

APPENDIX NINE – ADDITIONAL EMAIL RESPONSES TO THE CONSULTATION

To whom it may concern

I am writing to you regarding the proposal to raise additional funds of £1.7 to cover the short fall of funding for Adult Social Services caused by horrendous cuts imposed by central government.

As you are aware, these cuts are already seriously affecting services for the elderly and those with autism and learning disabilities, and other vulnerable adults in our community.

While this will be an additional burden on households, it is important that vulnerable Haringey residents are properly supported and cared for. I urge you to request that the money raised should go towards supporting their day Centres.

Day centres like the Grange serves dementia patients and the Haven has a lunch club, situated close to Age UK Haringey. It gives support to people from all over Haringey including Highgate and Stroud Green; it should not be lost. The Haynes Dementia Centre at Hornsey Central will not close but would be the only one in Haringey.

There are also day centre closures planned for those with autism and learning disabilities. Most of the adults attending these services have done so for many years and have established firm relationships and friendships as well as accessing developmental and social activities from which they benefit.

I urge you to reconsider these closures and to use this additional funding to support the most vulnerable in our community

Dear Sir/Madam

I welcome the idea of a 2% addition to council tax to ameliorate the cuts in social care. But I think it is wrong to devote this extra 2% entirely to the elderly. Use of day care centres by autistic people and those with learning disabilities has increased recently and they need services just as badly.

I do think that the Council needs to work hard to save at least some of the day care facilities being cut. There is a possibility that some of these could be re-provided in under-utilised community buildings, in particular Winkfield Road and Wolves Lane, and that this would help to make more community centres viable for other sections of the population. The Council needs to map provision of existing lunch clubs, exercise classes, gardening opportunities etc which are suitable for vulnerable adults and see how choices and integration with 'ordinary' people could be offered in ways that enhance the availability of community facilities for everyone. But for severely autistic people there is no substitute for continuity and familiarity and it would be tragic, as well as very expensive, if some people ended up in residential care because they and their carers cannot cope with change and uncertainty.

. Dear sir/madam

I would like to submit the following submission about the above consultation

I agree with SASHs submission which I attach This for me counters the Councils reasoning over how they would spend this precept . These are the main facts with full arguments in the attached document :

- **The council is consulting on proposals to raise a new social care tax and spend the revenue on the elderly and not on other vulnerable groups such as adults under 65 with learning disability, physical disability and mental illness**
- **The Council justifies this because demographic pressures are causing the numbers of elderly with high needs to increase, costing the Council an extra £3m a year**
- **Despite the additional money, the Council will not spend it on saving the daycentres it plans to close. Some of these centres are for autism and learning disability**
- **In the Council's summer consultation, residents overwhelmingly opposed the closure of daycare for vulnerable adults**
- **The Council has provided no evidence to show that demographic pressures are the most important factor shaping the needs of Haringey's elderly service users**
- **Trends in the use of adult services are not caused by demographic pressures alone or in the main. They are caused by several different factors**
- **For example, homecare use among the elderly in Haringey has increase since 2010. But so has homecare use among adults with learning disability**
- **Daycare use in the same period has fallen among the elderly but risen dramatically among adults with learning disability**

Focusing additional social care revenue entirely on the elderly because of demographic pressures is not supported by evidence.

The Council's revised three year budget, that forms part of the present consultation, provides sufficient funds to save the day centres schedules for closure

The Council appears to be doing this for ideological reasons and because they have already made their decision about closing day centres. p

I would add that this consultation has hardly been advertised and intentions over Budget spend are not clearly stated .

I stogly urge the Council reconsider its decisions and put money towards

these invaluable day centres

To: Haringey Council

I write in support of a 2% precept on the Council Tax to fund Adult Social Care. I support, in entirety, the submission from Save Autism Services, (Haringey) who make a full and cogent argument for funding to be made available for adult daycare services .

The SASH paper states that 'Councillor Peter Morton, Cabinet member for health and wellbeing, has rejected suggestions that the Council take advantage of funding provided under the *Building the Right Support* programme (set up in response to the Winterbourne View scandal) to avert day-centre closures. Disparaging day centres as 'institutional settings' he proposes non-existent 'community provisions' as a suitable alternative. Yet day centres may provide a key link in a network of community support that can prevent the sort of crisis that is still leading to admission to Winterbourne View-type institutions (while the lack of such provisions is delaying discharge from such institutions).' This is extremely concerning both from the point of view of seeking funding and from the rigid position taken regarding the value of daycare settings for people with learning disabilities or dementia. Could it be that this has more to do with an ideological position where the Council ceases to provide direct services?

As a resident and taxpayer, my view is that funds raised through the precept should be applied to daycare services and that all funding sources and government grants must be pursued. Not to do so would be a gross dereliction of public responsibility to our most vulnerable residents.

I have also heard the argument put forward that the £1.7m raised is not significant enough to plug the gap. That may be true, but that doesn't mean you shouldn't do it.

Other local authorities are raising the Council Tax by 3.99% because of the crisis in adult social care.