enjoy visiting libraries with my children and friends and have attended many events, my worry is that libraries simply won't have the space anymore to deliver their services to the public, which would be a huge loss. I understand that Family Hubs are important, but so are libraries, Hillingdon has an amazing Library service and it would be a loss to communities if the merger with Family Hubs would take place. Libraries are essential to local communities, providing access to information and resources,

supporting literacy and education, promoting lifelong learning, and serving as a community gathering space.

Don't want South Ruislip Children centre to close

Will not match what we already have. Only service within walking distance and only affordable childcare for working parents who do not qualify for free hours.

Yes- however some may find 30mins is far if via public transport.

Services for Children and families need to be within walking distance of those they serve to ensure that the most vulnerable and needy can access them. The poorest families often don't have a car.

i need more support with my baby

I believe that these Centers have the space that the kids need plus it's very convenient and local to those who live near the center. Barra hall park is such in a positive located middle in the park where there is lots of greenery. They also provide special services.

It would be very good idea to bring everything in one place close to ours home.

I agree, but South Ruislip early years centre should not be closed!

Long distance

Long distance

Supportive staff

A new change

Long distance

A new change

Long distance

Time taking

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Long distance

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I think how it's being run with young children and babies separate is great, I'm not sure if a family hub is the right way forward. I understand that you want to link everything in one place however I think every age and disability have different requirements. I also don't think you should get rid of the cowley centre. It is in a good location with parking and it has a garden. By closing this centre down there will be one less place for children and their parents to go as it's already hard enough getting a spot at the stay and play each week.

Travelling with a baby for 30 minutes would put me off attending children centre as currently I travel 10 minutes and that is hard with a newborn

These nurseries are much needed in the community! Please do not close our nurseries.

We use the childrens centre often and need somewhere walkable and close by

It makes sense to consolidate as many services as possible into a community hub, easily accessed by residents.

I would be lost without those services especially in the early years.

Should include fully qualified and experienced Health and Social Care professionals

Local children's centres provide a safe space for young mums to voice their concerns and get support immediately. The children's centres are breath of fresh air for their babies outside their homes (especially after Covid) where they can stay and play. Professional help is readily available and throughout the week in various centres at different times. This makes it easier for me to manage my time and journeys accordingly. I go to a few different centres within my area and I find all of them are very welcoming and my babies love spending their time and interacting with other kids and grownups. I do not agree with this

new proposal and hope the government finds other ways to cut down spending rather than taking away from little kids/children.

If services are close and easily accessible (especially for new mothers) then they are more likely to be used.

30mins walk could be more

Family hubs would not feel as personal , to fare to travel when you are trying to get young children out of the house on time . Cost of leaving paying for buses and parking not affordable, you can not create a one stop shop for all with people with such different need's mental health , people on restricted child visits you cant just put everything together and claim you are providing a service just because it's there but not user friendly or a comfortable and personal feeling environment it's to much under one roof

It's a shame it's not nearer as even that distance with a child with special needs is difficult as busts only take two buggies at a time

Given to support local residents that may need it who are.unable to use public transport or a car. Walking distance will be beneficial for them.

I have always used the local support services with my 2 children.

People should be able to access the services in less than 30 minute walks!

Uxbridge Hub Staff from music and movement shes excellent

Every child needs this

It is very good idea

I feel Hillingdon services are excellent in all aspects of the above and think there is more than enough in the local area

The Children centre is more than 30min walk

The Children Centres are a great part of community and I have used them over the last 12 years for all 3 of my children. The children centres are close to my own I can walk there.

Barra hall is a strong community place with a huge history

This is awful 0-5 years have completely different needs to 5-10 or 10-19

Children centre is very near to our house and children learn so many things , babies used to the teachers and environment

As the borough is over saturated, the children centres work well as there are not too many people trying to access services from one place at the same time.

Children's centers are extremely helpful and much needed especially to first time parents like myself and they have a wealth of information and support that can really improve childrens' and families health and wellbeing

Sometimes it's difficult to get transport, and it's hard to get the kids ready on time so don't want to waste a slot. Also, it's good to be close in case of an emergency.

I am the mother of twins. I feel that the excellent facilities in Coteford children's centre were a life saver for my mental health. I even made some life long friends through the children's centre and through the visiting health professional.

This has been woeful under for over 15 years.

We've found the Children's Centre extremly useful since my son got diagnosed with Leukaemia and then suffered a stroke. We are lucky we have a car to get him to the places he needs to go. Some people will not have that luxury.

It's important to have that support and guidance locally, especially during this financial climate with the cost of living

A family hub should not be built if that means closing existing children centers. Closing down children centers is a way to show that the council is saying money instead of spending on building new family centers.

You are going to reduce the services that are offered. Priority should be given to 0-5 as these are crucial ages. Have a separate one for 6-19. What lump them together? Is this to save costs? What's the impact on the residents who cannot access the services.

Harefield children centre is the best in this area all my children's love going over there and everybody it's friendly is so much space in children centre it's will be really bad idea to move centre to library. As disabled mum i don't will have inaff space to move around whit my aid and children's school around.

Children centres are vital for the community and it is outrageous to think that closing essential centres would benefit the community. Especially Barra Hall.

The service provided is not only fantastic it is easily accessible. If this service was moved further away it would make it harder for us to access the support we desperately need for our autistic son

Children Centre, library should be available for us

The proposed plan is good but it will be far away to travel to the new location either I will have to take the bus or drive which will cost more

I don't agree in family hubs. Sharing spaces in the community to deliver essential services such as breast feeding, baby clinic and staying and play is uncomfortable for new mums not to mention the lack of space and storage for resources. I think more need to invested into Childrens centres instead trying to close them down.

Completely agree as a lot of families now only have one car or no car and so you want to be able to get to things places as easy as possible as travelling with young ones isn't easy.

I love our current children centres, especially Harefield and Coteford and I don't want for them to be closed!!!

It would be nicer to have children centre only for children not older than 5 otherwise it will be too busy and crowded.

Having a number of centres instead of family hubs allow families to access services either, as opposed to having to find transport arrangements to attend family hubs.

Not all parents will have the means to travel to the 'hubs' which will isolate them to the services

It is too broad an age bracket. Pre-school groups should be in 1 setting, Primary in another, Secondary in another and for children with additional needs up to 25 Years should be at another. You can't cater for these broad spectrum of ages and needs in 1 venue. The journey should be only 20 mins from local resident homes. People will not make a 30 minute journey in todays busy lifestyles with juggling multiple children/caring roles (elderly family) and work commitments

The Harefield children's centre was a lifeline - within a 30 minute walk and friendly and helpful staff. Long may it continue to service the parents of harefield

Vital for the community, encourage's young mums at home to mix with others,vital for children's development

Harefield needs the children centre, itbis invaluable

Taking the children centres away remove mothers abilities to build a relationship with families closer to them making them feel more alone. If I had to travel up to 30 minutes to go to my children's centre, I would have suffered massively with post natal depression and would not have the close circle of mum friends that I have now. Our children have grown together and still support each other.

I usually try to walk everywhere so having this centre in Harefield is amazing. I would not attend if I had to drive somewhere.

I agree with family hubs. The help and support harefield children's centre have given me over the years has been invaluable and a real lifeline. I don't agree with closing the children's centre and offering a limited service in a library or community space under the heading of a family hub

Whilst the idea of the hub sounds great it would upset the balance of the children's centre at present with so many little ones attending sessions and groups the older children may change that dynamic as the centre itself is quite small

<p>This will be confusing and there won't be any 1 :1 person support as it will be scary mixing all walks of lives in one place</p>
<p>The children's centre was my life line and I've made long life friends and my child/ren will always have memories & friendships for life from the children's centre and the groups they ran.</p>
<p>The places proposed for these hubs are not suitable for all the uses proposed .</p>
<p>Need to be much closer to people. 30 mins is too far to walk there and back</p>
<p>Harefield Children's was essential when we were new</p>
<p>Barra Hall children centre is my favorite, as it is 20 min walk from my home and the ladies who works there are very helpful.</p>
<p>The proposed provision in the North of the Borough does not meet this requirement.</p>
<p>Hillingdon is a large borough I see you are looking at opening three hubs. I hope this is only initial because from Ickenham South Ruislip would be greater than 30 minute walk.</p>
<p>I agree that family hubs should be accessible but not at the detriment of the early years centre which play a key roll in our local childcare and offer a service above and beyond any other</p>
<p>family hubs should be accessible but not by removing or closing the early years centre</p>
<p>The closure of any of these services will be extremely detrimental to the community.</p>
<p>I absolutely agreed with your statement, its easier for them.</p>
<p>We need help with our sen kids without having to travel to far for advice sessions / respite , coffee mornings with other parents to get more of an insight</p>
<p>I think it should stay how it is 0-5 years</p>
<p>I have been in a Family Hub in Uxbridge and it was a negative experience. There were many children and parents in a small windowless room. I was finding it hard to breathe. After a few days my son got ill as there were many children with coughs and colds.</p>
<p>You need to have separate space for services do not close one to provide another</p>
<p>Yes I agree family hob .</p>
<p>Families often struggle because they don't have enough information having hub at closer distances will help families support themselves in many ways.</p>
<p>I prefer south ruislip children centre because it's near to my house (less than 30 minutes walking distance)</p>
<p>There are good services already, no need to change anything</p>
<p>As a new parent I wouldn't want such a big centre. I like to mix with other new parents to make friends and get local support. I like to walk to the local centre. I do drive but surely local is better to save unnecessary car journeys. Then parking snd getting babies in and out if a car is difficult. I probably won't bother getting babies weighed and seeing a health visitor if I have to travel. This will put more burden on the GP if I need advice. The Citefird centre feels safe as it is within a school grounds</p>
<p>Barra hall children centre has been so helpful to all first time mothers like me. The location is perfect as it is a walk through the park which makes the parks safer and more family orientated too.</p>
<p>The proposal in fact makes it harder for families to access services and takes away important areas already used by local communities. It seems like a cost saving exercise and parents and children instead lose out. Removing the Harefield service takes away local services.</p>
<p>Children's centers play massive role in providing support for families, reduce isolation, health and development support</p>
<p>It's important that families especially with the high sen levels and financial difficulties people are in are able to access support regardless to the child's age</p>
<p>The hubs should be within walking distance for families, but there should be separate centers for young children and adolescents. Or at least separate buildings/entrances within the same complex. The needs of young children and adolescents are very different.</p>

The care workers addressing the two groups will have different training. There will be fewer points for overlap.
Need support
It's an investment - if young children get a good start in life (and their parents get support) it will benefit their health, education and wellbeing in later childhood and when they grow up (and incidentally save money later on)
Walking with toddlers for 30 mins? Have you considered disability of the parents? How likely are they to walk 30 mins, or even drive (if they can)?
Should be closer to people
As a current user of the Children's centres, I hope that the services remain as they are without any changes to structure/location as they are absolutely brilliant and so useful the way they currently are. They've helped me so much in these first 10 months as a new parent. I visit three different centres a week and that variation helps give my week purpose and allows me to meet different sets of people & connect.
There won't be a dedicated safe space for families as there currently is in children's centre where families can go for support
Children centres are fantastic, people and service provided is great, the only down side is that I have to drive to get to one of them, there is not children centre on a walking distance to our home. unless family hubs are found to be well distributed around the county then yes I agree with the proposed change.
I don't drive so it has to be a reasonable walking distance
Like the idea of older children being able to attend same centre but worried it will be too far and too busy as people from all over will be attending I like children centre setup as not overwhelming for my child
I believe the services should be extended to all till the age of 21
More services are needed in the North of the borough. Since Hillside children's centre closed, it is very difficult to access children's centres without a car, and even then there is limited parking. My 4year old has mobility issues and I also have a 1year old so public transport is challenging especially as there are no direct routes. It would be great if there was a service more accessible to families living in Northwood and surrounding areas of Hillingdon.
Agree with this but I don't think we should be shutting down other valuable services to do this
With my 2 kids I have been always in contact with the Family hubs
Some families cannot walk for 30 minutes, therefore, may need some services that are closer
this services should be available in Uxbridge
Am not sure that the closure of Children's Centres will support keeping valued early years services local
Worried that it'll take away the need for baby support and groups
bring comunitie together, within walking distance
We need more child activities and engagement groups near Nestle Avenue, especially with many new apartments near Nestle Avenue in Hayes
I do not want Cowley Children Center to close as part of this plan, the centre is used by a range of diverse families which gives the opportunity to integrate and offer support and learn about different aspects of family life The staff are amazing and welcoming to all. It would be a shame to see cuts to this service as part of this plan.
I don't Drive so it needs to be convenient to my home.
important to have links within the local community including the schools. Support transitions between nursery/home and school.
1.5 miles or 30 mins is way to far for a mum with a buggy and toddler to walk, bus fares are expensive and not everyone drives.

I feel this would be a great idea
Without Charville or Barra Hall, children's centres would be too far away
The age range is too much
I agree but NOT without the EYC services
Is this not already in place within the Children's Centres that were set up sometime ago and successfully supporting local families within Hillingdon. Why not just expand them or is this a money saving exercise ?
I believe there needs to be a dedicated space such as children's centres for early years children as I do not feel comfortable taking a young child to a joint hub. I feel the services such as young children classes as different from older children's sessions so should no be joint, also having midwife services and support for young children has been great as they only focus on the support needed for young ages. The services provided for young children and older children are different and should be kept in different place.
Please remove the rule of 1 Family per week as there is no pint if a baby can not attend all sessions. At least make it 2 sessions per week.
Having things walking distance is my deal breaker when looking for activities with my infant. It's more convenient.
Quality of so many services in one space vs separate specialised services
The children centres give lots of support and more local than the hubs
These services are amazing considering there is not much follow up by the NHS for babies over 6 weeks
Agree
I agree with the principle, however not everyone is able to walk 30 minutes and whilst the distance of 1.5 miles is fine public transport links may not be suitable. E.g. travelling from Brookside Road to Botwell Lane requires changing of buses as no bus turns left into cold harbour lane.
I think services should stay as they are - Barra Hall is like a family hub anyway
If it means closing Mcmillan and barra hall then no
Always been recommended mcmillan, staff are lovely, my daughter loves it here and we do not want the centre to close
Community spaces must be available within 10-15 min walks reach, as otherwise people will stop using the childrens centres
This is very misleading, I read the printed version before completing and it sounds great but the council will close 5 centres in an area that really needs stand alone centres, I dont want to discuss my problems in a library this is a safe confidential space and I am so upset that the council are proposing this, putting residents first. REALLY?!
Fantastic idea
My local Children Centre's are brilliant
Don't close what we already have, just open closed down children's centres like Hillside
no I dont agree as family hub means closing 5 childrens centres in hayes, well worded but not silly!
30 minute walk is way too much specially for a parent with a young child which will mean less likelihood to attend
30 minute walk may be too long for some parents with their children
We are going to barahall park as it's near by and my kid is getting good education there
We had no support and Still don't. There is nothing suitable locally
if we were aware of this service we would use it, as a point of help and advice.
Close by services are required.
I like barra hall it has so many facilities under one roof, it would be shameful for the council to close it and mcmillan

I moved into the borough from a refuge with 4 young children under 8, without the support of the staff at Barra Hall children's centre and all the services, i would have had no support or somewhere to go with the children

Would be useful

Easy parking needed (kids bay)

this can be so helpful to families that can be struggling

It's important that the Family hubs would be accessible for everyone, in a walking distance, and information would be disseminated to the different age groups, too.

Family hubs can be made without the need of getting rid of children centres.

childrens centres should not be reduced they are extremely important network for families. I have used their support from the time my baby was born, i used breatsfeeding group, talking therapies when i had post natal depression. My daughter was helped with speech and language problems here, I found it crucial service for families and new mums. I was really hoping for more groups not less. This is extremely unfair and I pay my council tax

We love baby group

Amazing service

not if close my centre

This is a very good proposal as you can get support and help all in once place and build relationships with the staff there.

As long as the Children Centre does not close.

While I agree with a 30 minute walk in community spaces, I dont agree with reducing the number of children's centres in the community

Please keep South Ruislip children's centre as one of the hubs

This already happens!

I disagree if you close local children centres

we go work we need help

Some Children's Centres already work i this way. Having to many services in one area csn make it to busy and less comfortable for families.less opportunity to get a space for sessions. It will also mean travelling on public transport with young children. Adding additional cost where I can walk to the Centres now.

Either if you bring together or not, we want more sessions for the children. Also make every Saturday as Dad's Stay & Play.

The hub will open up my child to a wider range of educational development and also his social skills

Being a working parent, it would be good to have a centre with children's services near by.

Children's Centre's have been great to help to get children with social skills and motor skills etc

Having services and support locally available will help both parents and children learning and the community at large

Children's centre are a vital part of supporting children and families 0-5 years. Closing Coteford children centre will be such a shame due to no centres in Northwood hills. This is their closest site.

Local and accessible will help the disadvantaged families

Bringing services together will be positive in supporting families. South Ruislip children's centre should remain the hub, as it is easy for family's to get to and a lovely welcoming centre with an excellent children's rooms and outside area. The staff are knowledgable and supportive....they provide an amazing range of activities and have supported me in ideas for home learning.

THis distance and time would require a great deal of hubs across LBH. What difference would it make if it were a 40 minute walk? Would people still go?

The children's centres provide this support in a specialist environment, why would you change this to the corner of a library?
visited these centres right through pregnancy for midwifery services, breastfeeding advice and support at colham manor
Barra hall has been amazing, my daughter has developed lots since attending sessions there.
We find the centre at Barra Hall is the best one we have visited. The staff and facilities there have really helped my daughter in her confidence, social skills, speech and learning. My daughter loves the Barra Hall centre the most and she looks forward to going to her stay and play sessions every week. The staff are brilliant, engaging and supportive of the children's needs and I cannot recommend them and the work they do for the centre.
Agreed services should be available for all of these sections of society but our children and families need high quality nursery provision to work alongside families to support with childcare and to give professional advice
Over 11 children need activity to engage them daily during the school breaks
Is this in replacement of children centres?
It is a vital service
If these each had staff to cover everything mentioned it is highly unlikely that these hubs would be 1.5miles unless you had 30 locations with 20 staff in each probably
I believe a 30 minute walk is too far a distance to walk with a newborn or in winter etc. Centres should be accessible within a shorter distance otherwise they will not be accessible to all.
It is very important for children to be recognised & helped especially in early years. Having a child with special needs can be very isolating & the hubs can stop family crisis before it happens. We need more facilities like Family Hubs as there help saves the local government money by helping & assistance before families breakdown
Agree with this as long as the doesn't affect current services that the children centre offers
As long as the centre is a safe place for all users. In the libraries, lots of youngsters & make it noisy and nuisance for others. They use it as a hangout. Do not wish this to be the case if I bring my little one
the dedicated local centres are all equipped appropriately and are nice and welcoming places
In principle it sounds good, but by having services for such a wide age bracket we will lose the warmth and focus that the service offers for young children. The environment might be more sterile like an institution and I'm uncomfortable taking my young child to a place with teenagers and the people they attract.
This is good!
This is a good concept but only if properly staffed and funded.
I have found the services very useful, especially as they are near by and it makes it easy to get to with a young child.
Must be accessible to all including SEN & to those without a car.
Keeping Nestles Avenue Children's Centre open would be more convenient for those living next to Hayes and Harlington Station in terms of logistics and cost.
Early years children and their families have different needs versus older children. I don't see any benefit in uniting this service into one facility.
I no longer use children's centres as my children are 16 and 13 respectively, however I know that parents need more support and advice along the lines of mental health, healthy eating choices and oral care. I know this as I work in a school know and these are the questions that are asked on weekly basis. When my children were younger we did attend centres and these were a great source of advice.
It would be wonderful to be able to visit a place like this with my boys who are 5 yo and 8 yo

Mental health access and youth centres crucial to keeping youth off streets
I also think that the family Hub facilities should be open all year for staying and playibg outside the normal scheduled activities
These hubs need to have garden spaces. Mixing under 5's with teens is not always the best idea. Different services need different resources it's not a one size fits all.
They need to be local to families with parking facilities.
Libraries are totally inappropriate. Purpose built locations are necessary.
Issue is I don't want the Council nurseries closed
The needs of all children should be an important part the service the libraries should provide
Sounds like a useful service
These are fine but the worry is about the nurseries closing and not enough provision in the Borough
Hopefully the hun will make it easier for families to get the help that they need
We need appropriately trained staff. Not a dilutely social care worker.
I agree as long as adults, in particular the elderly do not feel left out or disadvantaged.
Positive structured being services together and working with children 0-19
One stop shop - easier for parents. Hopefully better care with multitude of experience. Place to play. Close to home
Services need to be accessible and inclusive for all. Services need to be flexible both inCore hours but also outside core hours so it meets the needs of families within the local borough.

Professional/Partners comments relating to the concept of Family Hubs.

The idea of integrating services for all ages seems unrealistic and it risks diluting the often very different needs of children and young people as they develop. A toddler is not homogenous with an adolescent, neither should the spaces be homogenous. It seems more about space saving and cost cutting than actually about helpful integration of services. If this is the case it should be stated more openly.
30 minutes is long for most people, especially with children.
Many families have school runs so time factor is important to fit in the day.
In principle these ideas have some validity however unless the services are going to be specifically designed to cover this wide range of need it is just a cost cutting exercise with no thought for the real needs of the community. What are you planning to do about combining all these services - are hubs going to be a rebuild? Are you maintaining staff expertise in those that run these centres ? What are your pans to monitor success for all groups.
Family hubs are an amazing support for all families in Hillingdon and it is so important to make sure that they are in reach for every family
Age brackets and needs are conflicting, I agree on providing advice and signposting to parents but how will you control access? So far, children centres have been so careful in safeguarding young children by limiting use of space for clear reason. How are you planning to do that?
The new proposal with the closure of some of the Children's Centre would mean parents/ carers would not be supported as they are walking further. The closure of Mcmillan Cc would adversely affect the families in that area. They also provide vital support to families with children of ASD .
The Children's centres are already providing these services, I know when I leave the building it is used for adult services and mental health.
None of these services provide childcare

Many of the services should be provided at the local doctors. Separate facilities for family supervised visits should be held away from small babies and pregnant mummies.
So many families need support with all areas of health care and family life. Waiting lists are long so it is essential that this support is provided in the community for all families to access.
I also think the hub needs to be one location rather than scattered across a local area
I agreed that services and support should be accessible to all families in Hillingdon.
Families cannot always make 30 minutes walk
very positive for families and service provision
Great Joined up working
I think this option will give especially parents more support on what to do in different situations
Need to be accessible e.g. on public transport links
Absolutely agree! Working and living in the borough for many years has give me the experience to see firsthand how they need for family hub/support has never been greater than now. I feel foundations were laid when we reflect back on the work that was done on the set up about children centres, however, now we are post Covid and much greater collaboration, cohesion and partnership work is necessary to ensure that our children and young people are able to access the services which we can all contribute to within the most effective strategic and operational way.
How much will it cost the council to refurbish spaces to meet need? How will the councils service providers ensure the high quality of service they have previously offered?

Professional/Partners comments relating to the Family Hub Principles

Affordable, local childcare so parents can work
There is little talk in the consultation of how this will mean closing children's centres, such as Barra Hall. This feels misleading. Barra Hall is a centre located in a deprived area with green space around and with excellent provisions for local families, evident in its footfall. Services from different services make use of the space and it is welcoming and available for families next to a park. Moving this to a family hub with a much wider remit and with less suitability for parents with under five age children would be a backwards step. We are selling off resources to integrate a safe and welcoming space into a less convenient space in a college. This is likely to be much less welcoming to young parents and it will reduce accessibility.
Working in clinics from Barra Hall has been invaluable
Is there a business plan to check ensure these aims are embedded in community need. The last principle is very loose - combined is a difficult concept where such diversity is needed.
Spaces must be safe and cater for each age gap. How will safeguarding be controlled if hubs are located in buildings with access to anyone in the community?
Having hubs in the library will resort in families not having access to outdoor space. Most families are living in the or shared accommodation with limited or no access to outdoor space which inturn will impacts parents/ carers emotional well being .s act
After Covid the return to Children's Centres has been slow. They are not publicised but word of mouth is now stating to fill them again. Closing them would be a disservice to the community.
It is important that all families can access support at local children's centres and family hubs.
Joined up working is vital to support families in crisis
I feel in essence all of the above are relevant to an effective Hub service
Hubs should be inviting and relaxed as well as having obligatory sessions and support (eg midwife) and should become a place for all families to be able to come and meet other parents as well as gain support. Also need to be more publicly advertised and highlighted for all parents and in various languages to support further community involvement and feel

We need more send help/spaces

As above, however, clear and relatable work in partnerships which bring together the wide and varied professional colleagues who can contribute across the needs of families, must take more than just financial investment. I feel as a professional working in Hillingdon, I and my team also have a part to play, in this endeavour, I see firsthand the impact on our children and young peoples lives, and I know that more can be done. Therefore this is a great initiative, if it can gain wings and embrace the voice of the child, family and community partners.

All local principles mentioned in the list are very important - to select 5 is very difficult as there is so much cross over in service provision. A concern is a combined staffing model with the right range of skills and knowledge is a very difficult model to ensure without regular monitoring which in some of the youth provision lacking monitoring unless it is outsourced and that is often remote from real need so an in house monitoring model must be a priority.

Comments on Family Hub delivery offer.

As [Redacted for Legal reasons] this feels very overwhelming to have ALL services under one roof. Takes away from being a calm atmosphere which is VITAL for not only parents but for staff to work under. Also, if a family is working with multiple agencies, it can be too much for them to be all in one place. It may become a place they avoid coming to, because they dont feel relaxed/ calmed, which is a VERY BIG plus point for CC's at the moment, as parents have said to me personally.

You are missing point on having nurseries here! Having country wide shortage of nursery services it does not look wise for councils dropping they offered nurseries just shows how dire the situation is

Agree with the above, however it is important to consider a family's experience when seeking to access these services online. Having many different services can create an overwhelming experience for families when trying to find the correct service for their need and if they are unable to find the correct service may become frustrated and burden your support teams via added demand on email / phone contact lines to signpost them to the right service.

Residents do not want the above if the proposed services will permanently close down Nestles Avenue Nursery. It's the best nursery in Hayes! As a Mother to young children under 3, I do not want this gem in Hayes to close! Mothers need nurseries that are Safe, Trustworthy, Affordable and Caring to take their children too. All the other nurseries in Hayes are Private, which makes them really expensive! The workers are young school leavers, with hardly no experience! How are mothers suppose to drop their babies off to teenagers who are children themselves? Please do not CLOSE DOWN NESTLES AVENUE! If it's about money? Parents do not mind paying more, but it needs to be affordable and not be as expensive as the Private nurseries.

I think barra hall should remain open as a children centre

I agree because I have 3 children and they are aged 13, 12, and 3 years old and they need all the care provided by you

Most of these services appear to be aimed at families and the younger age groups unless they are for older "troubled" young people

I suffered perinatal depression after my childbirth whilst living in Hillingdon and the hubs were an important part of my recovery

Uxbridge is growing as a community and a family hub and the above resources are a fundamental part of the infrastructure that is desperately needed... im using these facilities now and count in them for support for me as parent but most importantly for the support of my childreenn

See answer to Q7

As above

We are receiving these services like speech and language therapy, parenthood, how to care for newborn baby how to feed them they why council want to change this
Helps us
You have forgotten to include affordable day care for community and specialised care for send children
It is a great initiative however it requires different level of expertise for each service listed above. I am unsure how the council is going to run all initiatives in limited centres without impacting the quality of existing facilities. It won't be winning if council takes away one service to provide another unless they are giving space in the civic centre to run new initiatives, it should not be a tick box activity just to show a long list of new projects but behind the scene impacting the fundamental needs of the community like providing good nurseries to you d children
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Any service that help you g families and growing families is a strong addition to any commmunity.
I think bringing psyc and mental health support in would make it more accessible rather than waiting for a referral after you break down at a weigh in for example
What about childcare?
Duplication of services already available.
Having worked as a family support worker, a child protection social worker, a looked after children's social worker and now a parent infant psychotherapist I can draw on extensive experience working with parents accessing all of these services. There are definitely complications in the sorts of co-locations being proposed. Having a children's contact centre in the same place as baby groups is likely to be traumatising for parents coming for contact for example. Adolescents may want specific orientated spaces that are designed for their very different needs to those of toddlers. Most important though is that whilst there is scope for positive integrations, this misses the point about closing centres which already do this, moving to less suitable premises.
I think this is wonderful. As a first time parent, the support I have received have been life saving for me and my family. I strongly believe that more sessions dedicated to mental health support will be wonderful.
Nursery not mentioned in the above list
I think it would be great to have all the above services within the local children's center
See comments above
Sounds accessible
Doesn't match the services we have now.
My daughter is currently struggling with mental health and under CDC for ASD assessment why we are waiting for these services there isn't any support out there for us.
Do you NOT propose to offer nursery care as part of the family hubs offer? Is nursery care going to be offered, and presumably supported financially, separately? I would want nursery provision to be included and not 'orphaned' off. It is a vital part of the needs of many families.
I agree it will be all together but there won't be not enough natural space for kids
Appropriate supports
Less Cp usage
Easy to attend
Less Gp usage
Long distance
Appropriate supports
Less gp usage
Less gp usage

Less GP usage
Useful service
Useful services
Useful services
Less GP usage
Easy to attend
Easy to attend
Less Gp
Having all services in one centre will affect the services offered
Its nice to open this but children need their own centre too. This is the only walkable one for me
It's important to have those services.
No reference to Children in need or Children at risk requiring protection plans. What about young carers provision which is currently inadequate after huge decline in service??
Ensuring these services to be available throughout the week at various times for young mums to manage their times is important...especially when the journeys are not too long.
Having access to such a broad range of services in one place is fantastic.
Not sure if youth offenders should be near young children or pregnant women especially if they have been violent or on drugs
However after using midwife service i did not like having to use the civic when contact for families was being conducted as i felt this was inappropriate for a new mum having to see children say goodbye to parents and go off with social workers
Local are given variety of support that maybe needed
Children centre is good for child development
I see that majority of this is already offered and readily available in local places
The children centre is small does will meet the criteria for all this service?
adolescent and youth shouldnt mix with babys & toddlers
This is too many services for one place and could potentially lead to unpleasant experiences.
Mental health is a growing need that I don't recall any support was available through the children's centers and I think it will be very useful to have these resources available
It's good to get knowledge for all of the above
Feelings are ambivalent about such diversity in principle everything is covered but by what depth it seems to try to cover everything in a cursory way.
Need a local nursery. SRYE is amazing support for me and all the other parents whose children's attend. The centre offers so much and has already got alot of those facilities
Whilst the idea of these services being accessible in one place it seems unlikely that this will be achieved harmoniously or with success unless the hubs have a manager on site to ensure equality of access for staff & service users. You end up with a place that is jack of all trades and master of none which leads to frustration and poor provision.
I am surprised you want to comprise all these wide range of activities in one single point and on top of it that being a library! This "melange" can cause confusion or pose risks for service users
Good idea but as a separate hub for the children centre. The needs for younger children is different from that of pre teens and teens.
I agree because it's or ready the same on harefield children centre
Speech and language therapy especially has a massive back log I was lucky to get a spot through which my son eventually was diagnosed with autism
As mentioned it's a good idea, but not ideal for people who cannot access easily
As mention above more funding needs to go into children's centres and the one that have been closed down need to be opened up.

I love our current children centres, especially Harefield and Coteford and I don't want for them to be closed!!!

I feel that the children's centre groups should be run away from family hubs as it can be an intimidating environment. For example, I attend a majority of my antenatal appointments and health visitor checks at Uxbridge family hub where there were a number of youth offenders coming in and out and being checked for weapons - it didn't feel appropriate to have young children around that. I also witnessed supervised contact sessions for parents and if things went wrong everyone could so and it felt inappropriate to watch someone's upset or being "assessed" by social workers to determine if they are fit to see their child.

It's a good model but I do worry how some families may not be able to access the hubs

Please reconsider the closure of the children Centre which has access to outdoor garden space.

If they are at different venues so as to provide the biggest space and the most opportunities in a week for each service to be run sufficiently for multiple households

Agree with all the above - harefield children's centre provides a lot of this already

Each service should be kept alone

Harefield Children Centre is invaluable to the community. Many do not have means of transport, or cannot afford to get to hubs. This will result in lots of children & adults not receiving the care & support needed through pregnancy, birth and beyond. Hubs within 30 minutes are fine in towns but Harefield is a village and needs community services.

As per my above comments

If there's additional services offered that's great... and in walking distance is even better

These services would be fantastic for local families but again the dedicated children's centre is an integral part of our community

Would be better seeing different services elsewhere

Don't see the need to have birth registration at the family hubs

I would agree with some of the services but not all.

I think they should stay at the children's centres. Much better for mental health and well being if it was within sensible walking distance as more likely people will use them. They are already busy and consolidating them into one place will decrease capacity

I would love to have nurseries for free or at a reasonable price, as a mom, I had to quit my job to stay at home as more than 90% of my income would go to a full time nursery.

A wide range of services within the community is much needed.

A one stop shop would be brilliant as my experience with all my children is you end up with multiple appointments on the same day in different locations

many of these services are already available through the children's centre and should be developed further but once again I believe this can be done without the removal of the early years centres which offer a service to young children that we not be available through the family hubs

these services are already available albeit not under one roof

It would be great!

You need to have separate space for services do not close one to provide another

It is very helpful.

This will help resolve problems families are facing in a better way.

Currently, families - especially parents of toddler have a hard time trying to figure out what the next steps are when they suspect that their child maybe presenting with any developmental delays

These services can be done from other locations or GP

These services already exist

It will be extremely busy to offer these service in one space. Some of the children centres are very small. Staff would be needed. Funding should fr be cut in one area to serve multiple services
Losing Coteford cc will be another loss to local community bonding
I attended the midwifery appointments in Barra hall children centre and it was so convenient for me being walking distance from home and a lovely walk through the park which was ideal as an exercise to walk through the park for the appointment. The location couldn't be more perfect for pregnant women.
Yes its great to include these things but what else could be included that isn't listed here? This is a very leading question as no one will say its bad to exclude these services.
These are already present in Barra Hall Children's Centre yet I have been advised it is under threat of closure.
It is good idea but it depends if current children's enter will continue to provide these services
With life's stress, covid impact children and families should have access toental health groups more available
Supervised Contact Service should be separate. Lot of services should be provided within a doctors surgery. School Nursing should be available within the School.
All important services for parents and children
Children's centres and family hubs are vital for the continued care of children who are seen by Children's Therapy services
I hope the centres you are creating are big enough for smooth flow of people, children, babies, parents, SEND, professionals accessing that site. Also, if there will be enough staffing to deliver these ambitious services without burning out those already over-stretched?
As a current user of the Children's centres, I hope that the services remain as they are without any changes to structure/location as they are absolutely brilliant and so useful the way they currently are. They've helped me so much in these first 10 months as a new parent. I visit three different centres a week and that variation helps give my week purpose and allows me to meet different sets of people & connect.
It would be great to offer these services in a friendly, local centre where families feel safe and supported and confident to access support there.
Safety implications of such diverse services under one roof e.g. stay and play groups/supervised contacts/mental health services
With two many services using the hubs it will be more difficult for everyone to have sufficient space
It is not possible to offer all of those services effectively in a small space in a family hub rather than a children's centre. We would lose the stay and play sessions which are a lifeline for parents!! in a small s
Agree with the importance of children's centres! Many families in early years rely on these centres for advice, support, and community. Our service also works very closely with children's centres to ensure early identification and support for children with SEN
These are important local family centres where you can meet local families who live near you
My 4year old olis under children's therapy services but we usually have to travel to the south of the borough to be seen. Again, without a car this is very difficult. If these services were available in the north of the borough this would make it so much easier and she would miss less school time travelling.
These programs have been so useful in my kids life.
Why not include Early Years provision as part of the Family Hubs, where buildings have an issue?
Am concerned about how hubs link with schools who will have established close links and have valuable information from working closely with families
Some services may feel like negative such as mental health support, contact centre or stronger families support and then if it is based in the same space as parents or children

centre groups people maybe less likely to engage associating the space with those who need additional support and not for everyone in the community.
We need more child activities and engagement groups near Nestle Avenue, especially with many new apartments near Nestle Avenue in Hayes
Happy with the service available at the Children's Centre
To support children move from bottles to food.
This already happens at Barra Hall, so what's new?
I feel all parents with children would benefit from this
I agree with this idea if the services were available at my current children's centres
The children centres work better for these services
Again not if it means stopping the EYC setting
Happy with that.
Several of these services already exist in the existing Childrens Centres.
Hillingdon OT service seems non existent
Having all services in one hub would be a lot busier and harder to get the services needed. I wouldn't feel comfortable bringing my baby or toddler to a place where you have older children 6-19yr olds
The hubs are bigger and not as personal.
As a parent of a young child, I would most of these services
Agree
I agree the services mentioned should be included in the family hubs.
But these need to be accessible to all and this means local families cannot walk to a center they do must of this at Barra hall in the park so why close
Mcmillan is a lifeline for many parents, local and with cost of living how are parents supposed to afford to travel to a centre?
Dont close the centres that we can walk to
If this means close 5 centres - ridiculous, we need more not less
Good idea
It's great to give SEND children more support
It would be good to have all these facilities in addition to the current children centres
Please do not move barahall park school it's easily accessible and the teachers are very friendly
Parents of ND kids don't need behavioural therapies or parent courses focusing on positive behaviour approaches
we be a great way for people of all backgrounds to communicate and get help or advice
But to do this you will close barr hall and mcmillan and i dont want the council to do this
But not if it means closing the children centres local to me that provide so much support to families and children helping them to grow, especially after covid
my child likes barra hall and we come every week
no comment . it is really important for the community
good to be local, Easily accessible
These are all good ideas 👍
Family hubs can be made without the need of getting rid of children centres.
Barra hall does this already?
Yeading children's centre staff are very caring, Alka can speak my language and we love yeading children's centre
This is happening anyway

Easy for families in crisis to access
Agree with all suggested services planned to be offered or continued to be offered, however our child attends the yearly years nurse at South Ruislip and this is possibly going to be lost. This is something that I feel would be an extremely poor decision and will have a huge impact for the not only the centre but the parents, children and local families who use or plan to use this service.
While there are some sectors of the community who will benefit for this improved offer, I don't understand how this will better benefit parents of young children over the current children's centre provision
This already happens - the only thing missing is you cannot register births, the stay and play sessions at the CC's are invaluable as well designed to meet the needs of the children. I think all of the above is well covered in exicisiting centres
this is the current offer at barra hall yet you plan to close?
closing centres is shocking news
closing centre is bad as we come every week, my child talk now and we friends
this is here at every center
we need support not less
The above services are already using Children's Centres
It's good that you want to include more services under a single roof but with respect to each, the requirements vary. For me, its more childrens centres. Activities, Stay and Play, play to learn, music and movement etc.
These are all a welcomed development
It will be good to have services in one place but some families probably the most vulnerable, those families would not be able to afford travel and it will be to far to walk , so I believe these onse will miss out !!
These services are essential now more than ever
I don't want these but in addition to the nursery at South Ruislip
It would be excellent to assign a Hub to local cluster of preschools, especially for statutory 2 year check support in partnership with the health visiting team.
Coteford children centre support areas such is Northwood Hills with no Children's centres.
I can neither agree or disagree as I am unsure what kind of services would be available under the guise of youth and adolescent development services. It very much depends on what kinds of services would be available to youth/adolescent and the risks (e.g. safeguarding)
Bring services together will meet the needs of families
These services should be available locally but not necessarily at the same physical hub - could be available at sights on spokes within the locality.
i think it will put alot of pressure on services
For us, the children's centre services are the most important for our daughter as she loves going to those sessions. The mixture of indoor and outdoor play really encourages our daughter and she loves the mixture and range of toys and activities that are available to help her learning and development
Parents often feel worried about going to Hubs but become trusting and can build up trust with dedicated nursery staff who understand the history and dynamics of the individual families and the children
Activities for over 11 children. I have 4 children
These are specialised services and to be affective all these expertise would be best a a clinic or surgery where they would readily available.
With so many services being cut it makes sense to put services together under one roof but spread around different sites so everyone in the borough can access help
Birth registration should not be included

I do not think teenage/troubled older children's services should be mixed with pregnant women and small babies
Early years nurseries should be kept open as it helps with childcare
I'm not happy taking my child to a place where people have supervised contact.
All services are valid. And there is alot so I hope this doesn't affect current services otherwise I strongly disagree!
We need more support and thresholds need to be reviewed so early support can be exactly that.
The more advice and support available the better. Parents need a space to be able to ask questions about their worries and concerns. I've used perinatal mental heath services, this should not be capped until the child is 1 as some may need ongoing support.
None
The hub is a nice idea but without closing the nursery
Some concern about how the needs of very young children and that of teenagers within one building and any conflicts of interest this may involve
As above - childrens issues vary so dramatically with age. I don't see how this could be a benefit to users of early years centres.
Having Mental Health support for children and young people available sounds amazing
Wonderful if childre. Using service can be screened for everything from early age
All vital services
Some of these services need high levels of confidentiality and have peers and adults that should not mix
Important for families to have somewhere to go for help and support.
This reinforces the point that libraries are impractical for such solutions. Also health based facilities are needed on a separate basis for some aspects listed.
Issue is I don't want the Council nurseries closed
We need a one stop shop for all children and parenting services
We need a centre providing these services, not a hub based in a library.
Please add art and music to what is offered. Both are extremely beneficial to children and young people's development.
As a over, as well as tailored programmes based on community profiles, needs and aspirations.
A very comprehensive list some elements need their basic principles of operation to be expanded so delivery can be quality assured.
Children's therapy - Lego therapy
Peirnatal mh so important
As long as there are enough services with accessible appointments, flexibility in service and an easy way to book maybe through an online portal. Accessible information that is updated regularly and easy to read or seek advice. .

Comments on other services that could also be delivered in Family Hubs and community spaces.

Zumba, Yoga, Creche- Maybe for parent counseling? 30 mins slot for parent to have 1:1 to discuss mental wellbeing, whilst babies/ children play with FDW/CC worker?
I think it should be available all times for working families. It upsets me that everything is during the day. We need to remember working families are also important
oral hygiene check for children and a referral made to a dental surgery that has availability
Subsidised childcare.

Nurseries, you already have them. I see that rising costs on running them is nothing more than bad business plan, further more when this is your business plan in first place.

Look at raising fees to match private sector, but have them on your service offering. You already have highly skilled staff which is hard to find.

If the issues are related with catering, evaluate if taking contact for entire borough is what is causing issues, look at evaluating option for nurseries to choose their own or ask for parents to pay for catering as it is common practice at other private run nurseries.

Please consider following as well, councils unlawful previous attempt at closing down the nurseries hurt your own run business as a lot of parents I have spoken to, did not like this uncertainty and elected to send their children elsewhere, there were hesitation on parents again choosing your run nurseries for this reason. My child loves her nursery and there is nothing worse than changing their surroundings once they have made friends, play partners and gotten used to their caretakers they have known from the they started their tenure at the nursery.

Home education group meetups
Youth and adolescent centres

Automated care pathways - the ability for a family to sign up or a professional to sign up families to an ongoing push of content on a particular content

Self-service - digital platform / app for families to access information on demand

Might also be useful to have an introduction to the wonderful world of phonics in perhaps library hubs. This would be extremely useful to parents/carers from 1-5 year olds and better equip them for when their children start school. I currently take my 21 month year old to 'Phonics with Robot Reg' in a out of borough (LB Harrow) location which we privately pay for. I also did this for my 6 year old before she started nursery school. This was with the same provider but was located within LB Hillingdon (church hall in Ickenham). This could also be a good income stream for the Council if it were competitive enough.

I would like for my children to be organized in cooking courses, painting football during the weekends, if it is possible for you

Housing, benefits advice

More child/family friendly play cafes in uxbridge
Warmer swimming pool facilities at the leisure centre
Inflatable play areas

Introduce more family friendly places to go in uxbridge town centre too many fast food places!

Mums support group, mums mental health support

Activities for older children, not necessarily with special needs, where all family can enjoy together. Courser for parents

We need more low cost nursery place for 1 to 5 year olds

Frequency and capacity if classes has decreased substantially, since 2019. And there is limited local private provision of classes.

Overall, disappointing.

Childcare

N/A

CAAS support for ASD and Autism
Early years provision

We want the nurseries to keep running at their designated locations. With more flats coming in at Andrews park, it will attract more children to join the Uxbridge early years centre.

Respite opportunities for families with children with complex needs.

Parent support to complete paperwork for support (blue badge/funding etc)

Coffee mornings to support families of children with additional needs

Access to SENDIAS/ early birds/signets programs

Training opportunities for parents with children with autism and other needs

Homework clubs

Groups aimed at teenagers

Sports / fitness activities for mums

We need more affordable childcare in the borough! Ideally as you state within 1.5 miles of home

There should be more nurseries as there are a short hand the waiting list is long. If I did not get a place in Uxbridge early years I would not be able to work. The fees has increased to 30% which is in line with other nurseries so there should not be a need to close the nurseries.

More child care and children activities. There is severe shortage of quality childcare in Hillingdon area, especially Hayes.

I cannot think of anything else.

Nursery

Swimming sessions for women with their children.

more sessions

A day out when kids can play with animals (rabbits, dogs and any animals that they can pet and fed, play with them)

Affordable childcare nursery's.

A sort of youth community group for children who are older to allow them to make friends if they struggle, support for family's as a whole who's children are suffering with mental health as this can be hard.

As good nursery care is so very important for many families, I would have thought it should come under the umbrella of 'Family Hub' but perhaps there is a particular reason why it is not included in this consultation.

Family planning clinics. It would be great to get help with some contraception as a drop in. This used to be available in Uxbridge for under 25s in the family planning clinic but it no longer exists. This would be amazing for all local families and women who need to access contraception advice but can't get an appointment with a gp or aren't sure where to go to

Local school information hub for parents would be helpful: primary, grammar, secondary and help for parents at key stages.

The early years nursery!

We would like the continue to have the support Groups for specific Groups such as Afghan Women's Support Group.

Support group

Work shops

Exercise group

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Support group

Support group

Reading and writing English sessions

Reading and writing English sessions
Support group
Work shop
Work shop
Support group
Exercise groups
Exersices groups
Exersices. groups
Support group
Nhs, children community service
More support for family, information around children's needs, behaviour difficulties, help around food, more activities for children.
Id like a daily stay and play so kids gets to socialise because nursery are expensive.
Pleased to see Elective Home Education on the longlist.
As in 5 plus Mental Health Services. Children on Child Protection plans used to be able to access Local Authority Nursery provision with highly trained quality staff. Youth Clubs which have disappeared should be made available again please by restoring a youthwork service.
Youth Offending
Fix the services first . Instead of claiming there is any but it's just waiting list after waiting list .
More stay and okay sessions for all ages
Better partnerships with local schools and information sharing to aid transition to school nursery etc
A support group for children that are too young to go a group such as AI Ateen, maybe something for 8-12 years old. Children who are affected by members in the home that have an addiction which reverberates into the family network. When children are affected they become very aware from about the age of 8yrs old but have nowhere to go for help. It would be very useful to have older children who have been affected and who are willing to listen to the younger childrens worries and concerns. Much like the AI Anon programme, where the philosophy is to learn how to deal with emotions.
Support with filling forms and applications for benefits such as DLA
Small cafe if possible
Kids play area
Provide classes like, music, woodworking, computer
Toys and different other activities to play for children
Swimming
Disability service
Youth should include youth groups where young people can engage in fun/ social sessions as a drop in in the evenings to support the lack of services our teenagers have.
More activities during half term holidays and weekends.
Day nursery. Extra curricular clubs for children
It extremely hard to book any sessions for 0-5years old as everything is fully booked. I cannot imagine how much worse it will get when you add 6-19 age group
We want same children centre
GP services on Saturdays /Nanny or childminder camp so that parents can talk to them before making choices . Teachers talk - where parents can talk to teachers or teachers can take a session/seminar or presentation where they tell parents what kind of schooling or nursery options are available for children . Basically family hubs to be one stop shop for new parents to make their lives easy .
More bespoke services for children with disabilities and additional needs.

Immunizations if possible so that children are less scared as children's centers are more accommodating to children's' needs and interests
Acting or drama schools
It is vital the above is supplemented with maintaining the Council nursery provision, these settings are second to none
Keep the amazing Council nurseries open
Provide more sessions for children who are under five. Parents struggles with the booking because the sessions are always fully booked.
Proper youth clubs
This strategy reminds is reminiscent of the saying think big but start small- what seems to be lacking is a full understanding of how consolidation can eventually give less support and minimise the personal touch.
Community stay and play sessions with flexible timings
Help for children who can't access education due to social anxiety as currently all the school does is threaten you with court and fines. There is no help available.
Children's daily nursery
Dance classes for children Karate or taekwondo for children
Definitely not! If Uxbridge Hub is anything to go by way too much has been crammed into one space, clinics, family contact, counselling, mentoring, youth sessions, YOT, parenting classes... it's like a three ringed circus
I want to see more congruence, this looks more like a funds-cutting strategy painted as a great idea. Not sure the community is going to buy this.
No
I'm disabled parent and I got a lots of help from children centre i dont think so i need more .maybe yes one thing help more often disable parent .
Access to sensory spaces as we seem to have less of these nowadays and this was very beneficial to my child when young.
Stay and play sessions. Meet the professional
CAB, P3, Financial Advice , Housing Support
I live close to two of Hillingdon closed down centres and the buildings haven't been sold. Children centres are valuable part of the community and should be kept. Having family hubs in libraries and community places to save money is ridiculous especially when theses empty building can be put to use. Councils need to budget better and stop wasting money.
Stay and play and groups so children and parents/carers can get together and meet
I think it is really important to continue to have baby and toddler groups such as story time, stay and plays etc. There is so much difficulty with getting into nurseries with the waiting times and the cost is astronomical. For a lot of families, it is impossible to afford and means that their children fall behind socially and in their speech and language development. I think it is really important to offer more of these services, so that residents are able to access classes more than once a week and be able to provide their children with the social interaction they need.
Might be beneficial to have some basic pharmacy advice for new parents etc.
The closure of the Children's Centre would mean no access to the rooms / space (especially if planning on holding in a library sensory rooms . ESOL classes for adults / carers Afghanistan women's Supporters Group or any other suport groups
After school clubs
Childrens groups to be open to cross age groups, so not limited to 0-18m/then 18-36?month...broader thinking that families often have more than 1 child do inclusion.

I would like to retain the children's centres locally helping to build a local network for new mums and those that are dealing with learning difficulties in their children, finding support in local Parents.

I think we have good choice already

More children centres

I think there is already a wide variety of things on offer for parents and carers and children and lots of advice.

Support for families with autism

Options for nursery for babies under 3 y.o

Nurseries, after school activities

I would like to see the early years centres stay open and run alongside the family hubs as I believe they can benefit each other. Very often services in Hillingdon are taken away with the promise of something better however this is not usually the case.

I would like to see the early years centre stay open - family hubs can assist the nurse and children's centres

Youth centres would be a huge help to the community.

events and celebration of different festivals, gathering, for different community people.

Sports facilities

Childcare

Employment support, I believe that the financial independence and security can be a solution to many problems families are facing at this time.

As a family hub and community, I think focus should also be on inclusion. For parents, unaware of how to access the system or what is available, education or awareness if key. There should also be more awareness & education of neurodivergent conditions.

More open play sessions for young children during the week and half terms, these have been reduced since covid

Weekend services for families. Support for single parents. Support for teenagers a youth club perhaps.

I hope Barra hall children centre will be allowed to carry on with all the helpful services it is currently giving especially the baby groups for music and play sessions.

SEND SERVICE

FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

To whom it may concern,

I [redacted for legal reasons] feel I must write and support our Children's Centres

When we moved into the children's centres our service was revolutionised. Under the same roof we had health visitors, children's nurses, breast feeding co-ordinators family support workers, classes for antenatal education, rooms for our annual training and access to a wealth of information for benefits and playgroups for our families.

The centre is used for so many activities which are not even related to midwifery and I marvel at the knowledge and dedication of the staff.

The families who use the Children's Centres are only just finding their way back to social integration. The pandemic closed off so many avenues to the locals. Mental health issues and isolation seems to be on the rise and the Children's Centre's play a vital role in our community setting.

I can't count the number of times I have sort help from the staff to support families in my care when I discharge them.

Many of the staff have been there for decades and can remember when I mention a certain family that may need more help with subsequent children.

Money has been invested to make all this happen. Closing them down would cause a landslide with all services falling off and the poor families of the area being penalised.

Therefore I ask you to look at what you are threatening to end and instead invest money in publicising the services they provide to keep them as a viable initiative for all the local families.

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Just want to know what former Uxbridge children's centre building will be used for-it was amazing location, supporting Whitehall school community with younger children, providing support for local residents. Uxbridge hub being relocated to Civic centre does not meet community needs due to access, not very child friendly location, no access o outdoor play

More activities to do with a child with hypo-mobility and to help strengthen their muscles. Also more messy plays and sensory groups.

Childcare

Pointers to libraries/outreach from libraries in the ones that are not housed there.

Support groups for parents of children with Sen

Support groups for siblings of children with Sen

Support groups for young carers

Support groups for children with Sen

Youth groups

Some sort of mentoring for young people perhaps.

Counselling services for teenagers/children

Advice for parents especially on drugs/addiction/gangs/knife crime

As a current user of the Children's centres, I hope that the services remain as they are without any changes to structure/location as they are absolutely brilliant and so useful the way they currently are. They've helped me so much in these first 10 months as a new parent. I visit three different centres a week and that variation helps give my week purpose and allows me to meet different sets of people & connect. The only additional service I'd like to see is an extra baby massage service as I wasn't able to join this one as over capacity.

Stay and play sessions focusing on social skills, play and language development.

I would like stay and play sessions to be held in school nursery building in summer holidays before child starts so they can be familiar with the surroundings

counselling, one to one support, education on moral values integrity, knowing that choices can effect our whole life , including prevention on drink and drugs, homelessness etc how to manage or know you are making right choices.

Family Hubs and Children's centres have far less classes for new parents. Private settings have drastically reduced their classes too therefore there is little social activities available in the borough.

Greater classes for under 1's

community events, children events

Health services

Early Years Uxbridge

Weaning support

Talking Therapies, childcare support services, food bank

We need more children activities and engagement groups near Nestle Avenue, especially with many new apartments coming up near Nestle Avenue in Hayes. There are no parks or

schools in this side of Hayes, but planning commission has approved 2500+ apartments to be built. All good parks and schools are at least 45 mins walk away
I would like an online booking service for stay and plays. The antiquated system of not being allowed to book another session whilst you are there and having to call the next day is not a system that I feel works.
Strongly Agree
Involvement with schools and passing on knowledge to support children's learning.
Coffee mornings, creche and childcare.
I think it would cover most things
Perhaps hearing testing for toddlers as I had to travel to Mount Vernon for my sons hearing test which is far from where we live
Also support on weaning & feeding, allergy (esp. food), conception/infertility problems
Keeping children centres exclusive
Early Years Centre to continue abs work along side the hub
This needs to include educational psychologists, speech and language therapist and social workers.
Parent and child play groups are often a life line for hard to reach parents and enable them to access further support. The children have much needed opportunities to play with other children while Centre staff are able to model language and play. In addition any concerns parents may have about their child's development can be discussed.
agree
Strongly Agree
Early Years nursery
Keep the children's centres where we can access them. If go in to the hubs I will be unable to access sessions for my children
Weaning & feeding for young children.
Yes
Strongly Agree
Agree
food bank, community fridge, extended after school clubs/camps for sen children
Full day care with affordable pricing if possible
More activities for children.
daddy + baby group
Breastfeeding support and advice
Help and support with toilet training. Preparing them for school - too many children starting school or school nurseries who are still on nappies.
Youth clubs and groups
self defence classes, a youth centre for the kids, introduced a adult centre with tea and biscuits for the adults for socialising and bringing together everyone, Hayes Town has a lot of multi culture people moving in, international students, couples, international workers, etc They need to have a place to get help and advice on a range of issues they face, minimum wages they don't get, overcrowding in rented accommodation, not understanding the UK LAW, so much is needed
police / community support also? Also DA workers? Mental health cafes?
Activities to play for all children groups
Lactation consultants, post partum depression management.
I would like to see Barra Hall kept open, it runs like the hub model explained above already and the staff team are amazing.
do not close barra hall

My local centre barra hall staying open or mcmillan as long walk from coldharbour lane from home and pick kids up from school
Autism Support
Sessions for older children with younger children together.
Activities to play all children groups
It would be nice to have some fitness groups for parents with children, which could also utilise the local parks and mental health for parents and carers. There's not much done locally for the carers of disabled children, especially in Hayes. It's only in Uxbridge, very limited activities, and not easy to reach - it takes time to go back and forth. Also there's not much done with creative/arts or nature therapies - that would be so helpful because our Borough is lacking in general art or nature related activities for the families, and they are proven to have a very therapeutic effect. Also Hayes has a history of music, but nothing is done about it now. That would improve the wellbeing and happiness levels of the residents, especially for the families with small children. Healthy eating programmes would be very beneficial, too. The drama groups for the wider audience of families would be great, especially during the holidays (I refer to the new summer holidays clubs for the children from the families on benefits). Something related to promoting STEM for young children outside the school would be great too. These would make our community thrive and decrease the antisocial behaviour and mental health problems. People who have lots of great experiences tend to be happier and would contribute to the growth of the community overall.
Support groups for women who have experienced post natal depression
I would like to talk about the inclusion of [redacted for Legal reasons] which is a specialized organization, we focus on parental understanding of autism, offering a unique program tailored to empower families and foster the development of children on the autism spectrum. We have been working in this field since 2013, and we understand the challenges that parents face when raising a child with autism. The journey can be overwhelming, and we firmly believe that with the right support and resources, parents can make a significant difference in their child's life. Our program is designed to equip parents with the knowledge and strategies necessary to navigate their child's unique needs effectively.
At [redacted for Legal reasons] we place great emphasis on the importance of parental involvement in the success of any intervention. By partnering with us, schools and councils can provide valuable resources to parents, reinforcing the support and services already in place.
[Redacted for Legal Reasons]
none
Focus on development ideas like according to hitting milestone and every month or weekly.
Art therapy, working partnerships with local schools and nurseries
i want all under one centre as i have a child with additional need, like at barra hall
None at the minute
Youth groups- more activities for teenagers
Early years nursery setting
We need to have more child care adults around and advanced people to understand every outcome.
Domestic Violence advice
Soft play, group sessions, music & movement etc.
Already happening in all local cc's
family hubs will be great but demand is high already and if in library less space so more demand
Service that helps with filling the application forms

No information given how big the new hubs are going to be so cannot comment on this. Children's Centres being close to my home has given me the confidence to attend.
Links with schools that serve the siblings families to ensure continuity of support particularly for the many vulnerable families in this Borough .
Keep the South Ruislip Early Years & Children's Centre open please
Partnerships with local cluster of preschools.
Supporting children in neonatal care.
Activities and childcare for 0-5.
More accessible childcare with funding
Young mums career / housing advice
Children's therapy services.
Place2Be in schools could be used to provide some of the above services providing ease of referral from staff, parents as well as drop in or self referral from children themselves. Support to local surgeries to enable them where possible to be a minor hub for some of the health aspects.
Access to accessible sports/gym facilities for young people with disabilities
Good quality Nurseries as there are already with more support for children with additional needs
Ground tennis, basket balls and summer challenge . Make them participate in the plan for 15 and over. They can contribute voluntarily.
Child advocates & fostering details to help children into families & out of children homes. Assistant for rest bite for children with disabilities. Information of play schemes & charities that help disadvantaged & disabled children across the country
Stay and play sessions, baby groups. These were very important during my wife's maternity leave.
Military family liaison
The space to be used by local groups, and not left empty.
Baby groups/activities
More play free play groups, free exercise classes for mums and babies, canteen with play area where families can get out of the home, meet for coffee whilst children play for free -:as I can't afford these kind of places.
Eal support and engagement
Play sessions to encourage social skills
Benefits advice
The nursery!
As above oral health and healthy eating advice.
Summer activities for school children and young people available in the family hubs would be nice
Children's nursery for 6 month old.
I also think that the family Hub facilities should be open all year for staying and playibg outside the normal scheduled activities It is so important to have a place to walk in and meet other parents and children. For example, Uxbridge family Hub can only be used when there is a scheduled activity, it is a shame that we cannot Just walk in and play
Due to the increase of SEND children in schools the childrens centre in Uxbridge would be great for the main stream schools as it sits on part of the schools land.
Parents have somewhere to call for help.
Sports and Arts

Issue is I don't want the Council nurseries closed
Facilities for special educational needs
Services and support for families with children who have SEND and disabilities
Support for parents on how to support children's mental health.
I would like to see the Council nurseries retained
We do not need a hub, we need to maintain our nurseries with can have a hub within them.
Any of the arts, taught by practicing artists.
Food banks
Certainly Counselling and therapeutic support. As a trained and qualified counsellor, I have seen the impact of timely investment for interventions for children, families and staff. We need to work smarter NOT harder!!!
The baby groups and classes for parents have been really invaluable and great to meet other mums to talk to about motherhood and make new friends
Hillingdon has always been known to have a fair access across the complete age range. As older family members are often part of a family provision for children, this can put a strain on older family members some cognisance of the support for older members of the community should perhaps be part of the offer- for example some of the services for older members of the community have been slimmed down - which eventually will impact on health and loneliness so will have an impact of some of the services such as stronger families, family support and general response from the health service.
Autism and ADHD support for parents and children
Lego therapy for young children
Soft play Toy library Tai chi Support for highly sensitive children, possible adhd Events at weekends i.e. bbq, picnic, funfair Yoga and meditation Coffee shop with play cafe Arts and crafts Exercises classes for parents whilst kids are there Access to cmht assessments Group therapy, cbt Ptsd support Grounding
Support around schools and nurseries in particular value for money on nurseries in the borough. Accessibility around GP, dental services, NHS services in the borough. More community events/sessions for families In the wider area but both in term and in the holidays. Accessible services both in core office hours but also outside hours. Having access to agencies or charities who can give advice on many things Having places that are accessible but provide a safe place to meet and share ideas etc More variety in programmes of events Involve families in stakeholder events What will happen to the children centre sites - will these become housing? Think about impact on the borough as current public services do not meet current needs of borough

Comments on Family Hub Proposed Locations

locations are ok. Many families in between SW and SE may drop off.

Proposed areas not near for me
Rather than relying on families to seek their local Family Hub, we should proactively identify the closest center for a family and recommend services local to them
As long as south Ruislip children's centre remains open and able to continue as normal then I agree, otherwise I disagree.
The libraries are a fantastic idea. The amazing world of books and the opportunities they bring. Ruislip Manor Library in particular is vibrant, current and a place you want to go with children but also as an adult. The staff are engaging, interested and remember you. We visit the library every week. This week in particular it was so nice to see, young children, older young people and others there. A sense of community was definitely evident.
They are not ideal due to parking / location when it comes to working around order or younger children we may also have.
because you saw it as reasonable and I agree
Does this mean there are no longer going to be dedicated youth center's? Uxbridge hub is for babies and kids in trouble with the law. My son went to one youth session there and won't go back.
You need to have dedicated areas for family support to provide a save caring environment not just in a corner of the lesuire centre
Nestle Avenue Children centre should also be included as it is the only nursery in my area
I am concerned that any relocation could lead to centres closing or lowering of the level of services
If family hub goingto be open than the dpaces are fine otherwise barra hall and charville chidren centres are also fine
I don't know where they all are to know if I agree. Postcode would have helped
Split age groups as 0-19 too broad.
However... South Ruislip yp centre needs to be used better
Why would move the hun away from civic centre? How is that convenient and local if you move the centres away from basic transport services like tube stations and bus garage? I do not agree with the proposal.
sdfsdf
Taking Barra Hall as an example, this is exactly the kind of space that needs to be supported and developed for families and young people. The location means it is very accessible to the local community, with parking available and bus routes. Being in a park makes it a space where families can be encouraged to spend time outside with their children, both within the centre and beyond. The rooms are large and well made use of by various services. The planned new location belies the idea that this is really about what is best for families. It is notable that no reasons are given as to why they are felt unsuitable. This should be provided in the consultation docs. As a parent infant psychotherapist i regularly see local families at Barra Hall. They all love coming to this space. I am not aware that any thought has been given to whether the new centres have suitable spaces to offer therapy, or whether rooms will be available, however from my knowledge of the spaces I can't see that will be easily possible. We already struggle with rooms to see patients in the children's centres and replacing this with community spaces in libraries will make this much more complicated.
Hayes nursery (nestles avenue) is situated in a location where there are way too many families and new apartments meaning more young families coming there to that area. If you consider relocating Nestles, it has to be around that area due to the young population predicted in that area.
I understand that some of the centres need to be reallocated, which works fine for me family.
Nestles Avenue Children's Centre
Barra Hall children's cente and South Ruislip children's centre are good locations that are not on here
Barra Hall is also a convenient location with good space and parking

Don't want south ruislip children centre and nursery to close
None walking distance of South Ruislip (field end road side)
Cherry lane is our closest center and with a son with possible ASD keeping it to something he has always known is so good for him with a big change of removing this service could really effect children with additional needs. The westdrayton leisure center is going to be very close to us and will be a great addition.
You have said the 'Wren Centre' will be used. Most people in South Ruislip are familiar with the Wren Centre being off Acol crescent (previously a building housing the nursery but sold and housing built on). The actual name is South Ruislip Early Years and childrens centre and you are hiding the fact that you want to use this facility which currently houses the nursery!
Why are there only hubs in Harefield, Uxbridge and Hayes? Why nothing in Ruislip?!
I just wonder what will happen to the centres are not mentioned, for example; Barra Hall Children Centre.
Long journey
Travel cost
Location
Long journey
Long journey
Long journey
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Cowley centre should remain open, it is a great facility in a good location. It has parking and good transport near by. It has a safe garden, Uxbridge doesn't have a garden and yiewsleys garden is at the front and doesn't feel safe. It's hard to get parking at Colham manor and it puts me off going there.
Having children centre and attending these have been beneficial for my child and myself and on some days the space is limited and by having a hub it would be difficult to even get in
We need it closer for those thst dont drive
Barra hall is a fantastically supportive place for families, full of resources and, conveniently located for residents in South East Hayes and would like to see this place included.
There should be one in Uxbridge
Northwood Hills Library has no confidential space for a hub unless it will be in the car park.
Your just subbing out more responsibility to private leisure centres who do not provide services at a standard now
That's only six children centres left?? What about all the other purpose built ones? All that public money for the little children and families taken away!!!
Why can't the service still provide to local residents where it already is but still provide using new spaces for other local residents that need it or may need other services.
No consideration is ever given to include the villages of Sipson, Harmondsworth or Harlington
They should retained the Uxbridge Hub in civic centre and add more around the are most people with children lives here eg. in st. andrews park there should be a children centre in uxbridge civic centre

Mcmillan is near to us and also barra hall
Keep cowley cc open please
South west has a large gap between Yiewsley children centre and Uxbridge daily hub, i like in the middle so for me cowley not being an option causes some concern. As either way is more than 30 minutes walk. Also from looking at plan, the Two hubs in the southeast as very close seems to miss a whole area where barrahall is and no facility put in place as that and McMillan are closing.
I agree libraries could be utilised more freely. And the young peoples centres used fully throughout the whole day. South Ruislip children's centre doesn't run as many groups as it used to pre covid . I think this location could be used more without using the nursery setting space. There are good parking options here too.
The Botwell leisure centre is mall and not quite garden friendly place for the children.
Barra hall is better
Been to Library its extremely small and wont accommodate any session not to mention how am I going to use library sessions are extremely noisy and I wasn't able to even ready a single page without being interrupted
I don't have enough information about locations and capacity of each building so I cannot comment
Sometimes it's difficult to get transport, and it's hard to get the kids ready on time so don't want to waste a slot. Also, it's good to be close in case of an emergency.
I found Coteford children's centre excellent and Wouk's be very sad to see it go, though I have not visited it since my children started school.
Geographically this fails to meet your principles outlined earlier. The Wren Centre a purpose built centre for young people with learning difficulties - at great expense to the council-will this now have all other services crammed in or is there to be a complete refurbishment to ensure your plans will meet need. What will happen to those buildings you do not include- made into flats I guess - meaning more people but reduced infrastructure to support the community need.
Shared services with other church or non profit organisations
North hubs are poorly served by public transport
not big enough
Why close the existing children centers to make a family center?
We use Coteford Childrens centre all the time. We find it absolute fantastic and a great location. It shouldn't close as it is a very good location for local residents and has ruislip would be alot further.
Charville children's centre should remain as is well run
What about health centres? They are all over the borough.
As mentioned children centres are local to most people. Hubs are not
I can't drive car only one close children centre is harefield and I know this place for long time I can trust them whit my life the same my children's love them auntie's.
Barra Hall children centre should not be closed. Charville library is too small and will not be able to accommodate the same services as they currently do in the children centre
Too far
Clinical rooms will be required
Some of these places proposed are small. Not to mention not every areas covered as suggest initially.
Harefield children's centre should be there over the library. It's next to the infant and junior schools to help with the transitions and familiar space.
What about harefield children centre?
Feel that the South West locality should keep Cowley Children's Centre as the staff are fantastic and know the immediate local area (helpful when taking children out) and it's

convenient for a jumber of adults without having to use public transport (a cost that may not be factored into their allowance in the current economic and cost of living crisis).
Running services in library is not practical and lack access to outdoor space. The AshA centre in Hayes has been known to be a unsafe area known for petty crime and makes this unsafe for both carers and professional alike.
Why not Harefield Children's Centre?
The exclusion of Harefield Childrens Centre really saddens me and will not allow me to continue to use the proposed Community Spaces as they are a car journey away and I want to meet and interact with local families and build relationships ready for my child to attend the local school. The building are not big enough to host families from multiple towns who will have to travel to access the wonderful services we have been used to. The local Children's Centre has been a safe haven to me as a first time to multiple time mother and enabled me to build relationships with the staff and local families. This will not continue to be the case in a centre out of town with families who do not live close by and therefore aren't seen on a regular basis
The Harefiled children's centre provides a vital service to the local community not just a hub. How will families get to places outside of harefield with ULEZ being imposed and public transport being so poor?
Harefield library is very small and cannot Accommodate large numbers. It is also used by lots of other groups ie senior exercise, kitting/craftgroups
Harefield needs a seperate childrens centre and then additional services offered on the library so that it can meet the needs of all the community.
If I had to travel to Northwood or Ruislip to go to a children's centre I wouldn't have gone and my child would have suffered and I would have had post natal depression. Keep the children's centres where they are and keep them local.
Harefield library hall isn't big enough or equipped for the range of services that is currently provided in harefield. Taking in consideration that Hillingdon is also proposing reduced hours at this library
Children centre is better
I believe the wording is not clear. I agree devices should be accessible but closing the children's centre and relocating 'some services' to a community hub is in my opinion disingenuous as this seems to me to be more of a cost saving excercise than a genuine pan to offer more services
utilising the library is a fantastic idea to ensure there is sufficient space
Prefer to remain in one children centre's near you
Harefield is quite a isolated village so the children's centre is very needed and used lots, as there's no train station and it's a great way to get advice locally and to be able to walk to groups and meetings there is invaluable,the staff are fantastic and always have time for you.
I wouldn't want to see the library services suffer as a result of accommodating the extra services
All places in north are difficult to park at or walk to. No free parking
The area around Wood End Scholl currently has a very well used childten's centre and families in that atea will miss out
Barra hall has an amazing space for children, whereas the south east options are full of people at all times
Whilst you state that you aim to provide access to services within 1.5 miles of residents, in the North of the Borough I do not believe this is the case. You cannot compare community spaces to a purpose built space which families can access at any time.
Uxbridge civic centre
What are these locations are good for the residents of Ickenham none of them fall within your criteria. Of a 30 minute walk or within 1.5 miles.
I think these family hubs could be located in some of the existing children's centre without removal of the early years nursery. In the case of South Ruislip, this is a recently built

(11years old) bespoke building for the children's centre and early years nursery – I would be such a waste to mess around with it!

the early years centre at south Ruislip is not the wren centre - that is a completely different building, very miss leading

Not sure how this is relevant to Early years.

If feel the Hillingdon Borough is great for being green and being family friendly. It would be great to uphold these values.

too few

My son likes to play in space with air fresh. I do not think in a library will be possible to access to a garden. I will be sorry if the children's centers with garden are closed

Yes I am agree all this events .

Libraries are better options for the families with no children under the age of five.

Retain the services already in existence

Why are parents in the north of the borough penalised? You have loads of locations in the south of the borough but only two in the north. As always because the parents north are expected to pay for baby groups etc hence the lack of children centres etc in those areas

Both Northwood and Ruislip Manir would mean I have to go by car. This is not environmentally friendly. The parking at these places is minimal

Barra hall children centre should remain a children centre as it is ideal for a lot of people. The services it is currently giving helps a lot of babies and mothers. From the baby groups I attend in Barra hall all the mothers feel this way. It will be a shame for it not to be functioning as it currently is. It also makes the park a lot more family orientated and safer by the mothers walking in the park with their babies in the buggies. The location is perfect as it is a nice walk to the children centre for both the mothers and their babies. I and all the mothers in Barra hall park hope that barra hall park will be allowed to stay as it is.

Reducing the areas that services are provided from will reduce access for those who need it. Local services are key as any parent will tell you that sometimes it is impossible to get to something that isn't within a 15/20 minute walk. This is a cost saving exercise.

The Children's centres are much more suited to keeping families safe and providing care in the community.

What will happen to existing children's centers?

These centres are not easily accessible to all families. There ought to be more centres. The proposed number of centers are not sufficient.

Keep the nurseries open

I feel that families won't access them as they currently do the Children's Centres. The CC are established however introducing new spaces will deter families. This could be because of confidence, language barriers etc. By all means add more, but please don't take locations away.

I disagree with current children's centres being closed. I don't think it's appropriate to run service in leisure centres

What about Coteford children's centre, hillside children's centre, northwood young people centre. Libraries are not private enough!!!

As a current user of the Children's centres, I hope that the services remain as they are without any changes to structure/location as they are absolutely brilliant and so useful the way they currently are. They've helped me so much in these first 10 months as a new parent. I visit three different centres a week and that variation helps give my week purpose and allows me to meet different sets of people & connect.

I agree with the proposed locations but also feel very strongly that these should be in addition to any children's centres and locations that are already used to offer support to families. These locations should not be closed. More locations and services need to be added.

There are a lots of wonderful children's centres all over Hillingdon, it is not hard to find transport to get to at least one that is nearby. These hubs will be closer to people but provide less quality service, people will use them less and those needing support in the newborn and early years stages will suffer
There are no children's centres in the north location! Many children with SEN would not be able to access those locations. The public may also not have the awareness or knowledge which can make it difficult for families to bring them. It is also a big decrease in early intervention spaces that CITS is currently using for 1:1 and group sessions for children with SEN
I cannot see anything close to we're I live in Ickenham
Reducing the number of spaces and moving out of children centres will significantly impact the service we deliver.
The ruislip one of a 45 minute walk from where I live. We still need a centre at coteford as there are no other groups nearby
I think to consolidate the services will exclude and isolate those who cannot easily travel to them. This will further reduce access for some in the community
Coteford Childrens Centre is local to me and a brilliant environment for myself and my children
Difficult to have an opinion on this
Uxbridge Hub should remain open
As families are already secure and have strong working relationships with children centres I am concerned that some are not included. These buildings are purpose built and at great expense to the public purse.
It would be good to have something in Eastcote too
The location for Barra hall children centre is so good . There is a park next to it , ample parking space and amazing staff
More locations and services to be made available in Hayes. Council has approved thousands of apartments (Fair View, Bluenote, Stay city apartment, L&Q, Barratt Hayes Village, Redrow, etc etc), which will invite 1000s of families, and young kids. But no adequate education or medical services are available on this side of the town
Cowley children Center is not listed here as an option. I feel this a success story in terms of offering sometimes isolated families the chance to talk and mix with others. As a trauma specialist early intervention is key to building stronger more resilient relationships.
The present children's centre has space and rooms, with an outside play area. They also have access to forest school via the link to the school and provides as an important link for the community. This would not be avialable in the library as space would be limited.
Uxbridge college is too far and not in a nice/safe area.
I think having them in these places allows all areas to be costs enough fr everyone to access
The Barra Hall and Charville children's centres are not on this list, if either of these were no longer existing it would have a major impact on my sons development and ability to attend frequently
The library is too small
I welcome the hubs Harrow having amazing services and local offers so I can see the benefit but the EYC settings are so important losing SREYC would be massive loss to community
Children's Centre Buildings are already available it doesn't seem appropriate to use Leisure Centres and Libraries.s
I would like to know more about how the 6 hubs and the community spaces will be working togetherr. Will the Childrens Centre staff be relocated? will there be staff redundancies?
I just hope the existing CC's will remain open.
If it is to the detriment of other excellent services then those sites should not be used.

To far for me to access due to older children's disabilities
It can be so hard to book it, it would be lovely to go to more
Agree
hillingdon, uxbridge base would be god
Keep the Children centres they are already supporting families so much, dont close them. There will be a huge area with no services if Mcmillan and barra hall close
Please dont close our local centres we would have to get a bus and we cannot afford this - this is a life line for us
if this is to close the local centres then i dont want a hub
I would like my current local spaces like barra hall and mcmillan to stay open as they are local for people like me and my daughter
Why close 5 centres that are so used and so popular and with in walking distance to our homes, I am shocked the council are proposing this and hope they change their minds, its awful. I have so much help and support over the years
more child activities and classes, music, dance, art etc
no local one's to me if you close barra hall and mcmillan
These facilities are too far for me
At the moment all children's centres are really local and there's a variety to go to. If that changes it will be harder to get to and harder to book on. Many parents won't be able to travel to those places or they may not be local enough.
Please do not move barahall park school it's easily accessible and the teachers are very friendly
Harefield does not have good transport links
We need to keep the children centre library is to small for what the children centre does and needs
but to do that you will close my local centre so no barra hall has the best environment in terms of nature, parking, big space, park space inside and out. every child deserves the childrens centres not just the rest of the borough
I feel like the most change in the Hayes area is due to the understanding of some of the residents, most have English as a 2nd language and dont understand this form, they know the people wont fight as they feel that they are grateful for any support and i feel the people above know this
dont change what works so well, i have had lots of support from barra hall, Denise helps all the parents
good suggestions, services would be helpful
Some activities could also utilise the local parks and theatres.
Coteford is an excellent centre with appropriate facilities. Harefield moving to the library could be beneficial but the set up would need to be appropriate with clinic/consultation space/storage.
want services on saturday and sunday also, so that working parents also join it.
good location and easy access
The current centre at South Ruislip has a large facility to provide some of the proposed and keep effectively running the nurseary.
McMillan is one of the best people ive been around for my child
Please do not close the children centres as they helped my daughter a lot during her 1st and 2nd year of life. They also helped me to engage with other mums from my community. I don't have family members here, so they play a vital role in our integration/adaption to the country.
As above. South Ruislip CC a good space to talk privately in different rooms and also space for larger groups.

I do not agree if you are going to close all of these centres in the Hayes area, we have trouble booking sometimes as so many families want to get onto groups - you will be reducing capacity in the new centres

do not close our children centre

On the paper these Family Hubs looks good but in the reality Barra Hall and McMillan families would not have anything close by for children to attend... and this new proposal in not improving or upgrading it is taking away a chance of our children to be able to access these valuable services.

The location in the Southeast at the Asha centre and Botwell leisure centre would be a harder to get to and I would not feel safe. My older children have brought letters home from school advising then to avoid these areas.

Please don't close the Children's Centres in Cherry Lane and Yiewsley. It's a request.

easier access to a lot of communities for families

Families are going to have to travel too far or walk with young children. We need our local Children's Centre to stay!! to support us in our local areas/ Neighbourhoods. It might be also overwhelming with all services 0-19 running from one place

Services have been gradually moved further from schools for many years so that continuity has all but disappeared

Closing Coteford children's centre and for South Ruislip CC to remain.

Using local library buildings too is a great idea

Harefield library is too small and is already a centre of our community as well as the current children's centre

South Ruislip children's centre should remain the hub as it had a high level of attendances

If the Harefield Children's' Centre is working then why close it (£?). The library hall and subsidiary do not have enough space for major alterations and is used by childminder and local groups. The available space is could be improved to enable some service delivery though. The redevelopment of the boarders building at Harefield Academy should have allowed for the inclusion of a site for some of the youth provision, including SEND. Joined up thinking by a group who are aware of the relevant possibilities for provision as well as provision needs.

The children's centres provide this support in a specialist environment, why would you change this to the corner of a library?

libraries are focused on existing services and adding more will impact those. Residents should have freedom to choose which children centre they wish to use

Please do not get rid of Barra Hall

Agree we can expand the use of community spaces as long as it doesn't hinder existing services.

We use Barra hall and this is a fantastic children's centre. It's a great location and they team there have been amazing and helped our daughter massively.

The Barra Hall Centre MUST remain open. It is in such a good location and is so easily accessible to lots of people and has good transport links for public transport. It is the facility with the best amenities closest to our home, we cannot recommend the site enough. Having visited both pinkwell and charville before, they are nowhere near as good as Barra Hall.

South Ruislip is a fairly new build which could hold a family hub and a nursery, money could be spent to

The loss of other children's centres may have a negative impact.

The youth centre at Ruislip sits empty most days it has parking totally makes sense

It depends if the same service are available and at the same frequency.

It appears you are getting rid of Charville Children's. Center, I'm not sure how this serves the people who live in this area as Pinkwell is at least a 1/2 journey by car as is Yeading. Charville library is too small and has insufficient capacity to serve the people of the area and for those living here doesn't satisfy the criteria above you said you were applying

As long as the council doesn't reduce the current services and only to relocate them then agree.
Libraries are not places to take your child for an exciting and loud session also the centres are all so welcoming and feel like very safe spaces for our children
These need to focus on the children and family as the focus. The centres need to be welcoming and build on the current use of children's centres as a nurturing and welcoming environment.
These hubs are far from where we live and the environment will not be as relaxed and family friendly as the Barra Hall, McMillan and Charville Children's Centres are.
.I'm not comfortable going to a big sports centre or college. Why are there so few I'm the most deprived part of the borough.
I agree if available services remain the same and doesn't get cut. It is already so difficult to get a space in a class and by adding more services can make that even harder
They need to be clearly accessible and this is not enough. We need more outreach. Possibly pop up's
Oak farm is in prime location of lots of families so this is good. Also the use of oak farm library
None
There won't be any services at Nestles Avenue with so many families living along the road.
It's such a shame that so many well established children's centre have to close down.
The new Swimming pool being built in West Drayton might have spaces available as well
None of these facilities have gardens on site which are an essential part for some services especially for those who are not permitted to go into local areas.
Are community spaces for everyone, e.g residents association and senior groups?
A library is wholly inappropriate for such facilities. Stop scrimping and use the facilities built for youth and communities.
Please also give consideration to parking. Some of the children's centres don't allow for parking
Issue is I don't want the Council nurseries closed
Too few hubs in the North which are too spaced out, and this suggests closing all of the existing children's centres?!
Not sure libraries are a great setting for noisy kids
Happy to agree as long as we keep existing nurseries in Uxbridge, South Ruislip and Hayes.
If services are not centralised (one venue) parents will not benefit from access to all services in one place.
I am a little concerned at the use of libraries, as it may negatively affect other users.
Nothing near Eastcote.
There is a lack of mention of some of the very active library centres already providing excellent community support for all ages such a South Ruislip Library. South Ruislip Wren Centre was specifically designed for people with learning difficulties - with high quality resources in place hopefully this will be retained. There is no mention of South Ruislip Young Peoples Centre which despite a bid from a local entrepreneur to lease the space for a centre that supports young people 4-18 and also supports young mothers back into work has been left to go to rack and ruin with occasions let to Young Carers etc. It is essential the role for this centre is reviewed and not turned into yet more flats.
Closing South Ruislip, very busy centre & with great resources and environment.
Charville library is way too small, need the childrens centre!

Comments on proposed children's centre closures.

Barra Hall is a staple Centre for CC's. Many families only want to attend there and it's one centre where we can cater for a very large number of families. Not worth closing down.

The centers nearest to my home will be affected from the proposed changes.
All centres should remain open
I disagree, spaces which are currently hosting nurseries are good and some even purpose built for their use.
Barra Hall is the closest to where I live. It is within a park which is great.
We need the above facilities for parents, especially for Mothers. The South East especially are the most deprived areas in Hillingdon! Why are much needed services being closed in this area? It's always the poorer in societies that suffer the most! How are mothers, fathers, single parents supposed to get back to work? If all our much needed services are getting closed one by one?
The brand 'Children's Centre' alienates other groups and doesn't spell out what the offer actually is. 'Family Hubs' welcomes all and says to you encompassing services.
Barra hall children centre needs to remain open
because you saw it as reasonable and I agree
Cowley Childrens centre is brilliant, its right next door to the schools which is really helpful. Theres going to be nothing for families in Cowley.
I disagree with closing children centres because it is hard to find and afford nursery for many family and they rely on the children centres for their children.
All the centres are vital where they are
It needs to all be local inclusive for all and not having to make ppl travel out of their area where everything is fully booked... closing down local infrastructure for vulnerable familes is not the answer
This reduces access and will mean I can't join as easily as the new proposed site is too far away and difficult to get to.
I am strongly agianst closing Nestle Avenue children centre is the only nursery available in 20 min walk from my place. Without it, the only option i would have is to leave my job and look after the baby.
See answer to Q12
Why barra hall and charville because both centres are at a perfect place barra hall also have big park for occasions children play ver well
You're just cutting services under the guise of we will open other centres, but you're reducing the services
SR CC is great location for my family
those services are needed in the area that they are now.
The suggested locations are far from local or convenient to the public.
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I think some of the services should be split to be more age appropriate instead of having everything in one place. The older children could disturb the less than 5 year olds. The older kids will need space for them to hang out and be noisy. Unless the building is huge with plenty of rooms, it may be more appropriate to split into more places.
It leave quite a large gap between Uxbridge and west Drayton without any services
Services in these areas benefit the most disadvantaged in the community
Retain a children's centre in each location
As above, we seem to be getting rid of valuable resources and replacing them with less accessible and less focused spaces for the early years.
This will mean you take away other services already offered there.
This reduces choice and accessibility
I would agree to Barra Hall centre being moved as the services which are present there are ok to move but nestles moving away from where it is will have a major impact. Please consider the number of families already living in that area and new families moving there in the next couple of years, if anything there should be plans to increase the capacity of Nestles.

With the recent fee hike of 30%, Nestles is at par with private nurseries but the quality of service at Nestles is outstanding and beyond. Closing it or moving it away will be the worst decision ever for future kids and parents. That nursery is one of things to be so proud off for the Hillingdon Council. Their services are beyond excellent.. beyond outstanding.
I have not attended the aforementioned centres, but I think the families who are local to this areas should have a saying.
Nestles Avenue is one of the better centres. It should not be closed.
As my local children's center is Oak Farm this obviously don't affect me directly. I am not sure how these changes would impact in local families, specially those that don't drive as public transport connections are quite tricky in the area
South ruislip is very accessible
You aren't offering the same services. Including nursery's. None are walking distance to South Ruislip (field end road side)
We need all our nurseries, and more beside. There are insufficient good, affordable and reachable nursery places. Parents will have to stop paid employment if they have no access to nursery provision. Nurseries need to be within walking distance of home. Come September many families will be without affordable private vehicles (ULEZ) so, more than ever, their work and childcare needs to be within walking distance.
This doesn't affect me where I live
Agree with all bar Coteford as this is a large location for the local community
South Ruislip centre is extremely important, lots of local people use the centre and nursery. Although it sounds like the decision has already been made!
Barra Hall CC is very important: easy access by public transport, enough facilities for mothers and children using the centre, good parking spaces, the location as it's next to the Barra Hall park, supportive and friendly staff and more importantly feeling happy and safe in here.
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Attending groups in the children's this has been crucial as a first time mom and also the development of my baby
We need these vital services above! As parents these nurseries and children centre's are our life line.
Nestles is my nearest centre and its currently well my child attends nursery. This would be the ideal location for us as my child struggles with new people/new places.
Closer for walking residents
Barra Hall is a much loved place by families living in the south east region, hugely supportive and has been a great location/hub for families to meet and form a community. It would be a huge loss for the society if this place were to be removed.

The other centres would be be packed and there will not be enough spaces.
As my daughter was Covid baby, children centre help her develop and come together to play with other children. It help her socialise. My daughter always looks forward going to centre and play. Some of these hubs will really hard to travel in to.
Are you seriously going to take away the one thing mums can come to that are for all in our community your taking more away
Some services for 0-19 age groupd is perhaps too wide?
That's ten purpose built children centres you want to get rid of built with public money for young children??? That's just wrong I completely disagree with this idea
Why can't the service still provide to local residents where it already is but still provide using new spaces for other local residents that need it or may need other services that are not provided yet and be affordable to them
There aren't enough services as it is without them being stopped.
I would suggest to keep the services in the children centers as well so families will not to have to get on long waiting lists to access this services.
Two of our closest centres will close
please uxbridge hub in civic centre should remain
These are near to us And my child love to play there
Cowley cc is also an easy access to get to and also lots of mums go there. I really like the cc
South west has a large gap between Yiewsley children centre and Uxbridge daily hub, i like in the middle so for me cowley not being an option causes some concern. As either way is more than 30 minutes walk. Also from looking at plan, the Two hubs in the southeast as very close seems to miss a whole area where barrahall is and no facility put in place as that and McMillan are closing.
The groups/ support classes. Baby / toddler groups are all amazing. The nursery is equally excellent with an amazing outdoor space. All staff (childrens centre/ nursery) have been there a long time with experience and a great rapport with all young families
I know all the children centre they are quite useful for the children to play around and they have quite nice play area and garden. It will be good to leave them as it is.
Too far from the residence of ub3
South Ruislip Children's centre has adequate space to provide all necessary services whilst still providing existing services and day nursery.
This would result in less services provided in places not for this purpose
Yes just that the transition and migration from children centre model to family hub should be smooth and hassle free
I don't have enough information about locations and capacity of each building so I cannot comment
Sometimes it's difficult to get transport, and it's hard to get the kids ready on time so don't want to waste a slot. Also, it's good to be close in case of an emergency.
Please don't close McMillan children's centre
Why stop this service when it works so well. The other locations are just not possible to reach.
What is wrong with the Children's Centres?
Why are the services being moved away from the Children's Centres?
I don't think any children's centre should be closed down. They bare an excellent facility fir local families and it Wouk's be a massive shame and even a disgrace in my opinion to close any of them down!
These strategies fails to meet the principles you lay down earlier unless a major refurbishments is given to the buildings you intend to use
Not based near those centres
The South Ruislip children centre is in the perfect location for the early years kids, plus it's next to other schools as the child.progresses, making it a more familiar place

Neither Ruislip sites are centrally located to the public transport network.
As important as family hubs are, children centres are just as important and therefore would be detrimental to all families if they are not accessible
South Ruislip children's centre provides amazing services and support to local family's. Many have attend the centre for years with multiple children. I have always used the centre for midwife and baby groups. Both child had attended and still attend the nursery. Please do not close
Instead of stopping children centers. Build a new family center at a different location.
These hubs and centres are beneficial to the community.
As above. Coteford is very convenient for parents in the ruislip manor area and Eastcote area and a number can walk close to that centre
Charville children's centre should remain
These are important to the communities they already serve, you're just re defining communities
Cowley children's centre has offered myself and my daughter good support during her first 20 months. The staff there have been very professional, helpful and always friendly. The space indoors and outdoors has served as a good space for my child to enjoy and develop since being born and it would be a shame for Cowley to stop delivering its excellent services.
Closing children Centres is such a terrible strategy, specially when you are trying to cram all possible services in one hub. Children services are an essential service in children's development and safety. It's a shame you plan to terminate this scheme
As above
To far like more of the mothers in harefield they dont will travel by bus or get taxi to get help from another children centre. n't will to far
The south east area is the most densely populated area with a lot of poverty. So why are the majority of the centre being closed in this area?
I would be sad to see Barra hall no longer used as I think it's a great asset and lovely building
PLEASE DO NOT TRANSFER SERVICES TO OTHER AREAS. IT IS PERFECT AS IT IS!!!
This is completely counter intuitive. My son who has autism started his journey accessing support at South Ruislip early years centre. He has gone on to attend the nursery at the setting as it was the only setting that really catered for his needs. If you remove this nursery you put children like him at risk of being lost in a system with inadequate care. This makes your proposed services redundant. The foundation services this centre offers are key in setting young children with additional needs up with the right skills to participate in what is considered normal society. Without this service it is unlikely my son would be able to attend mainstream school. The nursery has worked tirelessly to ensure my son has the key skills to adapt to mainstream education. This is not offered suitably by other private nurseries
Too far and inconvenient
would prefer family hubs and children's centres
Will these building then be left empty?? Like the ones connected to hillside school or the building on Hallowell road.
The best centres and you want to close them?!!!
As per my above comment. It's a fantastic centre which is local and convenient for a number of families. I feel this centre should be kept open!
The closure of these remaining children Centre are already a hub and have been vital to families in the area and these families would mean more than a 30min walk to access a hub. BarrA Hall is backed onto a lovely park big rooms and lovely out door space. Mcmillan C C has lovely outdoor and is connected to the Mcmillan nursery which is vital for continuity of care/ services.
I have expressed my saddened response to this proposal. The Harefield Childrens Centre is an integral part of the community allowing many families of different ethnicity and

backgrounds to forge relationships in a very close knit community. They have continued wonderful transition links with the local Primary School which enabled all of my children to prepare for the start at Nursery there. I'm a small community space that could cater for the local families demands we could create have a friendly atmosphere with the staff who often gave incredible 1-1 support, having known my children from birth, and advice when it was needed most.

Absolutely not! Harefield children's centre was my lifeline. I had no car at the time, public transport is shocking! This will isolate many families. How can this even be considered?

Not everyone has transport or can afford pub transport

As above, Harefield needs its children centre

For the same reason as all my other answers.

See above answer ,

As above. Harefield childrens centre has been a lifeline to families for many years and combining services rather than a dedicated space is not the right option. Keep the children's centre and offer these additional services too!

This would be a huge shame if the centre was to lose service post covid when some services were unavailable I personally struggled to find support post the birth of my son and not having that local support made such a difference especially for parents whom can't drive the village needs Harefield children's centre to remain with as many services as possible I found the service so incredible with my first 2 children additionally parking around other centres was a nightmare

Some people are limited on being able to get to new places and it's much healthier, easier to be able to walk to the existing children's centre in harefield - it won't get used as much by locals who need it if it's moved elsewhere!!!

These units are working well as they are why disrupt them just for the sake of change and will there be a loss of staff numbers?

I would object to Harefield Children's Centre being closed due it's geography, it would be difficult for families to access other centres easily .

Coteford and South Ruislip are very convenient to many people living nearby. I can easily walk to coteford, if I had to drive to an alternative location I would likely end up not going to midwifery services, baby weigh in clinics and baby groups. I feel lots of people would end up not going which would be detrimental to their mental health post partum.

Has to be local, with kids and commutable on for especially now ULEZ has priced most people out of affordable family cars and and very poor on public transportation in outer london.

I do not think this is the best for our community, as the children's centre are so complete and safe

As detailed above. The Children's Centres have been established for over a decade and have become an integral part of local communities. I believe that moving locations and operating part-time out of many different locations will be detrimental to the number of families accessing services and the opportunity for early intervention. There should be a permanent base for all the existing communities, and look to providing sessions in other community buildings as an addition not instead of. Hillingdon Council has for many years boasted about not increasing council tax rates with no cuts to services - this is simply not true. This is the second time the Children's Centres have had a restructure. I strongly believe that there will be many missed opportunities for early intervention if this proposal is agreed.

I am sure people from this strāšne wont be happy

these are brilliant children's centre and offer a good service to the local community - it would be silly to take them away

I dont see why the children's centre should be shut as they already offer a great servise to the local community

How about stay and play session for the kids?!

I have used South Ruislip children's centre and it's such a lovely place. It feels safe and there is a strong community there.
these are local to me charville barra hall
Coteford has helped me and my son so much. My 10 month old would not be who he is without them
How as I said before, I prefer big space for my child and his health.
It makes easier for children.
If the children centres are going to be working on the existing system then it will be difficult for families with no children under five to access these services.
The closure of the South Ruislip children's centre was a big loss for the community. There are only very small nurseries with experienced staff who are able to support children with varying needs.
I think a Children center and in specially a state nursery is more important for our children's development and future.All the family hubs propose activities can be done at different locations for example Deane Park Hall Community center which is 5 min walk from South Ruislip Children Center or Library halls .I don't think is any good interest for the community to close these children centers and push parents to unemployment because is no other affordable options around .All ghe nurseries or Childminders have long waiting lists and they are stretched to the breaking point .
The centres are required in the existing communities and the South Ruislip children's centre is especially good
No keep things as normal as posible. The new spaces can be used for new services to expand on.
As above. I would need to drive. Why should we lose our local community clinic
Barra hall children centre is located ideally in the park as it is a nice walk to the park both for the mothers and their babies. It also makes the park a lot safer and family oriented with the mothers walking with their babies in their buggies. The staff at barra hall children centre are very helpful and kind and a lot of mothers feel that barra hall children centre should remain a children centre.
Finding a space for sessions has always been difficult! Why would you close them down to create even more of a booking frenzy?
Reducing the areas that services are provided from will reduce access for those who need it. Local services are key as any parent will tell you that sometimes it is impossible to get to something that isn't within a 15/20 minute walk.
Barra Hall is the central hub and busies of our children's centres. We have clinics there 5 days a week and it is the most popular with all the local families. It is often chosen over centres nearer to residents as there are safe parking facilities and it is within walking distance.
Children's centers are purpose build and the services should be delivered from the children's centers. Hillingdon is the only borough that supports families via children's center. Closing them will further isolate families, leaving families struggling to access services
Those in South ruislip will struggle with transport if they don't drive this will impact them financially getting to these settings. South ruislip does not have the easiest access routes to remove the current services from
I have been attending the Coteford centre and it is within easy walking distance from my house. By closing the centre, it will reduce the options available for child care for me. The centre plays an important role in my and my child's well-being.
South ruislip and Nestles are prime locations for Hubs as they have early years centres attached.
All these have been in the local areas for a number of years. South Ruislip was purpose built and closing this with has a children's centre attached seems ludicrous and a complete waste of tax payers money!
Don't close any of them. They are all still used and needed. Some people cannot travel further, they will loose access to vital services

As a professional we use these spaces on a weekly basis. Combining these into hubs, I feel that health services will have to fight for a space and with already growing waiting lists, I feel this will only get worse.
Barra hall has an excellent sensory room speech and language therapy are using. All childrens centre are well set up
Barra Hall, McMillan and Coteford children's centres are currently being used effectively to deliver children's therapy services
South East needs more hubs and service centres. proposed in Hayes, then Barra Hall and McMilan centre or at least one of them should remain open.
These should be additional services not taking away from existing good providers
These are the three I regularly attend every week despite living in Ickenham I have no issues getting but to these places
These are vital locations for families to access. I do not agree with any services being stopped. That is the opposite of what is needed and would have a devastating effect on the local community.
Would have a huge impact on existing services and access to services in existing children's centres e.g. speech and language
The children centres are fantastic for children with SEN. They have rooms especially available for groups, going to libraries etc would not be suitable for their needs.
As said above, closing children's centres will be detrimental to the community of parents with babies and early years children in Hillingdon, we will be losing the safe spaces to speak to people who will support us and our children
Many of our families need these spaces and location. As mentioned previously, locations that are easily accessible, especially for those who have additional needs. These centres also have staff who are well trained to work with children and families
These children centre are fantastic with great location these should not be closed
We need local children's centres where we can meet local families to build a support network that is in short walking distance
As my comment above
The children centre are appropriate for younger children and parents.
Reducing the amount of places where services are offered will limit accessibility rather than improve it.
It is already hard enough to get a space to attend a class, moving / consolidating / closing it will make it even worse!
Closing such a large number of children's centres would be detrimental to the delivery of quality Speech and Language Therapy, we would have less space to use and therefore be able to run groups much less frequently without the space to do so. This would have a huge impact on our waiting lists meaning that children with significant speech and language and communication needs would be waiting far longer than they are now, affecting their start in life. The Early Years also need a dedicated space where families and parents can go to get advice, access services and support and feel safe. Closing children's centres will have a huge affect on parents and their young children.
Are all areas of the borough covered?
There are families that cannot travel for 30 minutes
Keep the Uxbridge Hub theres civic centre is empty
Cowley children's centre has been very important to my child's development since being born. It would be terrible if this centre were to close, she has built a strong rapport with all the staff and enjoys her time there every time she attends. The facilities are great, the services are fantastic and the outdoor space has been great for my little one and it's nearby, it would be such a shame if this centre was to close, please keep this one open and running.
I believe this will be a great loss to local communities

All of my local children's centres would go- this is awful. It was bad enough when others were closed eg Hillside children's centre
As mentioned earlier, Nestle Avenue children centre is the only children centre providing childcare facilities in almost the entire Hayes Town. All the others are at least 40-50 mins walking distance. How is council planning to provide services to the 1000s of kids who will move in new apartments being built in Hayes town
Other centres may not be as easy to access for local families. This seems a very short sighted proposal which fails to take in to consideration the effect of closures of local centres would have on vulnerable families
We would be really sad about losing South Ruislip CC as my daughter likes this place the most.
A ridiculous idea! Parking would be an issue. Poor access for families.
All the children centres in our area will close. The library is small, garden not appropriate would mean travelling too.
I use Harefield children's centre regulary
There will be nothing in my area if you close Barra Hall and McMillan. Hayes is too far, too busy and not safe.
There would still be lots of children centres accessible for each area
Terrible idea! Especially Barra Hall as it's services and location is are fantastic being in the park and easily accessible when my mum who looks after my son while I work and doesn't drive, she's almost 70 and can manage this easily but couldn't go further
Not everyone could still easily access the new spaces & these existing centres should remain open for those that find them easier to access. Maybe open 2/3 days weekly if costs are an issue.
The Harefield children centre is 5 mins from my house I have 4 children 5 and below, I don't drive I won't be able to bus to these places
Why would you lose all the CC's in the north for one hub? The wren centre won't hold as many people that 3 centres do? Will be over subscribed and no space if all north families have to use one centre
It's a shame we need to discard so many childrens centre when they mean so much to the local families and so much public was invested in gettiing them up and running.. This just feels like a cost cutting excercise. s
I believe that parents access to these community spaces is of paramount importance. Families need to be within a 20 minute easy walk of an appropriate service. The Childrens Centres under threat of closure have been running successfully for many years and are always well attended. Their closure would create a huge void in the lives of so many.
It seems a shame when so much money was spent setting them up
I know other mums walk up to 45mins to go CC's because still local and offer other environment's to children
Cowley children's centre is local , if no space in other centres
The current facilities provide a much needed space for the early years age group. Many local walkable nurseries in the area do not offer the same kind of space or facilities
These are all my local centres and I access them lots
Disagree
Try to use all the infra available and don't make existing resources redundant
The services have to be accessible for all and keep moving them affects families from accessing them.
There is high demand for children's centre spaces, especially for 0 to 4 year olds. We used to be able to book 3 or 4 spots a week for our son, but since April are limited to 1 spot a week due to the demand and have to call daily for cancellations. Reducing the number of locations will low reduce the number of spaces available which will make it even more difficult for parents to book places for their child to attend. My child was born during lockdown and really

struggled to play with other children to begin with and only through attending the children's centre was he able to adjust and learn to play with other kids.
Closing 5 centers in Hayes is disgusting - it will be more difficult to get to these 'family hubs'
please dont close mcmillan
cost of living, families need more support not less
I Have been using the centres for a long time, and centres should be local rather than one centre far away there should be more centres not less but small distances so that people can visit without hesitation
5 centres in Hayes but the other localities not much change, this seems drastic, closing 5!!
Reducing the amount of Children centres will make it difficult for every to be seen or access groups. At the moment we can only book 1 group a week and those get filled pretty quickly as there are a limited number of spaces. If the children centres are grouped together, they'll be even less spaces at the baby groups.
All families in all areas should have access to these services.
Absolutely ridiculous that you would close this locations, most in very densely populated areas. Most with great parking
i will have to get a bus and i cannot afford this, its too far to walk when i have to drop off and collect older children!
My closest children centres will be closing
A lot of people will be out of work and there will be less for the children to do more often
Please do not move barahall park school it's easily accessible and the teachers are very friendly
Keep as many open, don't close - open more.
Coteford is still a good site for younger kids
maybe don't close any center's and look to expand upon the model, with a yearly Family Sports Day arranged for summer, all the center's attending with a Sports day event, full of market stalls and sports events held.
No to closure
Do not take more away from our children
i think the centres should stay the same, we need more support not less in this life we live in barrahall should stay
it will not be better as barra hall is bigger than all the centres so some services will be cut
I think different spaces could be used for the different purposes and age groups. The expansion of the programmes instead of closing the existing Children Centres would be better. Also the use of the Theatres would be helpful for any creative activities, and if open to the wider audience, not only for the children of families on benefits.
Harefield Children Centre has been amazing to myself and lots of friends who use it too.
You are taking services away from local families
Dont close our centres - we need more not less
closing the centres means we wont be able to access services as we wont be able to walk one house each way to get to centre. means i will have to walk 2 hours for 1 hour session not less service but more
Taking away the nurse at South Ruislip will have huge implications for the families who currently attend and receive their services and support. It will also take away affordable child care making times even harder for us.
This will reduce accessibility, i pay my council tax and do not want centres to close
would like to see an extension at charville as always full
these services are good as they are and some extra could be added too

<p>This is one of the most deprived areas and you are proposing to close five Children's Centres leaving the most vulnerable and low paid or unemployed families we no centre within walking distance especially if you are disabled., have a child with additional needs. Even using buses to get to a new centre will be hard as limited spaces for buggies on buses.</p>
<p>Have only used Charry Lane and Yiewsley. No issues for me.</p>
<p>what is the procedure going to be with being able to attend sessions ? we need more explanation, more details. would be less space for our children to play.?</p>
<p>Parents must have routines etc, children will be affected as well parents</p>
<p>Harefield has a beautiful Children's Centre right by the school entrance . I believe this is a cash saving exercise and is not about making access easier</p>
<p>Won't these areas lose access if you do this?</p>
<p>I would only agree if the services are proving to be effective within the hub format, so another consultation with the community would be required before this decision can be made</p>
<p>Create more service centres and also leave the existing ones for the benefit of all</p>
<p>Coteford children's closing no services in Northwood Hills area.</p>
<p>We use coteford as easier to access</p>
<p>Harefield is a great community and feel if services weren't offered locally then part of its community would miss out greatly</p>
<p>If the children's centre moves to the library it won't have the space to run the activities it currently runs. Especially if also sharing with other children services</p>
<p>South Ruislip children's centre is an amazing centre, with good facilities and outdoor space. Would be such a shame to see this centre go.</p>
<p>How is the library easier to get to than the Children's Centre? The ? Seems to be continuing delivery for the family for those over 5. Junior school very close.Those attending a non Harefield school - entrance that can be self contained. If it's not broke don't fix it. Not suitable for several other services for locate them in separate location close by.</p>
<p>The children's centres provide this support in a specialist environment, why would you change this to the corner of a library?</p>
<p>As long as services can continue and are accessible to the local community. Ensure adequate space to run services in appropriate settings</p>
<p>its going to impact quality of service</p>
<p>Barra Hall is easily accessible for many areas and is in a quiet location rather than busy places which I find overwhelming taking my baby to</p>
<p>These children centres are already a hub, a community and used by lots of parents and children. Rather than close you need to expand</p>
<p>Barra hall is a great location and we have used this location for several years and the team there are great.</p>
<p>The Barra Hall Centre MUST remain open. It is in such a good location and is so easily accessible to lots of people and has good transport links for public transport. It is the facility with the best amenities closest to our home, we cannot recommend the site enough. Having visited both pinkwell and charville before, they are nowhere near as good as Barra Hall.</p>
<p>Those children's centres are used by lots of families, the detriment to some families based on the loss of these centres may be severe.</p>
<p>Arranging different activities for over 12 and Separate from under 12</p>
<p>Barra Hall is our closest and still 20min walk.</p>
<p>As long as it doesn't have impact on the families</p>
<p>Too many centres in the North and South East would stop delivering services. These are key centres that provide excellent care and are too vital to be moved.</p>
<p>I do hope the council does not sell of these puplic owned buildings but use them for other civic services</p>
<p>Removing South Ruislip CC would mean there were no centres like this in the north of the borough</p>

As above it depends on if the same level and frequency of service will be provided.
Please see my comments above.
Agree as long as existing services doesn't stop. Trying to get into a the already limited classes is so ridiculously difficult.
As I said previously the centres are safe dedicated spaces for small children and they all have nice outdoor play areas
Need to consider the South East, as a lot of sites close and these families need to access local sites.
Please DO NOT close Barra Hall, it has been a lifesaver for our family.
Uxbridge early years should be kept open
Would this not be taking services away from some families? Not all families can easily get around/out the house/ travel various distances. Also soe families will have familiarity with current venues so could changing them mean losing some families and potentially those most vulnerable?
Barra Hall and McMillan are local to me. They are intimate, friendly and professional. Staff there really care and I don't feel like I'm in an institution when I'm there. Barra Hall has a lovely garden and the outside area with the park is good for my mental health
Transfer is fine. But please do not reduce the sessions that already exists
Not enough, uxbridge for example. Parents are not always able to travel
The children's centers are built fit for purpose more so than adapting other community spaces & the proposed spaces without the children's centers are insufficient to reach all residents.
Our toddler goes to the nursery at Nestles Avenue Children's Centre. Closing that would have an enormous impact on her and us as a family and we would probably need to move somewhere else
Family hubs are a great idea in bringing services together, but such a shame so many centres have to close, that already have great spaces
No comments
With the number of people having moved into Hillingdon, council should keep the existing locations and add more to be able to support the growing demand.
The South Ruislip Children's Centre is fantastic and continues to provide my son with excellent facilities.
As long as families can get there and the building is suitable for young children.
The southern areas are more in need of the services due to the size and diversity of the communities
This is an attempt to sell off purpose built spaces.
These children's centre will be very helpful alongwith family hubs
Existing centres of excellence should be retained in areas above
Issue is I don't want the Council nurseries closed
All these centres have good out door spaces for children and their parents/carers to access. Where the other building that are been proposed to be used don't not have these facilities. Also what will happen to the all the Children's Centre if they do get closed down?
As long as there is appropriate space in South Ruislip library for these services
These settings are purpose built for this, why decommission them?
More development especially in the south area requires more affordable child care.Hubs are not going to provide this.
Why not bring g these centres to a condition that is fit for purpose?
Nothing near Eastcote.
No services should be reduced from the well used centres
The children's centre are a great space to grow as parents and babies. If I didn't have the children's centres I would be lost during maternity leave and would feel so alone

So sorry the council has gone back on its word to maintain South Ruislip Children's centre after the very powerful lobby from young parents and carers who as potential voters will be very let down.
Need to be more local places
Coteford childrens centre supports families from the Northwood area & South Ruislip is a well establish centre with a great environment and outside area
Charville childrens centre is a lovely building, oppostie the library. Library is way too small
Concerns about families not having accessible services which they have become accustomed to. It's families who ultimately are impacted by any closures and staff as well just to make savings..

Comments on other community spaces that should be part of the Family Hub network of services and support.

If you provide all other community spaces in Hillingdon so I can evaluate and make recommendations
Hillingdon Sports and Leisure Centre
Harlington Youth Centre
Nestles Avenue as it has been in the area for many years and is known by everyone.
Church Halls. A brilliant community space to consider. Also, this space would provide an oppportunity for families to connect or re-connect with faith which is/and can be a solid foundation for people's lives.
Barahall . Already getting into a session is challenging.slots are not available.. and only one session is allowed per week. If this goes down.. there will be no options
Barra hall needs to remain open
I'm sorry, but I don't know because I don't know the area very well
What about all the schools and churches? Theres a great youth club at St Matthews in Yiewsley, its a bus ride away but they are really good.
Hillingdon leisure centre
Nestle Avenue Children centre because it provides nursery option. Honestly, non of the other children centre are within my vicinity and i have not been able to take my child to any children centre for her growth since moving here.
Brunel university
The council should build more centres and invest in the ones they gave and not close any
Can local schools be used as an extension if services?
Cosmic centre has plenty of space
Community centre such as Deane park
I don't agree with the change
sdfsdf
I think with all the new development around at andrews park at hub needs setting up somewhere in this area. As there is a lot of families living around this area now and will extend once the buildings of more flats have finished
No
Barra Hall/Harefield children's centre.
Manor farm Library, Ickenham Library, Oak Farm Library
I don't know
South ruislip
So many vacent premises have been sold off for housing or retail development. South Ruislio is a continuous traffic jam of cars. If there are ANY available premises that could be used for

the betterment of the community then of course I support it. Just no more shops and flats please.
The closed down children centre near st Andrew's school. The current family hub space is way too small for the baby classes
I don't know any other location
Keep South Ruislip open!
I don't know.
I don't know
i don't no
I don't know
I don't no
We r happy for the service
I dont know
I don't know
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I don't know
Nestles Avenue Children Centre, South Ruislip Children's Centre and Barra Hall. They have been in the community for many years. Everyone knows where they are.
MCMILLAN
Eastcote
More specific, more specialised might be better. We can't have like a superstore, like a "mega centre" offering A-Z for 0-19. Hayes& Harington area need more green space, community service, not more stores/storage/garage/flats for sale just because Elizabeth Line now goes through it...
Libraries
I'd rather go to a children's centre then a community space
Sipson Community centre. A stay and play session was held here up until COVID and there has been nothing since for the residents of Sipson village. There are lots of families who would benefit from the mentioned services but are definitely more than 1.5 miles away from the nearest existing or proposed centres.
Yes AA, AI Anon and AI Ateen groups
Coteford children centre
st andrews park
Stockly Park for swimming
No
As above facilities in and around barrahall could be looked at, and also cowley
Library's- we are lucky to have so many in the area , many with side rooms which can be used.Church halls / other hall venues - these are generally disused during the week so they would benefit from use. The young people's centres are built for this purpose and should be used fully. The children's centre rooms are not used all day so perhaps used for one/ two dedicated sessions per week of your choice
Barra hall

Church halls, sports halls.
I believe we should improve existing centres
No
All the libraries.
Surely your asset management can give you these spaces?
Local library's particular for young kid with study pressures
Coregord should remain.
I know only harefield children centre i was ones in South ruslip centre and I get late to pick up my children's from the school.
Young peoples centres
I think GP's have Gp hubs with access to other public health services
A hub should also look like services in the area within walking distance I.e library, parks, schools ,children Centre can also been seen as a hub .av
Harefield Childrens Centre
Harefiled children's centres provides a vital service and has done for many years and must remain open
Harefield children's centre should remain open - it provides unique support to parents of the village which wouldn't be possible through a part time 'drop in' service within the library
Please don't close children centers
Harefield village would provide a great space for a youth club.
Ickenham Clinic community close. This will be a great location as Ickenham has a lot of families and consists of two primary schools to secondary schools and a school covering from primary to secondary ages
I think these family hubs could be located in some of the existing children's centre without removal of the early years nurseries or the childrens centres, they can run along side each other
Coteford childrens centre
No all service will be fine
Libraries extra rooms will be available to provide services.
South Ruislip Community Centre
Don't close the existing children's centres and make use of what already is there
Barra hall children centre as it is located by the park and is very convenient for many people to get to
Harefield
There are reasons for keeping some services apart. Rehabilitation and mental health should not always be lumped in with early years family services.
No
South Ruislip Youth Centre - another waste of a building that should be used for the young of the area!
No
Keep all nurseries open
More in the north of the borough.
All children centres should continue to be used.
Any plans for Heathrow Villages?
How about all the church toddler/children's and youth groups, scout centres??
I would however very much welcome spaces in ICKENHAM, there is currently nothing there aside from one clinic but it's practically impossible to get an appointment there
Not sure

Ickenham, there is no children centre close by. Perhaps the library can be accommodated to offer some services for young children and babies.
School and pre school in summer holidays
yes
Northwood eg where Hillside children's centre used to be as this is easily accessible from Northwood and Northwood hills residents. Ruislip/harefield is difficult to get to on public transport from Northwood hills
You can expand on the services being delivered out of Civic Centre as it's a large, mostly unused building
Parks, where possible
no
support to go back to work
There are no parks or schools in Hayes town
Church halls
Harefield Children's Centre
Barra Hall, the church halls and scout huts.
Don't think so
Hillingdon Leisure Centre & one of the Uxbridge shopping centres could have a pop-up desk/stand with more info for families, as lots of parents & children go there.
Loads the Youth centre on Victoria road... the actual cc's and outdoor areas too
This needs to include educational psychologists, speech and language therapist and social workers.
I am unable to think of any community spaces that would lend themselves to the needs of the families in Hillingdon without considerable financial investment.
yes
No
Agree
Yes
please dont close our centre
No, i am new to this also.
More schools should be involved.
Open hillside children's centre again.... It's a waited opportunity
Barra hall
North Hayes - Kingshill Ave/Charville/Lansbury Drive/Balmoral Drive. Nothing in this area proposed.
all areas of Hillingdon should be considered
Manor Farm, Winston Churchill hall
Yes
none
As I wrote earlier, parks could be used for the fitness for families, theatres could be used for creative and other activities. Schools could be used for after school and holiday activities open to wider audiences (not limited to the school children). Also we have business centres, like Stockley Park, and some buildings are empty. Maybe they could be used for the community activities?
Coteford Children centre
SEND cafe or something similar to help support people with disabilities to gain work experience
Harefield community centre is currently not used for any childrens services

Use existing Children's Centres
Not Sure
No
Within the locality of the hubs, local cluster of preschools should be assigned, visits can be done from the hub at stay and play sessions at preschool to showcase the hub's purpose, as well as health visitor partnerships.
No Idea about that as I'm new to the Children's Centres
South Ruislip children's centre should be part of the network because it is in the heart of residential area, it is very spacious and many families use the services.
They all need parking for families
Wide water Place
Harefield Surgery part of North PCN. Surgery is central. Could some services be delivered via the network on the harefield site? New SEND school by the Academy? The Harefield Community centre off Priory Avenue.
Consider churches or mosques with rooms
Barra hall
Not aware of others
Community centre, Harefield
Barra Hall Children's Centre
Barra Hall and McMillan.
Special education settings
Children's centers should remain in the list for reasons stated above.
The nursery at Nestles Avenue Children's Centre. It is an amazing space with amazing staff. It works perfectly for the families living in the area
West drayton and yiewsley community centre or new leisure centre
The new Swimming pool being built in West Drayton
Eastcote library
South Ruislip library - South RUISlip has had so many homes built in recent years. The services need to be able to accommodate and provide for all the people
Issue is I don't want the Council nurseries closed
The existing children's centres - particularly coteford and South Ruislip
Are there any schools with empty spaces that could be used? Parents could then drop in when
Hayes End Community Centre?
Keep South Ruislip and coteford.
Up for discussion I know, however I believe that the heart of our communities is also our schools and colleges, who literally serve the doorstep of the communities families that need them. Therefore, is there a way that we can maximise the offers made to integrated partnership working? This is something I would definitely be interested and investing from my perspective of our community work at our trust.
Libraries so they are multi purposed
Charville community centre - great big hall, on same road as library and children centre. Ample parking
Reviewing the council space that's within Uxbridge. Libraries.

Comments on whether the Family Hub Strategy will make it easier for families to access services.

Less accessible compared to now
It's all about non working families and this is wrong
Not enough concrete information to decide
none
yes as long as a digital front door for families to access these services is also provided. [Redacted for Legal reasons] are working with 40 councils to help deliver a digital offer across family hubs
No because! Why is the council introducing new places? When they could use venues they have already like Nestles Avenue Nursery?
Barahall . Already getting into a session is challenging.slots are not available.. and only one session is allowed per week. If this goes down.. there will be no options
Nope because of parking and the locations
I agree because it is very suitable for my children
It will be easier fro some but much harder for others
If you close the children's centres that would cause a lot of stress for parents who count on giving their child in the early years children centre.
People already rely on the hubs and where they are currently located
Taking away locations will not make it easier to access services and will alienate families.
I am concerned there will be an overall cut in service levels
We also receive services and we haven't fine any difficulties yet
I do not agree with the proposal to transfer the existing services to new locations. If council wants to add new initiatives that should be done at proposed places instead of moving the existing to new locations which would not be convenient to people or parents unsung the services
Only if there is sufficient and expertise staffing in place to support the proposal
adfdfsd
Maybe in some areas it might be appropriate to have everything in one space. But in other areas, it might be more appropriate to have separate space for the different services.
Some area are not easy accesible from st andrews park because the place is 5-10 minute walk to children centre if relocating it the busses dont go all areas young mothers might find jt difficult to access services
As above, the integration is likely to put some people off. Children's centres are the lifeblood of communities for families with young children and these integrated centres and less focused community spaces will negatively impact the families I work with.
As above. Not the same services. Not offering nursery's. None walking distance to field end road.
Yes right now services are a struggle especially for older children.
It will not make it easier for those needing nursery provision if you close three nurseries.
The hubs are far away so won't help anyone not living near one with no car and rubbish public transport
For the reasons I already listed in Question 13.
Because we are already happy for the services which we have or received
Because we are already happy for their service which we received
Because we are already happy for the all services that we are receiving
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Because we are already for the services which receive
Why can't these services be offered in the local children centres you already have? Why are you closing them down?
Less confusing to know where to find help; not having to travel far is a big priority; should increase home visiting where possible as when you have multiple young children (who might not be the child you are accessing the service for) it is very difficult to schedule and travel to appointments due to childcare issues
the nurseries should not be closed especially now that there has been an 30% uplift and it's in line with other nurseries.
This appears to be a further cutting exercise by the Local Authority
You're taking local services away bunching us all together having to drive or get buses and you're asking if it's a good idea ! Local mums and kids making friends is such an important step for mental health and building friendly communities who acknowledge each other and care
You already have in place amazing centres and staff in place just extend what they do - use the Start fir Life programme for funding
As above
Please don't close the existing centres
it would be hard for ys
Need to change families hub location
It doesn't make sense to shut any cc down for easier access especially for those people who live near them
Services are currently accessed freely already. The services provided which my family/ children and majority of families I know in South Ruislip . I don't think any change is needed in this area
I like the usual place to come and the children need space to come and play in the green area so to relocate the family hub to small place area and not green area is not good idea for the children even for the future children.
Not every one can travel further
The services in our area are already excellent .
It will be more difficult as larger age group will be involved
People struggle to get doctors appointments - it is likely people will struggle to access things if the hubs are in high demand and deliver so many differing services
The families are going to specifi centres because they cannot access the other centres
Less children centres does not sound like a good idea to me.
There seems to be no reference to the long term plan to develop all these areas to meet what you think you can deliver.
Ots important to have local services to support family and children at affordable prices
You need to stop assuming everyone will drive to these centres

Whilst I support the proposal of the family hubs I believe that these should not come a cost of the children centres. It cannot be stressed enough just how important it is to make sure that children centres remain in place for all families to Access
Why would taking away an additional centre ever make it easier?
Not big enough
Keep the existing children centers and build a separate family center
I have been able to access services through Coteford. It has access to midwife and for those with no cars, it's so much more convenient for the local community
As above
No
As I mentioned the nurseries are the foundation for all applicable services for young children. It is pointless to offer services without the nurseries.
Too far
Will limit the opportunity for some families to attend due to having to factor in extra cost to travel - public transport or taxis if not mobile enough to complete the 30min / 1.5 mile walk
Some families can be put off coming especially if its too far away and more than 30mins walk.if the proposed venues lacks out door space.
No this change will make it incredibly difficult for me to access Community Services for my pre-school child as it makes our journey to the new centres longer and is I conveniently located. It is increasing traffic congestion and use of fuel as,from Harefield, the bus links are long winded. The spaces are not big enough to cater for a vast number of families to continue to attend weekly with people Probably battling over booking soaces
If the Harefiled childrens centre closes where will families go - there is no where within 30 mins walk, ULEZ will be isolating people and public transport is shocking. This will be a massive loss to the community
Current cost of living - money
Because of travel, not wanting to leave the house as having a new baby is so daunting.
As above - really upsetting
If people have to travel/get 2 or more buses they won't be using the services as travelling with young children is not easy for groups & advice when it can be provided within a 10 minute walk in the children's centre in harefield.
I am not a user of these services so cannot appreciate the views of parents/caters using these services. I would hope the views of the staff and users of the current centres are very much taken into consideration
People will end up not using them if they were further away. It's difficult enough to leave the house with a young baby, let alone having to travel half way across the borough. Know the children's centre is a short distance from home makes you feel safer as you know you can quickly reach home if needed
It will be confusing for most families to understand where and how the children centre will work and I strongly believe it will have the opposite effect. Instead of heaving more people attending it would probably have less.
As per Q15 - I think it will become confusing and more difficult for families to access services.
It would make it easier because all services are in one location, but will also make it harder because I nearest Clinic would be further away
I don't believe the family hub will necessary make it easier – very often things are laid out to say it will be better but doesn't end up that way – I think we should work on improving the services that are already available and incorporate the family hub within them – not taking away existing services
I don't believe the family hub will necessary make it easier
We need to keep our local community places nearby we would be lost and shouldn't have to travel far , the one at hillside school dissapeared ages ago that was my nearest one then had

to use Harefield who where amazing and got me on the right path with help and support and zoom sessions and workshops they where amazing
distance to travel too far if you dont drive
Rather then invest in services working well, you are trying to club many others and close childcare. Its already very hard to find a place for childcare anywhere in ruislip, this will make it worse.
Yea easy to access wonderful!
It is very important to retain the children's centres
Would have to drive and probably wouldn't bother, putting some children at risk
Barra hall children centre should remain a children centre.
Reducing locations will inevitably make it harder to access services.
Cost cutting may be necessary but perhaps advertising what is currently available would be preferable to the cost of change and wiping out communities.
As above. Keep children's centers open
The proposal to decrease the number of centres is counterproductive.
There is no mention of families having Nursery care to enable them to return to work.
There are many people who will not have the means to travel and will give up on seeking help
I would hope so.
Only time will tell. Unless the services are made available in multiple languages as per the diverse needs of the communities they wish to serve, it is difficult to predict the outcome. Worthy effort none the less!
Not enough
I can only comment on my personal circumstance but I know a huge number of mums that would benefit from some services being available in ickeham
There are families all over the borough who need support and it needs to be easily accessible. Especially if the ILEZ charge comes in to effect in August, which I sincerely hope it doesn't. People will not be able to afford to drive their cars and may miss vital support and appointments.
They may be closer to home but they will be a poorer service, less helpful, less supportive, less aimed at the development of my child
Please see above
It would make it more difficult to access to the services.
The services need to be more spread across the Borough in order for families to be able to access them easily and for them to not become overcrowded unnecessarily
Depends it is then easier for older families to be part of the proposed hub but isolate others
Some aspects will be improved but some may be more limited
It will be easier for families to access some of the services, but it will not be a positive change for the Speech and Language therapy as we would be losing critical space.
In theory, a greater concentration of services in a consolidated building, will make things easier to access
Some of our younger members have raised issues with being able to access classes for under 1's
Dont understand what this survery is about. Keeping nursery open or family hub strategy. Off course the services are imp but we need easy access and awareness
Theres should be a centre in Uxbridge to be accessible for everyone
It would need to be very clear where you go for what services
The community feel that the children.centres are a safe place. Removing them rather providing additional services will leave who need the support less likely to engage.
Please see my previous answers.
You are taking away my local services.

I think it would make it easier for families to access services
If they are incorporated into existing spaces, not at the expense of closing them
It will if you don't close down existing centres that serve large family communities, unless there is one very close by, i.e. Cowley could close as we have Uxbridge & Yiewsley nearby.
This is a ridiculous suggestion
One centre will be awful... There were 4 down to 3 that's left Northwood residents with issues
I cannot see that this change of location for services will benefit Hillingdon Families, as the current Childrens Centres are well placed.
As previously stated services need to be within a 20 min walk.
A lot of families will be unable to access the centres
Disagree
I strongly disagree with closing of children's centres and reducing the number of locations.
I will have to get a bus which will cost me
i wont be able to come then
families will not attend if they are not local to home, why would Hillingdon Council do this?
It will put people off attending and you will not see families
This will make it so much harder, no barra hall or mcmillan will means getting a bus for most families who are struggling enough with the cost of living nightmare, please dont close our centres!
Agree to this idea
Depending where you live
No i wont be able to access
There is already a restriction on the number of playgroup sessions for toddlers, closing down centres while increasing the age range will no doubt place uncopeable demand
We need barra hall
need to expand and notify all parents, need to put a notice board outside each school in different languages, to notify all of what advice,help services are available
harder for families to attend support
This will make it harder for families
harder
do not close barra hall plaese
harder for me and my kids to get to
Be good to have everything in one place
These are all great ideas, but I think there could be more to be offered, to promote skills development for families - children together with parents. There are no art classes or stem promotion, or healthy lifestyle for the whole family. It's all separated and most of the time you need to arrange the childcare if it's something for parents or parents have to wait while their children are doing some activity. I propose to have something in parallel or activities for both - parents with children. That would have a better effect and allow to do things together.
If this means a reduction in groups then no it will not be a good change
Harder for families to access, demand for services will increase but space will be smaller, we already cant get on groups
demand will increase and space will be less
Great family working
harder to get there. i will have to walk 1 hours each way for a session 1 hour long. my child cannot walk that far and we dont have a pushchair due to breakage
harder - all the centres i use will close, they are all walking distance from home and the new ones wont be, so will cost me money to travel especially when getting back to school to

collect older children! these centres are vital to childrens development and some families do not have families local so feel isolated
this will make it harder - we will have to travel further and pay for a bus, we can walk now
harder as less children center
as above these changes create huge gap in/ distance to travel to get to hub or new location
I will not use the planned centres in Hayes with the cost and not feeling safe
Increase session per week for each children
mostly parents do not take their children to centres because they live far away
Yes if more are open but I disagree in the closure of many already existing ones
I have strong feelings about Harefield , can't comment on other centres .
Northwood families would struggle to access services.
Parking is required for these families to access services
It is good to draw services together but harefield library is not big enough. However, moving out of harefield would isolate the families here
Northwood has limited services with Coteford closing
Harefield is an outlier and walking to Uxbridge or Northwood takes a long time (I've done it pushing a pram) on roads without pavements with relatively heavy traffic, including large vehicles. Families in greatest need often have low income and travel by bus is costly. Therefore to access services locally means that they are more likely to be engaged and attend when they need support advice. There is still an insular attitude held by some residents and if trust is established with services/ particular people then again they are more likely to attend.
there will be more demand for services that will remain unfulfilled
Adding more locations doesnt necessarily mean more or will be easier to use these services. Stopping services from locations is definitely not going to be helpful. Instead make the same service available from different locations on different days
High quality nursery provision with dedicated highly qualified practitioners with valuable skills and expertise is what you are trying to get rid of, I think our children of the future deserve the invaluable high quality provision that these nursery provide
Botwell leisure centre outdoor and other centres for outdoor activities
Not sure it is clear that it will
Currently the childrens centres sessions are so popular, you can only book 1 a week. By closing centres there will be less sessions & harder to get in any group. Its difficult to plan your day if you do/dont know if you have a space especially with a baby. Wish the sessions were well coordinated between centres. So you can always find a session to attend eg lots of Baby groups on Monday - not so many on other days. Annoying if its a Bank holiday Monday. In May there were 3 Bank Holidays..
I would not take my young child to an environment where they may not be safe
I feel there are gaps in the Borough between sites and this may create issues in the future.
The new proposed spaces are not as welcoming as the current Children's Centres. I would not attend a leisure centre or college to take my baby for perinatal mental health services. I just do not feel comfortable at all.
The new hubs are far from my home, I cant afford a car and I can't afford bus fares both ways. I fear the council have already decided to close the centres and this is just a token gesture.
Is only easier if you there are more spaces for Children..at the moment it is a fight to get a class as spaces are so limited
Thresholds fir support are the barrier and will be key to the success of this project
None

As a family, we need to see nurses every now and then but we need a nursery service everyday!
Closing centre will impact the community
I'm not sure of where services will be and what families need.
It is clear this is a dumbing down of services to avoid real communal obligations.
I think there is a lot of doubling up on spaces ie libraries being used instead of specific spaces this could be problematic for users and delivery of service given that the user group are young mobile children
Parking options need to be available.
Issue is I don't want the Council nurseries closed
The current children's centres are walkable for lots of residents in South Ruislip and coteford. Removing these centres and replacing them with one centre on bury street (without many residential properties nearby) will disadvantage residents who are unable to drive and new mothers who can't post-birth
I think it will be worse if you end up closing the nurseries
Hubs pass on information, not actual services.
You can't add services and take away service that really help parents
The comprehensive suggestions lack a clear costed plan for development. Access seems improved if one of the early suggestion of access is upheld. Will the revised services meet the quality Hillingdon has been known for in the recent past.
Northwood families accessing services - will be harder for them to travel to Ruislip
It depends ultimately on what the end result is to be and if services in the new family hub are accessible, effective and transformative for the greater community and not just a cost cutting exercise which becomes a detriment to the area Hillingdon has been a good borough to live in to date. I'm Concerned about decisions that have been made where consultation has not happened.

Comments relating to options for the Council's early years nurseries.

Pay more
Don't close the early years nursery. The fees were increased in april which will help. Absolutely amazing staff this nursery has got and my child is so happy.
Haven't you already increased the fees? What are the other options you do not include?
The Council nurseries provide an excellent level of service and care. We can't afford to lose them
All of the above are not preferred by me, the subsidies provided by the Council mean that childcare is just about affordable to me, so that I am able to work.
What a shockingly poor set of choices. This council should be ashamed. Keep the nurseries open and keep them subsidised. Find the money elsewhere.
Council run nurseries have already increased fees, has there been any study as how this is helping to offset the monetary support council is providing? How much is it required to break even? Is the issue with the capacity of the nurseries? Has there been any advertising in local newspapers for any unoccupied spaces in nurseries? can you post nursery space availability in your website?
integrate partner websites /services into a digital offer
If it's all about money that's no reason to close an excellent asset to the parents as well as the local area.
None of these choices are good, wheres the status quo option?

<p>Closing the nurseries would mean a lot of staff being redundant having to look for a new job. Also many families who live locally would not be able to give their child to nursery would struggle with getting back to work meaning they would struggle cost of living and that would affect their way of life.</p>
<p>I do not agree with any of the preferences and believe the nurseries should be funded by the council</p>
<p>None of the above options is at all helpful for struggling normal working families!!</p>
<p>Either ways, it will be tough for people like me to afford nursery cost for couple of years till she can claim allowances. The current nursery cost is 60% of the salary and with the rising cost of EMIs it would be difficult to manage.</p>
<p>Q21 is designed to enable the closure of the borough nursery's. Option 4 - "to fully fund the nursery's" has been omitted</p>
<p>I'd rather you deliver greater cost efficiencies, which we are yet to see</p>
<p>My lad used Nestles when younger, was good for him</p>
<p>Don't close the nurseries.</p>
<p>These 3 nurseries are unique and the staff is well trained and qualified. We should keep them open</p>
<p>Above options do not give enough options on how we can save the nurseries and support the council at the same time. It is discrimination to keep nurseries only for children with special needs, why should other children not get the benefits from council they deserve? To support the public in economic crisis should be the ultimate responsibility of the government, instead of doing that the council is forcing one parent to quit job and sit at home to take care of children. The fee has already increased by 30% which is a lot more than salary increases we getting.</p>
<p>qervgwer</p>
<p>If there is a waiting list then it is a good nursery and many parents want their child to go there. Good nurseries are in high demand.</p>
<p>All nurseries in uxbridge area are important specially new blocks and houses are constantly built. I suggest invite voluntary organisations to help, non profit. I had viewed 5 nurseries but some dont meet the expectations or dont meet the days required. We need more nurseries and more places where we can get children help.</p>
<p>We need the nursery to be able to work</p>
<p>if this service is costing the council money, fees should be increased to break even or it should be closed down. There is sufficient childcare across the borough to absorb these children; this is a costly service for not many people (only 102 children)</p>
<p>This is the first part of the consultation when financial considerations have been clearly stated. In this situation the role of the council in monitoring and advising seems the least worst option. On this basis it seems equivalent to three, which just then doesnt offer the monitoring and advice service. Two is at least honest. With three the same will happen but with no oversight.</p>
<p>You have already increased fees by 30% in April 2023, it is in line with private nurseries. I would have expected for you to wait and see if that increase would aid the issue of high running costs.</p>
<p>The fees have been increased in April 23</p>
<p>Families are happy to pay more if they are comfortable and happy in the setting and the child is too.</p>
<p>My child attends Uxbridge early years nursery, the fees increased by 30% in April 2023 which are in line with the other private nurseries. Other nurseries are making a profit so it will take a few months for the the deficit to decrease. There is a shortage of nursery places. If uxbridge early years closes I will be forced to leave my job as there is a shortage of nursery places and there is a long waiting list.</p>
<p>The recent fee review of 30% already gets the fees at par or even more with any private nurseries</p>

The 30% increase in the fees has started since April 2023, which is competitive if compared with the other private nurseries in the areas. I believe, that this is more than enough to keep our nurseries open.
The fees have already been increased by 30% in April 2023, which is at par or higher than private nurseries.
My grandchildren have all gone to Uxbridge early learn centre the eldest is 23 the youngest 3 and still attends the staff have always been helpful and very friendly the children have always been very happy there and if there was a problem the staff dealt with it
no
also can be students that are studing the area
All options don't seem great
Only allow WORKING PARENTS spaces. Instead of people just using free hours when they don't work at all.
Nursery's in the area don't have the staff so closing this and moving over staff from the above nursery.will.keep these people in jobs but also give other nursery's the staff they so desperately need
Nursery fees payable by parents should be similar to what other providers are charging. Any special discount given for disadvantaged children should not be covered by other users but should be recouped from other budgets.
The fees have already been raised but I welcome the fees been raised again for the settings to continue being provided by the council.
Uxbridge is an area that has a big development the last years and with hundreds of new houses and new flats, therefore the demand for child care will be very high and I'm surprised why the council doesn't want to see that.
None of the above are ideal suggestions
Please keep this great nursery open and run by the council - private nurseries are only out to make money
I need similar
I need similar support in local
I need to keeping the services the the same
Taxpayers like myself who do not have children, should not be subsidising early years centres when there's no obligation for local authorities to cover this cost.
The fees has already been increased and is line with the other private nurseries. It will take 1 year for the deficit to go down.
The nurseries need to be available for children in need and those with child protection plans regardless of cost
If it's not accessible for everyone then it shouldn't be subsidising for the few
Don't close down the nurseries, as they are needed. Check if there are any non essential, too expensive mini services which couldn't be substituted/done differently, more efficiently, less costly.
You have an ideal opportunity to be at the forefront of SEN for early years. From my own experience Uxbridge was the only nursery who were willing to take my LG on without additional funding. Staff members were trained to look after my LG
They offer a fantastic service the families are so appreciated of what they get and you're not listening to them
Uxbridge and hayes are amazing they have done so much for the community and for children from 0-4
Close the nurseries can not be a option
Your options are ridiculous. The nurseries provide a valuable service to people in the borough. Yes - it's subsidised. But at what cost will it be closed? Parents no longer being able to go out to work and contribute to Hillingdon economy.

The need for services is great in the Hayes area. There already well established community services for families.

please kept this nursery open

Childcare should be free for working families

To be competitive

Honestly, I feel all three options seem harsh, especially in the current financial crisis, how would people be able to meet the costs of increased fees. Would the provision provided by independent services be of the same quality, his would this be measured. I also disagree with closure option, would the crrent staff still be employed?

Fees have been increased already but would be open to further increases to keep this nursery running. I can't fault this nursery. The staff are incredible, they are kind, knowledgeable and have been here for years. They know all the families and never fail to see our children for the skills they have. My daughter also attended here but there is no option to add this too. Other settings I have visited do not have the same level of staffing. Young children need to be nurtured and learn life skills through play. All I could ask for is my child to be well cared for at a young age. South Ruislip cannot be faulted in any way. If the fees have to increase , a lot of parents will pay. Lots of South Ruislip parents are working professionals so not as subsidised as other settings. We are all trying to earn a living in a climate where costs are rising.

The inflation is high family needs more support from the council

Our son is currently at South Ruislip Early Centre and our daughter also went there. The quality of care is the best in the area and we feel safe and happy that our children have been in an environment that we trust.

None of the options are really reasonable. The fees were already increased. Availability of other private nurseries does not mean they are qualified. I have had terrible experience with a local Uxbridge nursery which was ofsted rated as "Inadequate" and refuse to take my child to an unqualified nursery. When taking other nurseries into account, it should really be noted the quality of the services provided by those nurseries noting that most staff in other private nurseries are not very qualified. Uxbridge EYEC has the best and qualified staff and its services are irreplaceable and much needed in the area. As a postgraduate student in full time education I really needed to take my daughter to a full time nursery and struggled in Uxbridge to find a good nursery until we were finally offered a place at Uxbridge eyec and our experience has been amazing. Our daughter really thrived at the eyec, the staff are so experienced. Most importantly they treat my child with respect, they are very aware and absolutely careful and taking into account of all the guidelines and know and do everything that is necessary for my child's wellbeing. The staff are informed, careful and respectful. The activities, food and events at the nursery are of great standard which was also lacking in the other "inadequate" nursery at Uxbridge. I looked and visited every nursery at Uxbridge and did not find any that was of a standard that I can trust to take my daughter to other than Uxbridge eyec.

You should take details of all the families who book and of they can't attend they should be fined. Then use the fines

The Council run nurseries are unmatched in the private sector, they can be made viable

The options do not include making there accessible. If they were advertised better they would be full. This council likes having off services to profit making organisations

Number 1- parents at the last challenge over nurseries were happy to increase the fees . No 2 not viable as the private nurseries already have waiting lists. No 3cost cutting again without education being the focus rather diminishing quality for parents.

With the recent changes (to be implemented gradually) by the government (help with childcare fees and relaxation on the number of people having to look after the a certain number of children, this should help the council with having more capacity and help parents pay the fees

<p>The nursery fees have already gone up significantly this year and are now in line with those of nearby private nurseries that are making profits and, in some cases, providing nappies. Efficiencies should be identified to reduce current running costs. For example, we noted that heating in the Uxbridge Early Years Centre is kept at a very high temperature and vapour is coming out of the smoke pipe also overnight and during weekends, suggesting a non efficient use of gas and high running costs.</p>
<p>We're in a cost of living crisis. This proposal hits working families and will possibly push wage earners out of employment. It goes against a number of government initiatives to increase the work force. How can this proposal be acceptable?</p>
<p>Fees have already increased by £10 per day as of April 2023</p>
<p>It is a wonderful nursery with caring staff. The children are well looked after and learning so much.</p>
<p>So it's money saving not service improvement- at least be honest! If</p>
<p>None of these solutions seem right. How do you think families are going to pay for a fees increase? Private sector nurseries' costs is unattainable! Please do not mix SEND services in this scenario. Closing these nurseries could have a detrimental effect on children and their families. Look at the long term effects if you don't want to have your so called "family hubs" unable to cater for the needs of the community. This is frankly appalling.</p>
<p>Children come first.</p>
<p>Do not close the nurseries</p>
<p>I am a parent of a child at South Ruislip nursery. This centre is excellent do not close it. If you do so you will be condemning children with additional needs to private nurseries in Ruislip that simply do not sufficiently cater for these children's needs. I have said previously that the fees could be means tested i would be happy to pay more for my child as I am capable of doing so. A private provider may be an option but this shouldn't be at the cost of the care provided. If this is the route that is chosen please ensure that the standards that are currently at the nursery are kept</p>
<p>The choices above are awful. The running cost are an excuse because council can't budget properly.</p>
<p>If fees are to be increased parents need financial support/ grants.</p>
<p>Current cost of living - cost us a major factor</p>
<p>There's no good answer - put more funding into early years</p>
<p>Leave children centre's open in each locality</p>
<p>Fees should be increased by minimum amount as the parents using them have chosen them presumably because the fees are less than private nurseries</p>
<p>All three options are bad, but by increasing the fees, I hope the council consider that the families in Hayes are very humble, so it has to be a reasonable fee.</p>
<p>Nurseries for working parents are unaffordable, if there is not help from government. Nurseries for people on benefits should be regulated and for some costs.</p>
<p>I believe none of the options given in question 26 are ideal. I think the nurseries can be kept open, fees have already been increased and this should be given time to help with the running cost, also another increase in due course (to be in line with other settings) wouldn't be the worst thing. Also with the proposal of closing the nurseries last year had a massive knock on their attendees, they should also be given time to get to capacity. I am aware agency staff are used on a regular basis which incur a higher cost, perhaps staff with full Hillingdon employees. I believe run properly by the council these nurseries can hold their own, but they are just not being given the chance.</p>
<p>options given are not very good and I think given time with the fee increase already in place these nurseries will be able to hold their own</p>
<p>Leave the nurseries please!</p>
<p>There are many other options to keep the nurseries open apart from raising the fees. Look for cost reduction where possible, ensure full capacity by promoting about the nursery and</p>

services, start after 6 pm services for some parents who cant pick up kids early as they work in central london.

My son went to SREY and he has special needs (selective mutism). The staff have been incredibly supportive in helping communicate. Selective mutism is very complex and there are many steps to learn to strategically get a child to start communicating. The staff have been fantastic and have really gone above and beyond to help in my son's development. The staff have been longstanding members and it would be such a shame for this nursery to close, when they are supporting so many children. The staff have played a pivotal role in my son's development.

You are planning to shut down only service i am planning to use in lieu of my council tax , what a great use of my money ?

Yes very useful.

It's very hard to choose above preferences because either of these options will make it harder to access affordable childcare.

Questions number 22 is mandatory this is the reason I answered them. But I am not happy with these options.

This situation is already escalating as a problem in primary school, where the children who have not had their needs met are having difficulties at school.

They are many other options that can help the nursery with their bugets ,like cutting the cost of food and ask parents to bring a packed lunch ,a lot more other options but parents need to be listened and given the opportunity to help with these suggestions

It is very important for families to keep the children's centres open

Male the nurseries bigger, more families to join, increase fees, offer apprentice roles,

Typically the council have never offered a council nursery for the north of the borough as parents there are an after thought

As a resident I subsidies services that I never use such as services for the elderly but it doesn't mean I think the council should stop it. I feel that investing in our future is something we should be proud of.

Question 26 is disgusting and reduces the options. Privatisation within childcare means that poor services are provided at the cheapest cost. The staff are poorly paid and the provision of childcare is below the standard of comparable countries.

None of the above seem like viable choices. The community is vast and densely populated many families are on Universal Credits doesn't the government provide for these families if they can't pay via council tax or direct supplementation.

Staff are superb in supporting children and families, it would be such a loss to families to close them or to sell to private sector

These settings could be purchased by currently owned nurseries looking for expansion. There are lots of settings needing new sites to expand but limited buildings that can be used, this would be a great option. I also this that the fast growing SEN needs of children within early years does also need to be looked at, early years are struggling hugely for qualified staff and even more so for SEN support staff

Inviting private nurseries will only increase costs and reduce options available to parents.

The nurseries are part of the community and offer excellent quality childcare. The fees were increased in April this year and this has not been given enough time to see if this can count towards eradicating the current deficit.

These nurseries provide a fabulous service described as a jewel in the borough, within the community - YOU should keep them open!

Pls keep nurseries

Council money is being spent needlessly elsewhere. Protect these nurseries

Use all of the above.

It should never be only about cost

How are any mothers expected to be able to return to work if nurseries are being closed down? There are very limited spaces in childminders, I am only lucky to have a space for mine due to my older child that started there years ago. I have friends struggling to find childcare to be able to return to work
None of the options are good. Being more efficient to keep cost down.
Surely closing is such an extreme option that out shouldn't even be an option until full remediation methods have been tried out. For example the fees were increased in April, you need to give it time to see if it has made a difference? If not then you need to re evaluate the fees. The council proposed 30% so it should have been calculated correctly
None of these are great options!
We should keep the nurseries open and if the location is a problem, then relocate them not to close them
The fees have just increased 30% and parents are paying without complain. Could the council please allow time to see the impact?
Not sure why we are doing this again. Just keep the places open
Are there any other options? Need to see how the revenue vs costs look, before making any decision on above
Fees have already been increased
The council should allow time to see the result of the 30% increased in April
None of these options are helpful for the running of the early years centres - the fees have only just been increased. There has not been enough time for to see how these recent increases have helped with the deficit.
We should allow time to see that the 30% increase works.
maybe invest in nurseries instead of golf courses?
Not satisfactory options
Keep Early Years Uxbridge Open
There is not enough nurseries that are good value and held to a high standard because its run by local authority. There should be more like this in the UK not less.
New apartments in Hayes town will invite young families, and improve enrolment, leading to sufficient funds to keep running the Nestle Avenue children centre
Increase fees
It would be a shame to shut them down
Increase of fees is ridiculous, I'm already unable to send my son to nursery due to cost
Don't let the council give up increase occupancy reduce agency costs and out sourcing and use business sense to improve not just get rid of a valuable service
These nurseries provide much needed child care for vulnerable families and should remain open and continue to be subsidised like other Boroughs such as Ealing, where Government funding for Early Years is ring fenced. I notice that your options do not include keeping the status quo. This is a significant limitation of my choices. I don't think this is an open and fair consultation.. be subsidi
I strongly believe that the nurseries should remain open under the councils control. These proposals are based solely on the councils financial issues and complete lack of understanding or acknowledgement of the Early Years as being the most important time in a child's development. It is well known that money spent on the Early Years has huge implications for later life.
I actually do not agree with any of the 3 options
Yes
these services are vital for working parents
please dont close mcmillan - i am very sad
keep the children's centres as they are

I dont want the council to stop providing the facilities like barra hall and mmillan
Please do not close the children's centres or nurseries, why would hillington council do this to families who need these services
None of those options are great, I have 3 grandchildren who would benefit from those council run nurseries. Get the funding from else where, cut some of those pointless top dog jobs at the council
Education and health are pivotal factors for any state to progress don't compromise on that
a lot of people will be looking for work as we see AI technologies expand,
There are many old and young people who have no work and they could volunteer they have life experience
why are Hillingdon council taking services away from children, when the government want to offer more free nursery places. it makes no sense
please keep the early years centre open as the staff is amazing
would be very impotant for some families to keep this service
The Council should monitor the nursery provision by all independent nurseries to keep the standards high
dont close
childrens centres should not be reduced
If there is only a limited amount of funding my feelings are it is better spend providing support for all families also with the nurseries run by council how do you ensure the most needed in the borough get the nursery spaces and also due to more support from government with childcare my preference would be to support the families in the borough with a wider support network that will benefit all the family and in the grand scheme of things how many families do you help with the nurseries if the funds can be diverted to support families that link all services would that not be more beneficial to all families
Although cost of living and all of the other cost that are rising at this time, I would rather pay more to support the no closure of the nursey than it to close and have to move my child from the nursery. A place were he is settled, safe and supported.
Don't increase the cost for families. We already have enough costs and no choice but to work!
No support for us as a family, parent earns over £16k but cannot afford childcare, its catch 22
To close the Early years will cause stress to families of funded children as they may not be able to afford to travel to anther nursery
Provide free hours in Nurseries
closing local nurseries will make it harder for families to sort out childcare for when they want to take on the employment, so it will encourage people to stay home on benefits and have children at home with them.
Children having to make nursery is difficult if the child is already has ongoing issues
4 !! Extend the offer by allowing existing school nursery to run an early years facility .
Please don't close South Ruislip Early Years & Children's Centre
If effective SEND needs support could be provided and these settings partnership with local private preschools/nurseries as a space which can ease the SEND needs for them and provide certain tailored support, this could ease the pressure for local nurseries as well as be an effective service for families.
My child attends South Ruislip early years. The staff are exceptional and skilled in the knowledge of child care and development. My child had medical issues when he was born and I needed a nursery that I could trust to monitor is development. The nursery gave me that trust due to the staff being so caring. Why should children at your nursery be affect by the deficit, should this not of been higher management not allowing such a debt to occur!!! Also, there is a 6 month to a year wait for good nurseries in the local area..... what are parents meant to do with child if you close!!!! We have jobs and the cost of living is going up - by closing the nurseries this will affect so many families.

Nurseries should be kept open and fees still subsidised with a little increase in fees to lighten the financial strain on local authority. Services such as these were created due to public need. To take them away would be creating a problem that once had a viable solution. The general public already struggle to maintain homes with the cost of living crisis. childcare should be a priority - especially for those who are less able to obtain without assistance or support financially. Inviting private providers to deliver this provision will surely have more and more ppl falling into debt or a rise in children falling under the pupil premium category as they will more likely be at disadvantage for not being able to attend such an provision due to the financial strain on families.

Childcare poverty comes to mind when trying to work but costs don't work

Closing the nurseries would put so much pressure on parents that already attend the nursery.... Finding childcare is worrying enough, especially as there is up to a years wait for some nurseries which are 'good'. They is a cost of living crisis and closing these nurseries will cause anxiety for parents and finding new nurseries - the debt of the nurseries is not the fault of the children, this should be dealt with by higher management. I proposed you introduce deposits and admin fees when new children start the nurseries and consider upping fees.

Combine the above to increase the availability. Experienced professional support for the private /voluntary providers.

A lot of vulnerable families access these settings. There is concern if fees increase will some families be no longer able to afford to send children

We just need me re nursery services, reliable and affordable. But most importantly trustworthy

The nurseries are a fundamental part of the community. Closing them would be an outrage. I don't have children but yet I understand the impact of them. I have friends who have children who have attended and attending the nursery who have had such positive experiences. You have increased fees already by 30%!!! Surely you need to give it time to see this impact. It is the second time you have threatened closure, this has a huge impact on existing parents worrying if they will need to find another nursery and resettle their children, on future spaces as potential parents won't want to send their children incase it closes and the impact on staff morale

unfortunately none of these suggestions will be a good alternative for our families other nurseries and child care providers most definately need better support as currently the standard especially for children with SEN is of a very poor standard, we know this from the last time the nurseries were going to close and the parents tried to find good quality child care most found this impossible especially those with children who have SEN, and families who have other underlying issues within there family

My son has been in that nursery 13 years ago in the old location (station approach)The best nursery he could be

It's not right for taxpayers to foot the bill for childcare of other residents

When my late daughter was alive her sister went to the nursery at Uxbridge. It was a life saver as it helped give her structure & support. For us it was a game changer as it helped give us time to nurse a very sick child & her sister had fantastic care, support & fun. I don't know how we would of coped without it.

Dont close the nursery. There is already a shortage. The fees have been increased already for uxbridge

There should be an option to increase council & business tax to cover the cost. This increase should be the responsibility of all council residents and businesses, not just users of the service.

What happens to those families who are too poor to pay it's hardly equitable access

The council have already increased the cost by 30% in April. So why not give that a chance to see if that actually makes a difference to the cost. It is a huge jump for parents and the fact people are continuing to pay should be given a chance to see if it will work. But also bare in mind that the nurseries may not be full due to the uncertainty of its closure. If the nursery is still running at a lose then you council need to question what options can they try to reduce

their outgoings. Such as agency staff. Where is the extra 30% going. I would also like to add that the council subsidises services that I don't use. This is about investing in our future so why is it even a question to think about closing these invaluable services??

My son attended South Ruislip it was an excellent centre with knowledgeable staff

Early support is essential and a lack of places for children with SEND is an issue for those families to return to work and nurseries that support children's development.

Please do not stop Children's Centres.

The fees have been increased just a couple of months ago.

Is there a nursery in Hillingdon specifically for children with disabilities

This is awful. The council clearly want to close everything just to save money. They are not putting us residents 1st.

You have increased costs by 30%. Surely that covers what the council subsidises. If it doesn't don't you v know

It's a worthy cause to absorb

Not sure any of those options are good...

Increase the fees to only balance the books not beyond!

Closing the nurseries will impact on the children and why should they suffer for someone else's mistake. There are plenty of services in Hillingdon in which I do not access and meet the Criteria for but I am not asking for them to be closed due because I don't use them. My child attends South Ruislip early years, as a child that had a difficult start in life and then team at the nursery we're understanding and well skilled to support my child.

These nurseries are fantastic, I viewed the Uxbridge one but getting a place really difficult as they prioritise low income families which are subsidised places. The full price is so much cheaper than private places, you could charge more

None of these are particularly attractive proposals. I'd love to know why it costs so much to run? Any other solutions?

We need good quality nurseries.

The Council already made drastic changes to Early Years services [redacted for Legal reasons] - the facilities are needed & consider the lack of wealth in the south, the areas that suffer from higher ASB - better to start them on the right track when they are little as the costs are higher when they get older.

A further attempt to avoid obligations showing a lack of business knowledge by the Conservatives administration. An epic failure to run business even though Conservatives

Do not close these nurseries - this is the council's 2nd attempt to do this

These nurseries are too good to close

These early years nurseries should remain open because the staff at all nurseries are fantastic, very professional, are fantastic at supporting families with different complex needs, children with Disabilities and SEND. The service they provide is amazing for the children and families.

Or don't waste £375k subsidising a golf course in Northwood, or £400k on a failed ULEZ court case and fund Early Years with that money

Very loaded questions. Keep nurseries open but affordable prices.

The council should provide nursery care. It should not just be available for people with money

The early years were a vital support for me and my family. Having suffered mental health problems. The advice and support I had from the nursery staff at South Ruislip was valuable, I was never judged and listened too and advised on every day support with my child.

Neither if these should be an option, childcare shouldn't be so expensive that parents can't go back to work. Also these nurseries provide quality care for our children and you are stopping the children's development by closing nurseries

Parents in a recent local survey would be happy to see increased service as long as it met all needs.

South Ruislip early years is a great nursery. I work full time and knowing my child is cared for by excellent staff make it's easier. Having to look for new childcare will be stressful, especially as the waiting list in nearby nursery are months long. There are other businesses that the council own and pay for and I don't benefit. so why should my child and family suffer, I also pay my councils taxes. The next generation are suffering, the children we should be supporting. These nurseries are a lifeline for parents & caters.

Fees has already been increased and the council should allow time to see the results

Please consider the views of the staff as will have ideas to improve the provision or uptake to the nursery.

Comments on support that residents would like or need if the Council stopped providing childcare from the early years nurseries.

Loads of nurseries with spaces

Relocate the children

assurance that there are other nursery providers that can cover the provision

Find a solution to keep provide early years childcare

Intensive SEN support team

More information about private nurseries and spaces available all in one place. Request more schools to have 30 hour places available rather than morning or afternoon.

They cannot be closed, full stop. This council is a disgrace.

How about factual information of available spaces at each local nursery. What I mean by that is actual information of value, Nursery that and that has following available spots and time slots available to accommodate children. Councils last attempt at closing was just stating "We are offering support" which was more down the line use google and call them as we got no clue if actual spots are available in your town. That is no considered as support provided!

Doula services, programs and trainings

Do not close south ruislip! Open a new nursery!

All parents need Childcare and this is what you are proposing to close! We do not need anything else apart from to keep these vital services above opened!

Maybe potentially re-visiting creches in the workplace.

Nursery is needed

More sessions in children atleast 2-3 hours

I do not know

You mean when...

My child is due to start full time nursery from September in Uxbridge so if that closes. I really hope they will remail open.

Replacement affordable childcare

Provide early years childcare at an alternative 3 locations, close to rprevious sites

The best way the council can support struggling working familes is by keeping all facilities open

There isn't any option - there are no childcare spaces as it is. Where are these children expected to go? You are contributing to women not being able to get back into the workforce because they are forced to stay at home due to lack of childcare.

Provide us some alternate support for helping with babies while parents go to work.

I would like the council to continue to provide fully funded early years child care at the three nurseries in Hayes S Ruislip & Uxbridge

Open similar services nearby. The location of these services are critical - especially in Uxbridge where more flats and residents will need Early Years provision

There is very little affordable childcare in the area. I have to take my son to a nursery in Northolt because I can't afford the ones round here, and we have been on the waiting list for South Ruislip but there aren't any available spaces. You should be providing more affordable childcare, not less
No longer applicable to me
To not close and keep them open
another EYC. There will not be enough spaces if we close them
We do not expect council to take away basic fundamental support from young children. If in any case they have to stop. The council has to ensure each child from nursery to get place in other nursery to similar proximity and same level of qualified and professional care
Well we couldn't find any other nursery to meet our days needed, the quality of nursing, also the area, some are far, no access with bus,...also the budget. If its closed my children will have to stay home and i will end up to stop working as someone has to look after my childrens.
Support groups for different family needs
We don't have other nursery that has qualified staff
none
Affordable childcare. Many people cannot afford £80 plus a day
None
No
see above
unfortunately support provided during first attempt of close was inadequate. Do better research of local nurseries, their quality, prices, spaces available.
childcare of the same standard, you cannot find it anywhere. The knowledge and experience staff have at South Ruislip in particular cannot be found anywhere else. It would be an absolute crime to lose the staff and facilities which were purposely built.
Nursery spaces for children that operate all year round.
There is a shortage of nurseries and the waiting list is long so the situation will be worse.
Keep the nurseries open. It is short sighted. Spend less on flags and coronation parties
There is no alternative to the support that is received from these 3 nurseries. These 3 are amazingly excellent nurseries and should not be considered for closing.
A relocation of the existing nurseries with the same members of staff (early years Uxbridge has wonderful staff).
Good alternate childcare services in Hayes.
More nurseries that people can afford
I am not familiarized with the service myself so I don't know
yes
at least anytig to entertain the kids
Other nursery places and children's groups
Open other early years childcare for working parents. Too hard finding spaces and affordable childcare is impossible. More parents working is more money spent locally.
Replacement nursery care in the same area. These places are NEEDED in the areas they now serve. There is no point in having a place available in West Drayton if you live in South Ruislip!
Provide a little of local nurseries that have capacity to accommodate the children and the needed hours with the needed level of care at the same price
No comment, very disappointing
There is no support you can provide if you close these nurseries as in SOUTH RUISLIP, THERE ARE WAITING LISTS IN REGION OF 1 YEAR FOR OTHER CHILDCARE SETTINGS, SO BY CLOSING YOUR NURSERIES, YOU WILL PLACE LOCAL FAMILIES

WITH YOUNG CHILDREN IN DIFFICULT SITUATION, BY FORCING THEM INTO PRIVATE SETTINGS WITH MUCH LESS EXPERIENCED STAFF.

I need similar support in local

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Group support services

I need similar support

I need similar support in local

I need similar support In our area

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I need. Similar support in local

We disagree for closing the services

Nothing! As the council are deliberately closing down our much needed nurseries above.

Childcare and social and mental health for mums. Social aspect for mums. Relaxation area or work space.

Children's centres, family support services

More nurseries in the borough

Funding for parents who would previously been eligible. Staff to not be made redundant but used in a peripatetic way to support high risk families and facilitate appropriate alternative provision

More children centres its very easy for people who get free child care just to drop them and not think about who is picking up the bill

The residents, working parents need these nurseries, so don't close them down.

You need to be able to supply experienced staff to accommodate children with SEN / complex needs which private sector do not have

Appropriate childcare where fees are reasonable

They should stop them they are an essential service

I don't think they should stop providing care,

Close the nurseries can not be a option

Early years childcare should NOT be stopped. When early years is already providing a service why should it stop. This child could be vulnerable aswell as the families and the service which is provided by the nurseries is the support that is needed. Why should these families need to find alternative childcare when they are given the support, and home from home environment for this child.

Benefits for sitting at home as parents will no longer be able to work.

No where

There is already adequate childcare in the borough

Early years nurseries are essential

They just shouldn't stop.

Maybe open some pre schools running less hours

Why stop providing a service that serves the purpose already.

no
Other activities to play for children
Free childcare for working families
If those nurseries were to close then I feel the children centre services could then increase, which will not be possible if you are planning to close them across the borough.
More nurseries with excellent staff! Move these staff to a new location in the same areas
The early year children development helps quite a lot of children. I will recommend to leave it as it is
Council is always lacking in support and now wish to reduce more
Don't close the nursery. South Ruislip Children's Centre is the best nursery in the area.
I like system as it is now
Nothing
Yes
Only make sure qualified nurseries are provided with reasonable prices
Open new nurseries in the same locations. Have more classes as these are already so booked.
Open new centres/services/nurseries in the same locations
The Council should not close these settings. They were purpose built and have highly experienced staff in them.
Don't close these settings, they were purpose built and you'll lose more experienced and highly qualified staff than any private setting we've used
There should be no reason to stop this provision
Considering the council mantra Putting Residents First think again about what you think you could do!
I would like a guaranteed space at a nursery for my twins within walking distance
Help with finding a suitable nursery for children of same cost or less
We would probably consider moving as we struggled to find alternative nurseries when you have announced the closure of the nursery last year.
Unemployment benefits to the parents your forcing out of a job by under provision of childcare? You might save money but everyone else will pay for this change.
Provide a new nursery
I would need more council run nurseries.
Keep them open
Subsidised private childcare
Ensure these nurseries keep running and evaluate that the right families access this services.
Council have to listen what parents have to say its not all the time about money its about friendship and hope.
Don't close them
Why would the council stop investing in it's early years provision
Please keep it as it is in the current places.. DO NOT STOP THESE AMAZING SERVICES
Alternative nursery options. Support for low income families to be able to afford private nursery,
Terrible loaded question. Are we really going to take away access for children to support another cause. A short term counter intuitive option. If you want to provide other services find the money elsewhere do not take this service away
More affordable childcare
Why would you close down these services when they are so important.
Alternative childcare with access for Working parents and professional

Simple - DONT close them - they are vital!
More nursery places, places where line parents can mix
None
Council needs to ensure that there are enough childcare places are available in these areas if they are planning to stop these three existing nurseries which are really popular.
Reasonable rents for those listed centres so that private or voluntary organisations could operate them.
I didn't even get the chance to pay for a nursery for my son and had to quit my job, so shutting down the current nurseries is just unacceptable. We need more nurseries and not the opposite!
Provide a transport to other place
Childminders?
They should be keeping these open
I would like them to provide another nursery otherwise I will be forced to leave work and claim benefits.
we would need another nursery otherwise myself or my partner would need to give up work
Don't stop the support but increase the support
Dont know. I do not have any other support.
Support for children aged 3-5 with learning letters/numbers.
Increase the Spaces
Free sport club for children .
Help with providing safe, affordable childcare options and look for private childcare providers.
I believe children centre shouldn't be stopped.
Is no affordable options around so i will have to resign and apply from benefits from the state to be able to survive
I would hope that this would not happen
Cheaper childcare, new council nurseries in other areas ñ
None
Barra hall children centre should remain a children centre as it is ideally located and the services provided are very good.
That would be such a sad situation. Supporting early years is what we need to keep doing
When most libraries are redundant as reading is done online it may be better to provide one county library rather than close off hubs which are used continuously.
Respite for children/families
Vouchers for private nurseries reimbursing the entire cost.
Other quality, affordable Childcare is required within the area. The family hubs do not offer this service.
The best solution would be to keep supporting the nurseries even though it is not a Statutory Service.
Free children centre for all 5 working days atleast one hour per day
More Funding
Nothing is as important as childcare
We need more nurseries not less.
We just need more of everything. The early years are such an important developmental stage,we can't withdraw these services. Families need them and children need good quality childcare provisions in order to thrive. Put more money into training good quality staff members who recognise the importance of child development.
Further support for families

Ensure SEND guarantee in PVI sector.
This support is vital.
More childcare spaces in those areas for parents that need to work!!
More funding into other nurseries to support children with SEN - to train staff, to provide more staff, and to ensure the nursery is accessible for ALL children
It should be replaced with something else so parents specially mothers can return to work.
The government should deliver earlier on the help for nursery fees from 1
Additional funding of 30 hours childcare needs to be extended to include single parent families who are carers of children who have a disability and are therefore unable to work, as apposed to being discriminated against and the child penalised.
Don't close them. They provide invaluable support for Children and carers
An alternative to the parents who are working and need childcare or they face losing their jobs.
No idea - these places are vital in supporting our community. We don't need more private providers that have ill qualified staff and fees that are the same.
No close them
I don't know what I am going to do.
This is a loaded question
Don't use the services therefore would not impact me. Would impact users greatly however
I don't know what we are going to do because we don't have family in the UK
I would like them not to close the nurseries
Don't do this
more family events
There is not other option that I can do .
dont close nursery rather close or make private the two golf courses you pay money for. Water them everyday.
I'm afraid council is unable to help in any other way
NO option but to suffer and go through the trauma again
can't believe they can provide any support, considering previous experience
Council should be more supportive to Families with young children
Additional support for children with special needs in school nurseries. These settings provide valuable work on assessing needs and identifying what support children may need as they move into school. They also provide significant support to parents
More affordable nursery places for babies until school age- discounted for those living in the borough.
There needs more nurseries in the area. I am actively looking for a nursery for next year April and many already have waiting list that are too high and can't guarantee my daughter a place. This will impact her development and I may not be able to work for 6 months until she can go into school nursery in September
Alternate children centre in the vicinity, not more than 10 mins walking distance from existing centres
We want the options of having a choice, please keep them open.
Help finding childcare
Help for single working parents
Vouchers towards childcare costs to be used at private nurseries
New EYC centres with the same level of staff qualifications and experience and decent SEND provision. Only other option is SEND provision.

I think the council should continue to provide early years childcare at all of its three locations. Early years childcare is crucial for brain development of young children as promoted by the Princess of Wales within Hillingdon.
Stopping providing Early Years Childcare in Hillingdon would be a complete travesty. I know of no other London Borough which has resorted to such extreme measures.
Similar Centres
Invest more as it's essential
Other council run nurseries in the same area
Council should help re-allocate children. The SR is in a prime residential location, walkable for many parents, has large rooms, garden space and excellent staff.
Affordable childcare
Health orientated services
Childcare support
Provide by council
other support with funding
Funding for residential child minders
I don't think the nurseries should shut. If they do parents may not be able to work and then that has a knock on effect as it may well make families struggle to live.
More nursery places that were self funded as there is a shortage of places.
open alternative nurseries maybe a big nursery with reduced running costs
keep McMillan open
no
Day care facilities in the CC's
They need to help families in need of childcare without costing a fortune as well as supporting SEND children and families more
Don't stop it. It's a ridiculous idea
Education and health are pivotal factors for any state to progress don't compromise on that It's a good system find ways to keep it alive
Don't close! Invest and keep open!
community centres that run by UK Government as it is bringing the country to its knees, it has to help the people, due to the lies they told us all, from Brexit to coronavirus, the Boris Johnson party's, the PPE scandal etc
I am in favour of any kind of education motivation that a child needs and specially children who missed a lot due to covid, they need time to catch up and grow confidence. this is terrible taking services from children
I'd like to have a list of the nurseries, childminders and clubs in the Borough listed on the council's website with their descriptions and reviews.
Alternative childcare options
The local authority to support PVI settings
don't close
That could get support from local early years providers and then the council could offer different services tailor made to each area for example SEN safeguarding Hub Multi working
My child goes to Hayes McMillan children centre and I've received the best help
Alternative provisions for families. Additional classes/sessions for families on weekdays and weekends
To continue to support families with early years nurseries
Provide free hours in Nurseries
Not sure
something for children. More parks, leisure centres etc

DON'T !! In the present climate removal of Early Years provision is even more short sighted than all the other expensive reorganisations carried out by this council . We all know cash is short but please don't try to dress it up as improvement . Families are struggling and young children only get one shot at this . Hillingdon prides itself on doing things better than other councils , please continue to do so .

Just don't close them

Supporting local families, and preschools with early intervention/inclusion support/ being a hub of training and professional development for local nurseries and preschools

Keeping nurseries open - with well skilled staff.

Reasonable fees for child minder services

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More support to childminders

More sure start centres

Nurseries to remain open.

The council needs to better support local childminders and not just focus on nurseries

Experienced support/ overview of private providers/ voluntary sector. Regular provision at a wider range of localities throughout the borough encouraging weekly attendance for guidance support from both professional and social - meeting other parents.

Support for vulnerable families to ensure children can access learning/development opportunities

Vetting and registering childminders and nannies for home. Also vetting and monitoring nurseries so abuse and neglect does not occur

Alternative close-by childcare facilities so we can continue to work

You shouldn't stop providing early years childcare. End of

The council need to provide childcare for children with SEN and families who are struggling, this provision could be 10am until 3pm

Group activities for parents and nursery aged children

South Ruislip should be open. Increase the fees. I'm thinking of putting my daughter to the same nursery soon. It has to stay open

None

Invite private, voluntary and independent providers to deliver the nursery provision instead of the council at a reasonable cost. Provisions need to be increased not transferred or closed.

keep the support

They should provide more not less early years childcare. Don't close these nursery's

A space for the certain age groups having so much going on in one space can become very over whelming.

To provide another way of having early years childcare available to parents and children.

Like for like childcare services with capacity and good, experienced, qualified staff

Don't close it. There is a shortage . This is a service im paying for

I would expect that the council recognise that these services help the most vulnerable and would want to ensure that in order to decrease impact on service needs later on ensuring adequate provision in early years is paramount

Don't close it!

Affordable childcare and available places. There are not many available nurseries in the Ruislip area

There's not enough nurseries as the waiting lists for other nurseries are very long.

Greater funding going into other nurseries

Do not stop, re-open them.

Please don't stop early years childcare. The staff have been amazing!

Children benefit hugely from early years provision and parental support that goes alongside. This is a huge investment, but so worthy
The same as the children's centers currently provide at a not for profit cost.
Nurseries!
Do not close these nurseries - they are an asset to Hillingdon providing great childcare to are under 5s.
Nurseries are essential, the council should be investing in more and finding ways to increase to ofsted "outstanding" to attract full paying families to offset the low income family. This is a more socially inclusive approach. I would like the council to consider creating more nurseries with more places, as demand is only going to increase with new government subsidies.
Childcare support
Other options to support parents of 6 month -5 year old so they can earn a living without breaking the bank.
Nursery with affordable prices
Fun activities for the youngsters to do.
They should not halt these services.
Early years child care
Re instate early years care
Just don't close them
Not to close the early years nurseries, but to open more of them. With this it creates more job opportunities and by putting the fees up and charging parents more it will be alot more affordable service to run. A nursery could be open near the civic centre to provide children care for staff that work for Hillingdon council. I did work at a nursery in another Borough that was for council staff and it was always busy. It is still running well after nearly 30 years of been open.
More spaces for funded childcare in private nurseries
This is a leading question, as if you've made up your mind you'll be closing the nurseries. How about you just don't close them, manage them properly by increasing the numbers at the younger more profitable end of the spectrum and keep them open
Supporting children with SEND to access daycare. Ensure staff are knowledgable, increase Staff training ,
Keep nurseries open.
Co-funded workplace nursery provision.
Good quality child care is very hard to find. Even though there are several nurseries non of them compared to the council run ones. If closed the council needs to support other nurseries to train staff. It's appalling what's out there
Allocate the money to schools and reduced childcare costs elsewhere
You have already said that would possibly cease in the previous paper!
Keeping the nursery open for at least a year to support parents finding new nurseries for their children.
we need to keep it open
Maybe use the nurseries as extended space for before or after school provision rather than building more houses/flats. Maybe use these spaces as central family hubs

Alternative ideas and suggestions for the council's nursery provision

Stay and play. Charge more

The fees have been increased since April for uxbridge early years. Give it a chance!
Our children are happy and settled. There is plenty of new builds across the street in uxbridge- where will the new community go?

I think the council need to provide more than 3 nursery's. This is a vital service for young children

increase the number of children that can be offered a place, to reach the net capacity of the building.

If there are spaces unable to be filled at the nursery, better advertising, only information is a contact number on the website . They should have separate web pages with ofsted information and promote the amazing care that the staff (Uxbridge) provide the children.

Keep them open. Find the money elsewhere.

As I had mentioned previously, please look at increasing fees to match those of privately run nurseries. You already have good staff.

Please make it public as of what amount of funding does the nurseries have and provide breakdown as of what and where consumes these funds, that would invite more people to provide feedback on where and what can be improved.

Look at advertising nursery services and available spots for children on council's run website or local newspaper.

[Redacted for Legal reasons]

Do not close the nursery.

Fund these nurseries, they are a huge asset for the families and the local area. Increase the fees, but take into consideration that these areas are deprived as well as the cost of living crisis, we need the nursery fees to be affordable.

Incentivising more people to become childminders. i.e. women who have chosen to leave their jobs to become full-time mothers.

I do not know

Stop cutting services, Hillingdon could spend less on flowers and parks and more on kids and old people.

Combine nurseries with the childrens centres and have them at the same venue to save running costs

Get smarter on what recources you have rather that closing stuff down... FAMILIES NEED THE INFRASTRUCTURE LOCALLY

can we cut on some budget which is feasible to do and would not lead to closing the nursery

Increase the rates to pay for more social projects

- Deliver cost efficiencies in the nurseries through staff empowerment (e.g. apprentices etc)
- Stop focussing on just increasing fees. You have recently increased rates by 30%. It needs to be understood what impact this is having.

You've increased council tax and parking. Use that money to provide affordable childcare.

Spend more money

Keep them open -increase occupancy

The nurseries fees have just been increased. We should allow time to check that the measure works . If the land of the nurseries needs to be used, the nurseries can be moved to another land.

1. I agree with increasing fee, but that should be done in phases so it doesn't have a huge impact of monthly budget of the house.
2. Should look for more funds from central government for child's leaning and development.
3. Bringing interns to support the room leads can help in controlling the running cost.

the gov needs to provide enough nurseries specifically there are so many new buildings coming up, so much council tax is paid and in private residential area such as St Andrews council costs are only in rubbish collection. we paid 1700£ a year and we get barelg nothing in return, i think from a massive estate such as St andrews with 300-500 residential homes

and more coming up, it should have enough budget to keep nurseries open and build new nurseries. The need is for more not to close down the existing ones. New families moving in uxbridge there arent enough spaces for children in schools and enough quality education. John lock was built for st andrews but there arent enough spaces and they started taking from the surrounding which pays more to accomodate their needs.

Please keep the nurseries open as there is not other nurseries with qualified staff to be able to take care of these children.

close the centres; if its costing the council money for the benefit of only 102 children, then it needs to stop; there is childcare provision elsewhere within the borough

Keep the nurseries open and allow the community to voluntarily contribute

Looking into corporate sponsorship.

The provisions that are currently running should be extended to provide more spaces for more children. These provisions are not just nurseries that support networks for family. They identify and help children in need. These are experienced knowledgeable employees who go extra mile for all the children in the care. They are able to identify children with additional needs and ensure the early intervention is needed happen are the nurseries employee in experienced staff who can do the bare minimum.

Maybe ask non fee paying parents for a small supplement for lunches/ food.

We should look at the costs as fees have increased by 30%. If other nurseries are making a profit there should be no reason for the nurseries to be making a profit. The government will be bringing in April 24 15 hours funded for 2 year old and there will be an increase in demand.

Please relocate to near by places if needed but please do not close these nurseries. These are amazing services. Please look for option to generate more revenue from these settings by letting the spaces over the weekend for gatherings or birthday parties. Closing these should not even be an option. These settings are something for the Hillingdon council to be extremely proud off.. these are actually the best services of the council..

Make them free of charge for working parents that can't afford the cost of nurseries. I am a working mum with no relatives or support net I have to put my 3 yo girl on the TV so I can work. I earn £1000 a month so paying for a nursery wouldn't make any sense. It's shocking how this country operates. The cost of living is increasing everyday but you still make it really difficult for working parents to maintain their jobs and economic stability.

more hours

More days than only once a week

Outdoor play in the summer

Picnics

Bring friendly animals for kids to play with

The Council run nurseries seem to be a well kept secret. Other nursery providers ADVERTISE, even it's just an advert outside the premises. TELL the general public how good you are. And you ARE good. Make it easier for parents to take up a place. Be flexible. Ideally it would be wonderful to offer nursery facilities next to or within a nursing home where the two generations could get a chance to meet up. It's been done in other Countries. Hillingdon could be offering a 'first'.

YES

Please gradually increase fees, but let first fee increase feed through so you can actually evaluate situation.

Also please stop this mess with ongoing uncertainty as you are losing potential children who would love to attend one of your nurseries just because of uncertainty you are causing.

Lastly fill up all the spaces, as your strange policy regarding attendance day order or hours are not doing anyone any good, you would be able to find children who would love to take up on odd half days which are currently left unfilled due to unreasonable

Group support service

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More smaller childcare spaces spread out around the borough to be close to home should be a priority. Who wants their child to commute 45 minutes each way every day? A 3yo should be able to walk to nursery. Consider their walking pace and stamina. That's the catchment area of each nursery.
Providing additional streams of income so the nurseries are running by themselves. There will be a need for additional nurseries once the Gove brings in the childcare for 15 hours for 2 years so more mums can work.
Adhere to Statutory Legislation and local community needs please
College to provide crèche so students can study and pick up children they pay for days they are in ie part time students part time nursery
Maybe look deep into how come running these nurseries costs so much? Is anyone benefiting from this more then they should be? Similar to how NHS is being rubbed down by costly mini subcontractors. Find volunteers/residents living nearby? That could do some simple things maintenance/running. We need to look into running operations, what cost how much.
Actually advertise the nurseries. If you do a Google search they do not come up! I have never seen them in the newsletter except for when you stated they were closing. Give the managers of the nurseries the budgets so they know what they have to achieve
Keep it open
Increase fees for the nursery charge of extra nappies wipes and for the to attend lunch hour
Keep run the nurseries please
Possibly provide stay and play, coffee mornings, messy play mornings, breastfeeding support groups within the nursery setting for other mums/dads to feel supportive in smaller groups getting to know others.
Just consider the true cost of closing it. Gradually increase the cost of provision. But think about the impact on families that can't afford expensive private nurseries but who still plays a pivotal part in the Hillingdon economy. This will force some parents out of work.
Provide additional funding to school nurseries and pre school settings who are in receipt of government funded spaces for 3 and 4 year olds, allowing them to employ more staff and increase numbers
The services are already providing a service that supports the community. I question is this money saving and how would all the services would be accommodated in hubs that is already provided in the various children centre in the hubs.
Uxbridge Early Years Nursery is very convenient for us especially for parents that lives in St Andrews Park We love this nursery and staff that working there are like family to us.My child is settled in there.
Children loves to play there
Raise fees again.
Local fundraising (can be arranged by nursery / parents)

Find alternatives caterers if this is a big cost.

Ask for voluntary parent assistance.

Make more use of the existing children's centre so back to back groups are provided . Thus making the use of the rent which is paid for in the current excellent environment.

At the moment there are quite a lot of children are affected by delay development and autism the council have to help the family by providing more opportunities not relocating or closing more centres.

Open more centers with more carers with better training and monitoring

Charge more, use the centre for other things at weekends that are chargeable, such as extra curricular clubs for children or adults. Use the rooms for adults classes such as yoga etc...in South Ruislip.

I think nursery provision should not be lessened. More places not fewer are needed.

Nursery's exclusively for children with additional needs.

The borough has special schools for primary and secondary school children but nothing for early years and preschool.

More classes. They get booked up quickly and we would like to come more often.

Please provide more children centre classes. As availability is limited and they get fully booked.

Please don't close Macmillan and Barra Hall. They are both very beneficial to my boy

Don't close the Council nurseries

Nursery provision needs to be accessible and high quality with seamless links to the next stage of education. Early years is an investment in the future and as such requires commitment from the council to review upgrade the nursery provision earmarked to be discontinued.

Flexible times for shift workers

Voluntary workers (that are suitable to help with the nursery care).

Expand the nursery to have more children attend which will generate more money for the council.

Grow their own food

See how other successful financially council nurseries operate/ run

Donations to reduce costs e.g. toys etc

Less reliance on costly agency workers

Use staff flexibly across the 3 nurseries making economies as needed

Leverage on economy of scale when purchasing for the 3 nurseries

Reduce staff/level of free services provided in other areas of the Family Hub if uptake is low or merge these services with the nursery (i.e. using part of the nursery premises or the whole premise out of hours for ante-natal care or other classes/community events)

Rent out the nursery space to private/independent users out of nursery time (like a nearby nursery does with the local scouts)

If you have no other choice but to close some of the nursery, don't close them all.

Maybe stop wasting money on pointless court cases and flags, and properly invest in supporting working parents.

Keep the nursey open!

Make Nursery more affordable

The council should consider local communities. Hubs will be difficult for parents to attend that do not drive and have yo take public transport. A 40min walk (like going to ruislip youth

centre) will be much more difficult/tiring and I worry about going with my child on Angus incase that get sick.

Subsidised private childcare

As I wrote before in harefield children centre its small or ready grup of staff but they are like family for us always helping always carries expecially when it's was corvid i can count on them all the time and still is .If our center will be closed lots of parents will get mental health problems its only one place here where you can enjoy whit your children and be safe.

Please keep them open as our children s future depends on it. It's a wonderful place for kids to learn and grow.

Affordable childcare

Keep the children centre open in McMillan

Children Centres should plan so resources can be moved around and shared. That includes staff - rotate staff yearly with their permission of course. In some case staff can work between centres. Do larger events together to save money. Things that cost more like trips in nursery, ask for volunteers and a donation of snacks.

Make better uses of council building that are still closed or derelict. Either open them and use them or sell the building and land and put it money towards the existing Childrens centre.

So many parents get rid of books and resources they have used with there children and have finished with - put together collections. That can be used in these children centre. The resources are starting to look tired in some places.

I believe that nursery placements should be free and provided by the government / council, as it is impacting on peoples abilities to start families or provide their children with the level of education they need, due to the astronimical costs.

Increase childminders - training and recruitment.

Children Centre offering nursery care

Keep children centre's open

Stop the use of agency staff and use Council bank staff which would do away with the agency fees.

We need youth clubs age 8 -17 in Harefield

Maybe having more volunteering workers from the community

Provide more funding and invest in the nurseries you have. All children from different backgrounds benefit from these services.

I would like the council to keep these nurseries open, Hillingdon is building more and more homes and taking away this service would not benefit and parents as finding excellent childcare where you feel comfortable leaving your child is hard to come by. The service offered by these nurseries is second to none, you don't get the quality of care at a private nursery.

I think the local council should offer more nursery provision - the quality and service is far better than any private nursery, good investment in the early years will build a better future for our kids

Promote nurseries and be open about available spaces so existing parents can help bring new parents and esnure nursery run at full capacity. Think of generating revenue from other streams to bridge the deficit- weekends day care at special charge, between 6 to 8 pm services, review agency and external costs, increase fee as needed.

Just as I've mentioned earlier keep the nurseries open and raise prices. Families seem to be happy to pay extra. It's a very well run nursery and the staff have been longstanding members. The staff are what makes this nursery so nurturing, stable.

Increase the Spaces

It is interesting.

Better training and awareness, Implementing an evidence based early years program for special needs. Possibly start a specialist nursery for children with additional needs instead of trying to make it work in the mainstream nursery.

Cutting the cost on food and ask the parents to provide a packet lunch ,ask parents for support and volunteer for reading time of any other help the nursery needs

Expand the placements to make the centres more profitable, increase fees online with private nurseries

Worst case scenario keep nursery open for children with disabilities To bridge the gap and help keep children included otherwise there will be further carer breakdown and these children are the most vulnerable

Barra hall children centre should remain a children centre as the location is ideally located by the park. It's a nice walk for mothers and their babies through the park making it a safe park and a family oriented park.

I heard you increase fees by 30% in April 2023. I think you need to wait another 2-3 to see if this stops the deficit.

Advertise the nursery! For example a lot of parents do not know the South Ruislip one exists. A friend of mine only Kew because I mentioned it to them.

Free childcare for all families with children under 5 Parents could return to work and given wider cost of living pressures this, which hit families hardest, this would be an admirable thing to do. Yet, I don't expect this from my local Tory council.

Advertise for volunteers, let families know what is available. So many of my families are stunned to find out the range of services available at Barra Hall.

Keep services as they are

I feel the best option would be to sell these sites on to reduce costs to the LA, this way the money could be reinvested in to SEN support within early years which is currently a huge issue

There should be more activities encouraging physical health for young children.

The catering could be brought in-house, or the children could bring a packed lunch. leaving the nursery to offer breakfast and light snacks during the day. Recruitment of permanent staff, agency costs are high and the turn over is high. Ordering of provisions is restricted to certain companies and the mark up can be higher than buying on the local high street, we should also be supporting the local high street. Once staffing in is place increase the occupancy numbers for example the baby room from 6 to 9 to increase income.

KEEP THEM OPEN!

Offer variety of foods for babies and please introduce more innovative toys for right brain stimulation

Council's nursery provisions should be better advertised in the different community settings and groups.

Get local companies and businesses involved to look for contributions. Get the whole community involved with fundraising and events to promote and raise awareness.

More spaces!!!

Use nursery provision funding to grant additional funding of 30 hours childcare for children with special educational needs. Taking in to account single parent families that receive carers allowance and are unable to fall in to category of 'working parent' for reasons outside of their control.

You need to advertise the nursery service. It's is well hidden and most carers only knew about it from other parents.

Work on the mgmt of the waiting lists. Some parents who added their children to the list later got their place first for the exact amount of days as another parent who registered almost 12months before them

Offer flexible days to include 4 days

Offer full time incentives

Don't keep dragging out and re doing these closures as it out of new, prespective and current families

Revisit how the council spends the money. Giving money to golf clubs over pre schoolers development is a crime!

Have you thought about using the Civic Centre and other Council buildings to deliver the same services? With the same staff? This way the facilities are not lost. They are very important!

The council can privatise the 2 gold courses and not to close the nurseries.

The council should keep the nurseries open and privatise the golf courses.

There is new houses coming in uxbridge- this is the closest nursery to st andrews park. The fees went up give it a chance

The Early years were the only ones open during the pandemic if we have another pandemic who is going to take care of those children?

The council should keep the nurseries open and relocate it if the building issue.

I think the nursery provisions are imperative to this community and to Hillingdon residents. I believe the fee increases of 30% have made the costs more inline with private nurseries therefore it would be necessary to give this time to see how this has impacted on the deficit.

Also looking at agency staff and catering staff - what are the fees included in this - this maybe something that we can look into regarding pricing.

Reallocate the nurseries elsewhere in the boroughs to reduce costs

Keep nursery open by reducing cost and looking at new rev stream. Also considering social impact value it creates

There are 2 golf course payed by the council that should be privatised and not the Early years Privatised.

Look at providing out of hours services after 6pm for parents, look at options of reducing costs, promote nursery so they run at full capacity

Stop finding reason to close and start finding solution to keep these open and set an example for other councils. If it requires renovation, then relocate for sometime as you did it before while renovating Uxbridge nursery. As I said, find solution - Increase fees already done, run at full capacity , close other services or privatise other services like maintaining golf course, generate new revenue by offering additional services.

Please reconsider wasting funds on projects such as renovating parks that function perfectly fine

Please keep Early Years Uxbridge open we for families that live in St Andrews park is very convenient, the fact that council doesnt do anything except taking rubbish.we paid a lot of council tax but didn't get any help from parking in St Andrews Park and area maintenance like cutting grasses are done by the estate management which we pay aswell.so atleast keeping this nursery open is the best help we can get from the council.

Can change the age offered only 2 and up so that the staff ratios are less and there is reduced staff costing.

Parents subsidiaries

Develop more childminder provisions and include daily childminder sessions or drop off session for over 3 year olds so the older children in childminder settings get to socialise with older children and they can develop there skills. It would require 2 staff to cover 16 children at

any one point. Each setting could offer 5 sessions a day, catering for 80 children a day. - my daughter is currently with a childminder however the childminder has suggested as she gets older a more formal setting would be more beneficial if all childminders in the area are suggesting this then there is going to be an increase in demand not only for those seeking to utilise the 30hrs free for 3year olds but also those who already at a setting and want to change to a nursery
We need more child activities and engagement groups near Nestle Avenue, especially with many new apartments coming up near Nestle Avenue in Hayes. And we just have one children centre and that too is very basic, without any play groups, or baby soft play or massage groups
I think you need to provide more stay and play groups across the borough
Harefield has 3 private nurseries and many childminders/
Not sure
I think single working parents should have child care support available. I simply can't afford to pay for childcare at all while paying a mortgage and all bills on one salary to keep a roof over my sons head
specialises early years SEND provision for neurodiverse and PMLD with resources to support.
Why change it when it works well with the Borough and prehaps Hillingdon should follow other Boroughs committment to Early Years.
I believe funding from Central Government for Early Years education should be ring -fenced
Funding discounted/low prices Services similar maybe lesser years than Nurseries More Children Centre sessions
Keep the children centres open as they are great for children's development and to interact with parents with children of similar ages
Keep the nursery and potential use the other rooms for a few Family hub services Increase the number of children attending Change the nursery to a Montessori Decrease agency staff if they cost more
More benefits for child
Yes
This is so sad i wont be able to get to a centre walking to far and bus costs money. please do not close mcmillan and barra hall the children need them and so do the mums
no
keep them and the children's centres open, we need more support not less
I think we need more fun for babies
They should provide what is best for the children, as they should get the essentials and support they need
More children are coming into the borough on a daily basis, more children with Sen, more families experiencing financial hardship yet you want to cut the support, and close children's centres. It makes zero sense
Education and health are pivotal factors for any state to progress don't compromise on that. Charge a fee but don't break the running system
More council run nurseries should be opened. Especially for 3 year olds too many are being put into school nurseries which is an inappropriate setting.
ask local businesses to help with the funding, to help the next generations of Hillingdon, which becomes free advertising for them.
OUr children are our future doctors, nurses and if we continue to provide all this support the future will be bright if not then children suffer as a consequence i will like to see more services and less screen time, more services and less cuts!

Do not close our centres PLEASE

I feel that the in the areas that the council proposes to close services are where there are a lot of families that english is second language, i feel these families need more support not less, they have as much right as people living in more richer areas.

The support needed is to not cut the funding from childrens services as it will have a negativge impact on the families and the local area

do not close any thing for our children

do not close barra hall

keep the nursery and barra hall

Affordable

Please leave them open

Better information about what's available in the Borough for the children and how to access it. Right now there's not much information, and it's just word of mouth and endless search on the internet. But if the Council knows which businesses and organisations offer services for families, why not to categorise and share? Otherwise it's almost impossible to find anything about children services in Borough, especially in Hayes, except through word of mouth.

Do not reduce services for children

I feel the council could work in partnership with local early years providers, also if the council were to run nursery it would have to be for a profit

Keep it open, review costs and propose a new daily rate for parents to consider. It would be likely that if they found a new local nursey they would be paying more therefor why would they want to move a happy settled child if the rate is online with others.

More provision is needed not less, why cut funds for children when this is vital for development

Hillingdon nurseries are a superb resource and they succeed because they link to schools . I believe in an ideal world they would offer extended hours care for working parents and open for younger children with stay and play sessions run by minimal staff with a team of local volunteers in community spaces . This disappeared in the pandemic due to cost of hire . Maybe allow these sessions to charge and fundraise rather than just close them down .

Don't close these three excellent settings

The council's nursery provision will need to be carefully thought out if closure is being considered as an option, preschools are already oversubscribed, communities do need settings, but if they are not effectively covering costs, they could connect to local private settings, fundraising could be implemented, and or centres could be established to provide SEND support to local families and preschools.

Consider having to nurseries one in the North and south..... and combining the nurseries

Offer extra spaces that are not subsidised by LA to members of the public who can afford it. this might mean finding bigger establishments in some cases

Introduce deposits and admin fees

Increase fees

As above

Don't close the children's centres! Utter madness, parent rely on the children's centre in harefield and there is no way you could offer the same level of support and care from the library. And what about the impact to users of the library? How can you study in peace if it's used for so many other uses?

Advertise services. Parents are not aware of South Ruislip Early Years as they just think it is a children centre. It is only through word of mouth that most well know.

Stop threatening to close! These are vital to the community providing outstanding care. You should be proud!

The provision needs to help children and families who have social problems and children who have SEN and development delay

There needs to be consistency , dedicated qualified staff in a high quality provision which is what is provided currently

The nurseries have staff who have many years of experience and training , lots of the training was through Hillingdon and is of excellent quality , gradually these staff members will be lost as they will feel there skills are surplus to your requirements, and nothing will replace them. We have already lost lots of high quality focused SEN staff due to cut backs which will never be replaced

Keep nursery open as it was years ago,maybe invite some private volunteers .

Keep it open but reduce hours having afternoons and evenings for teenagers, more of a shared service thus still providing support but utilising the service more.

If you help with early years education it gives a child structure & makes going to school an easier transition. To close or scale down is very short sighted

This is a service im paying for- i dont know why its made so difficult twice in a row now. I dont want my child having to relocate and do it all over again. This nursery is closest to my home. The staff is highly qualified and good. There is plenty new flats coming just opposite the nursery there will be plenty of business for this nursery. The fees were increased before giving it a chance. I feel so let down by hillingdon council and i have been a resident over 20 years. I thought your wellbeing of your residents went above everything and mattered

Insufficient information including the 38 million debts of the local authority . How has this taken place. Were bad investments made. Are residents suffering because of this.

Keeping Hayes childcare open is of utmost importance for several compelling reasons:

1. Accessible and comprehensive support: The family hub in Hayes, which includes the early years nurseries, acts as a vital one-stop-shop where families can access essential services. From prenatal care through a child's early years and beyond, these hubs provide a wide range of support, including midwives, health visitors, mental health services, parenting advice, family support, opportunities for play and learning, and specialized assistance for children with special educational needs. By keeping Hayes childcare open, families in the area can continue to benefit from this crucial support system.

2. Holistic development: Early years nurseries play a pivotal role in a child's holistic development. These formative years are critical for a child's cognitive, emotional, and social growth. High-quality childcare provided in nurseries fosters a nurturing environment that promotes learning, socialization, and emotional well-being. By maintaining the early years nursery in Hayes, the council ensures that children have the best possible start in life, setting them up for future success.

3. Support for working parents: Childcare services are essential for working parents who rely on them to balance their professional and family responsibilities. Closing the early years nursery in Hayes could create a significant childcare gap for working families in the area. It might force parents to choose between their careers and childcare, potentially leading to financial strain and reduced workforce participation.

4. Addressing socioeconomic disparities: The council has identified key indicators such as health inequalities, social care, and education to understand the needs of the community. By providing accessible and subsidized childcare services in Hayes, the council takes a step towards addressing socioeconomic disparities. Quality childcare can positively impact children's educational outcomes, reduce developmental gaps, and create a more equitable society.

5. Strengthening community bonds: Family hubs and early years nurseries play a vital role in strengthening community bonds. These centers become focal points where families can interact, share experiences, and build support networks. A thriving childcare facility in Hayes will contribute to a sense of community cohesion, fostering social connections and friendships

among parents and children.

6. Long-term societal benefits: Investing in early years nurseries and family hubs yields long-term societal benefits. Children who receive quality early childhood education are more likely to perform better academically, have higher earning potential in adulthood, and lead healthier and more productive lives. Moreover, offering support services to families can prevent potential crises and challenges, reducing the strain on other social services in the future.

In conclusion, keeping Hayes childcare and family hub open is a vital investment in the well-being and development of the community. It ensures that families have access to crucial support services, children receive the best start in life, and working parents can maintain their professional careers without sacrificing their children's care. The positive impacts of these facilities extend beyond the immediate community, contributing to a more inclusive, prosperous, and cohesive society.

You need to advertise this is a nursery. A lot of people just think it is a children centre and that's it.

Provide parents with 4 days option like other childcare providers

The waiting list is very long, so there is demand for it.

Ask people pay a deposit to secure a place.

The answer to the question about what is most important when looking for childcare is: "Recommended by others"

The answer to the question about whether my child attends or has previously attended one of the Council's nurseries is "I might like my child to attend in the future"

Im sure parents would be happy to spend a bit more to have high quality childcare . Private nurseries are very expensive and the staff are often young and have very little experience

It would be great to extend the numbers of children taken in the nurseries

Keep then open.

The waiting list can be better manage. Why can't people secure a space. Other nurseries are able to secure a space by paying a deposit.

Advertise the nursery as parents are not a aware. They think it's part of the children centre.

Allow to see if the 30% increase in April actually covers cost and more

Try not to use agency staff

Investing in early years is paramount. They are our future!

Stay and plays for more families and health visiting support

Keep the council nurseries open!

Introduce admin fees

More high quality places needed.

How can a parent go back to work if there are no nurseries?

Employ more early years staff for nursery.

Parents that work and don't qualify to any support, also need support

There should exist more affordable Nursery around, almost 2K a month it is absurd

Would it save money if the councils nurseries at the 3 sites closed during the school holidays like schools do? Although, perhaps not useful for many working families

Stop decreasing the services - these are vital for the families and the future of the country.

Listen to the parents who use this service.

Provision has to look after the poorest and most vulnerable children and families- this includes provisions for special needs children

Keep the nurseries as they are

Keep the Council nurseries open because they are such perfect settings, you just need to make them viable, that is your job

Keep nurseries open

Keep one and run it well for families in need or with special needs kids.

Many opportunities to reflect on, given the volume of independent and private childcare providers in Hillingdon. It certainly would make sense to explore other avenues, as some of our PVI is have face challenges post Covid with evening closures. Is enough childcare provision across Hillingdon, however, I feel that we need to do more to integrate the model and ensure that all our children have access, which is cost-effective, as well as educational and supportive.

Work more closely with the churches.

Don't close these wonderful nurseries due to money - our children do not deserve that. Parents are struggling enough with the cost of living crisis, to add this will cause so much anxiety and worry.

Nursery provision and training to be updated to understand separation anxiety and childrens emotional needs. All the nurseries I visited were not great eith this.

If the council needs to use the land of the nurseries. They should reallocate the nurseries

Maybe these can be attached as a feeder for local primary or secondary schools with a consideration for families with children that have SEN requirements too. More needs to be done in these areas.