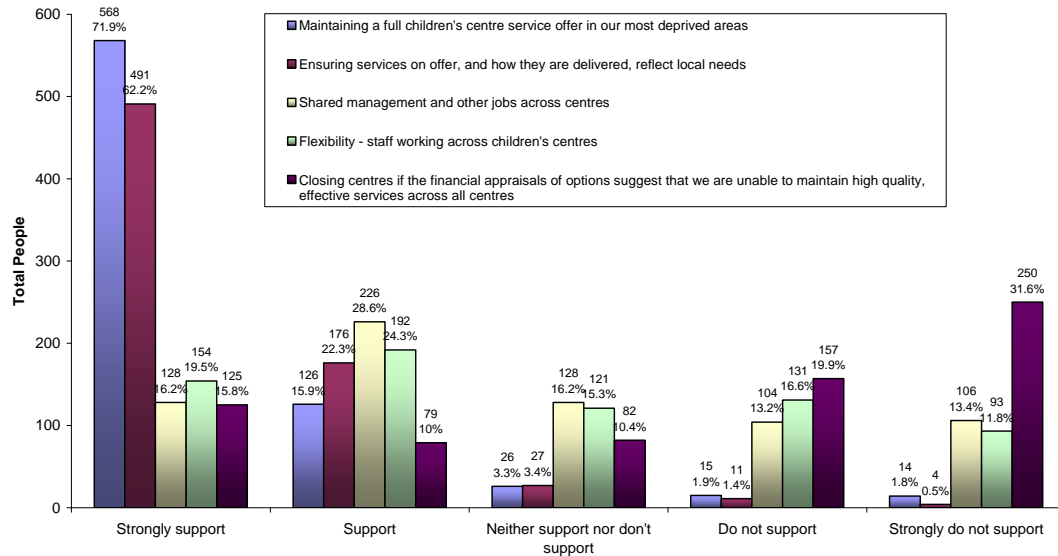


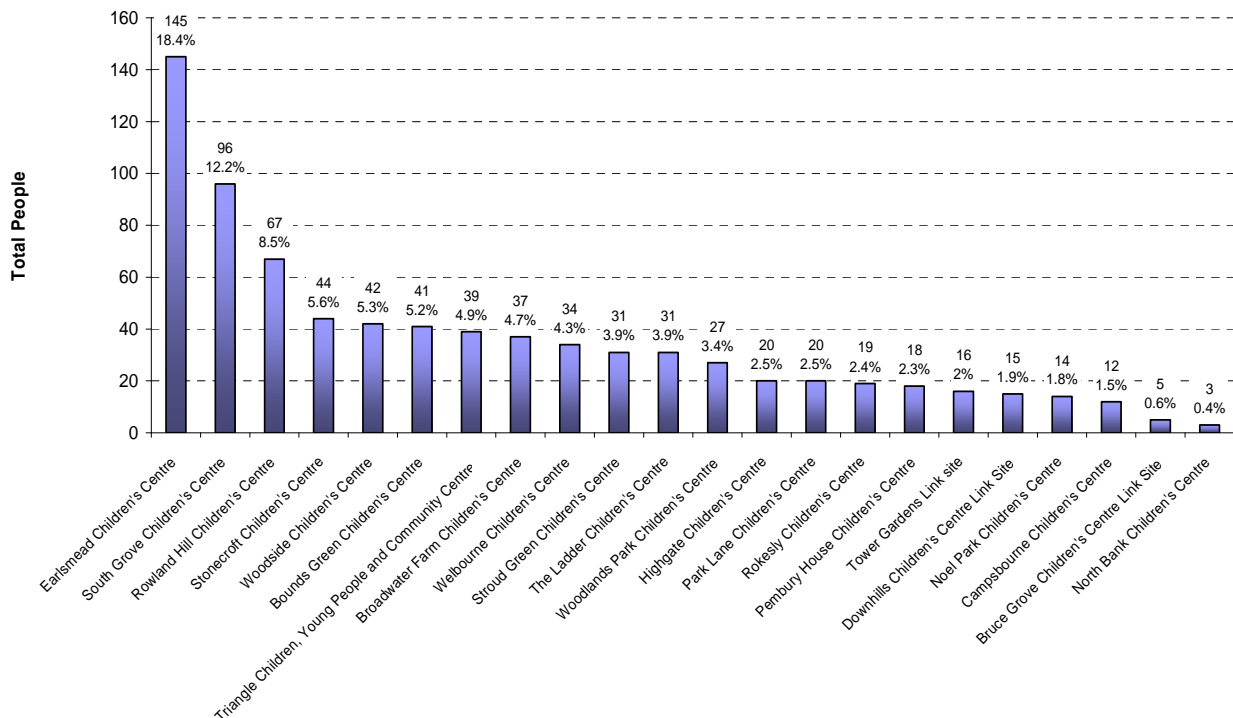
Annex 7: Parents and carers consultation responses

7.1 Parents and carers questionnaire results

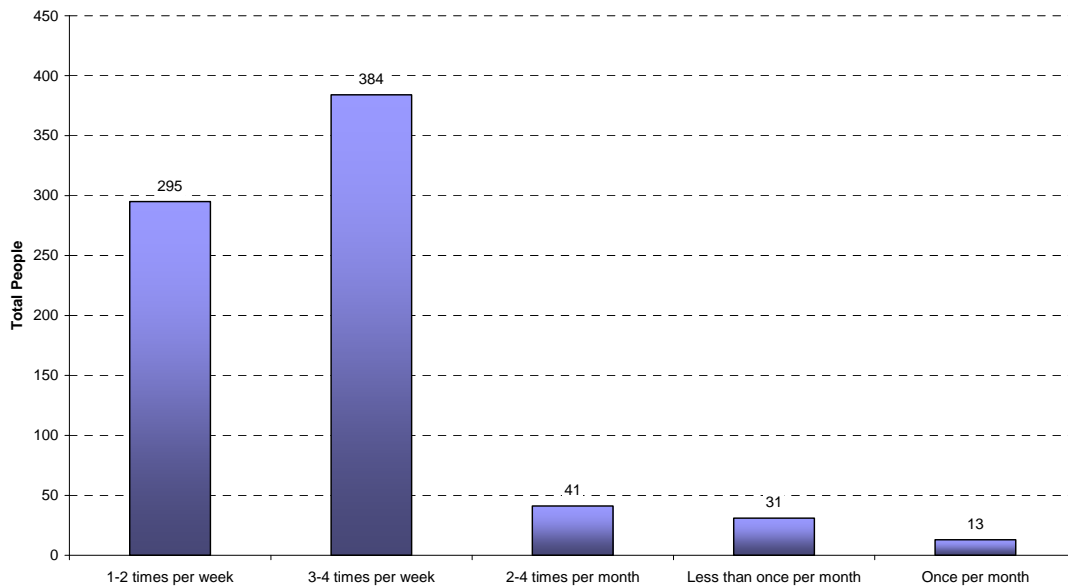
**Question 1: To what extent do you support the principles we have applied to the proposed changes?
(Please select one option on each row)**



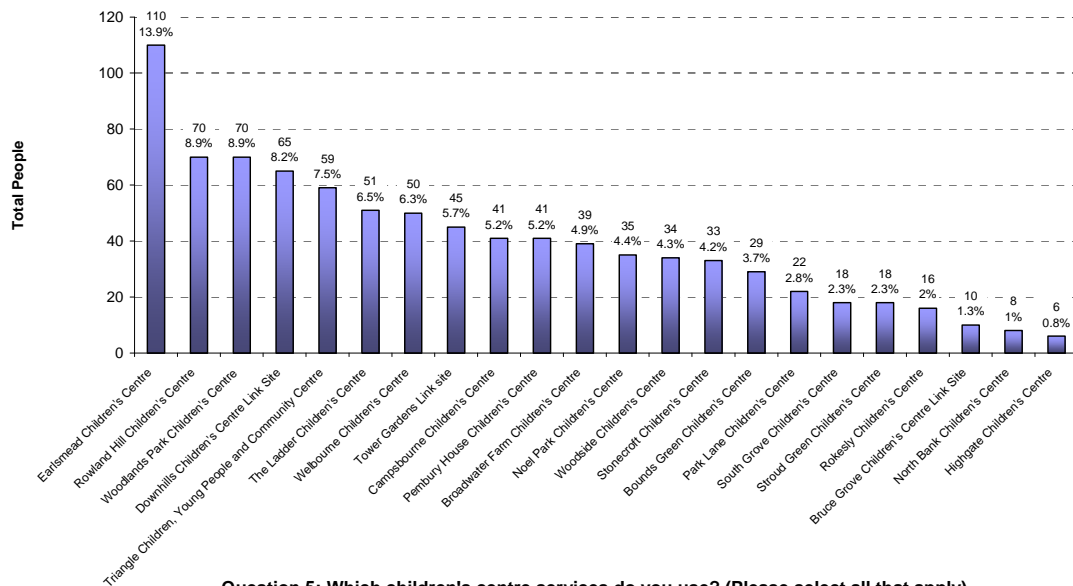
Question 2: Which children's centre do you usually use? (Please select one option)



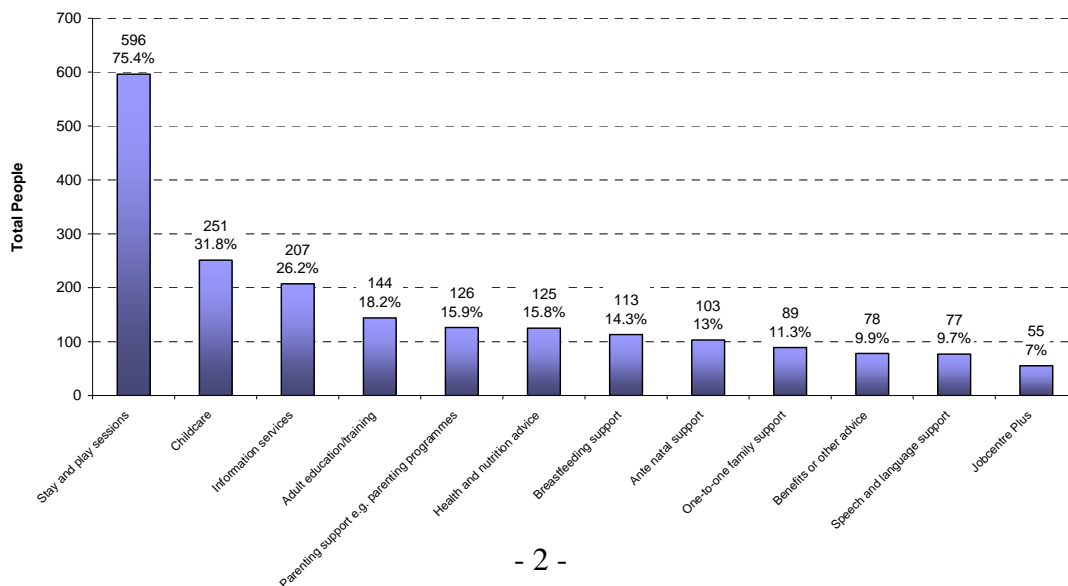
Question 3: How often do you visit this children's centre ? (the centre selected in question 2)



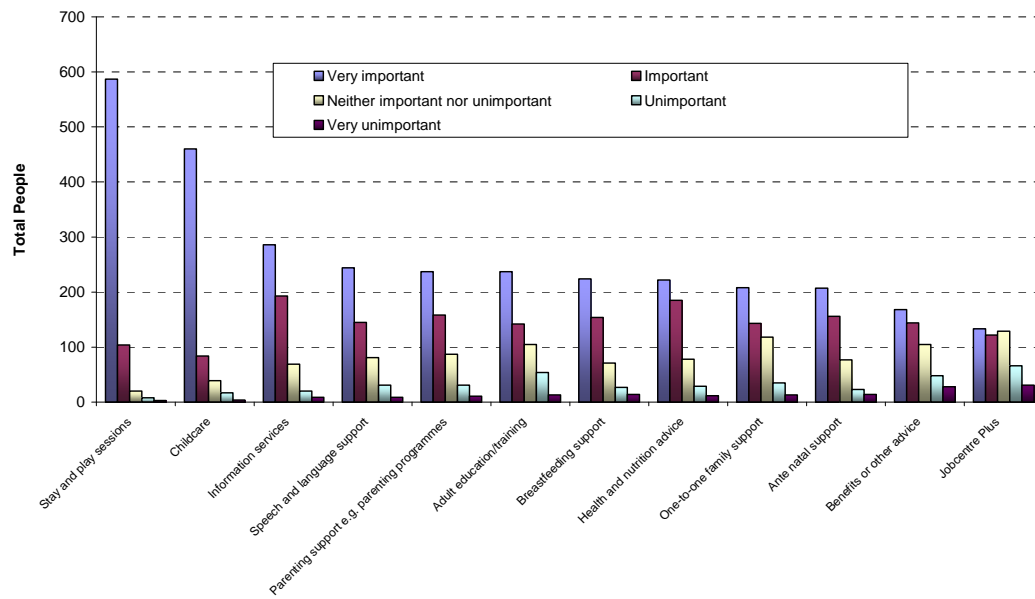
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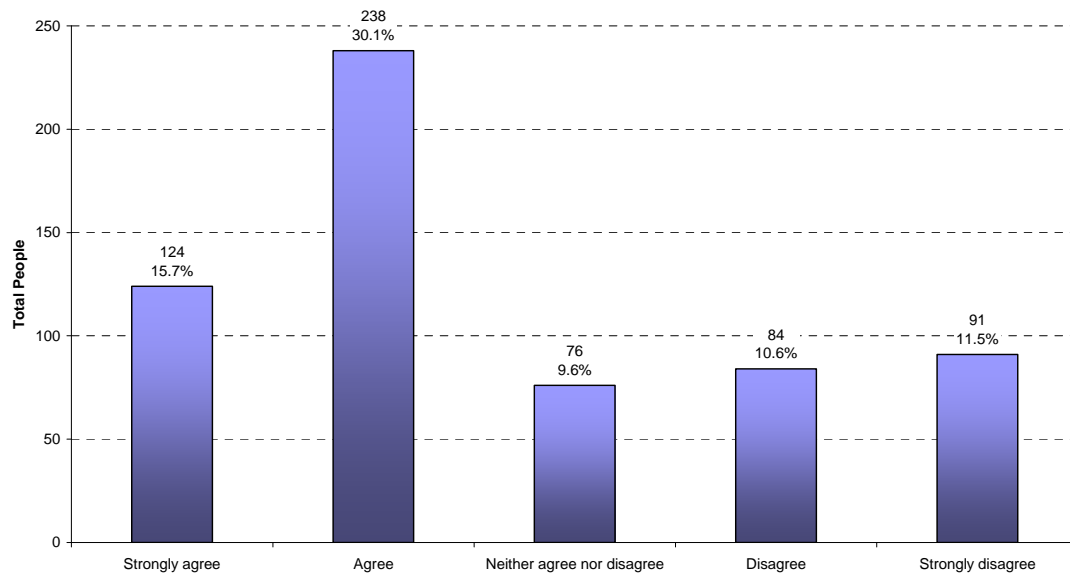
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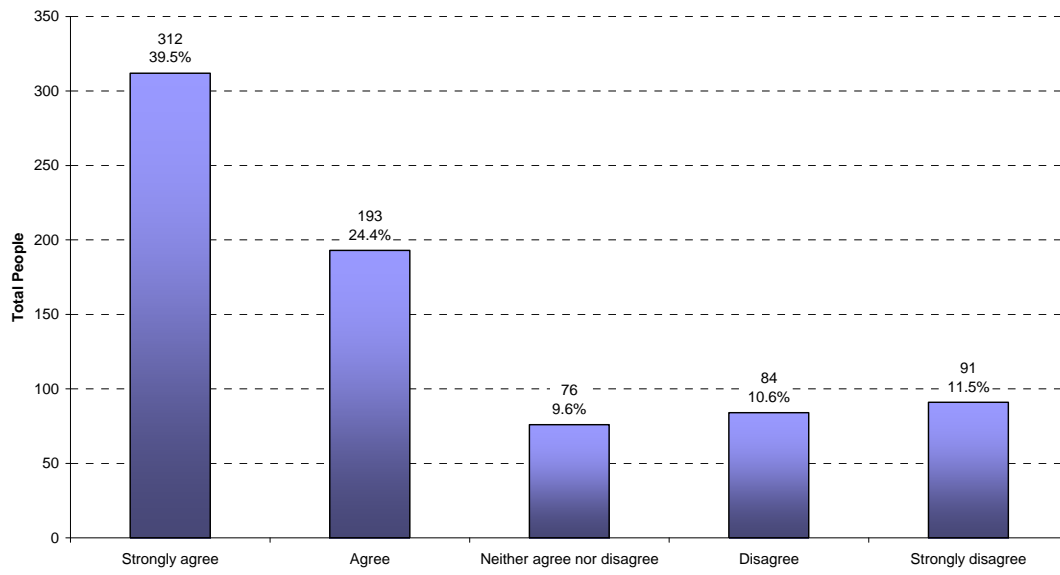
Question 6: How important are the following children's centre services to you? (Please select all that apply)



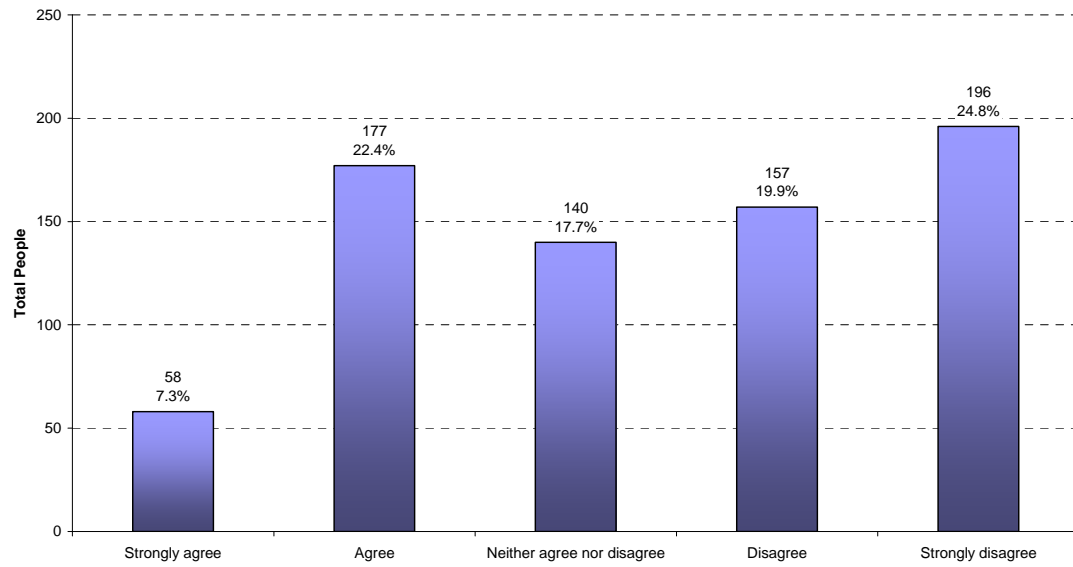
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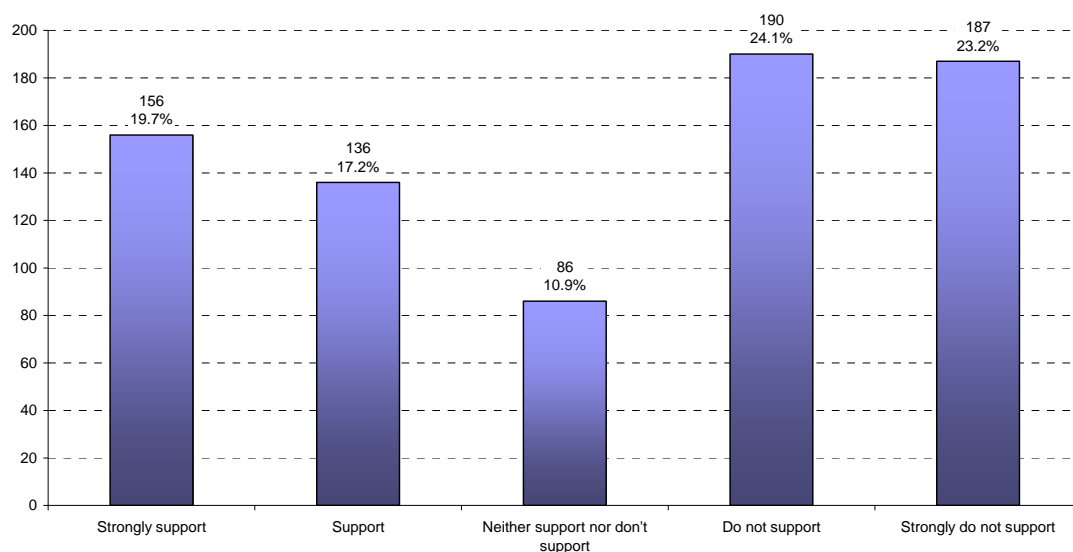
Question 8: To what extent do you agree that children's centre services should be targeted to the most vulnerable? (Please select one option)



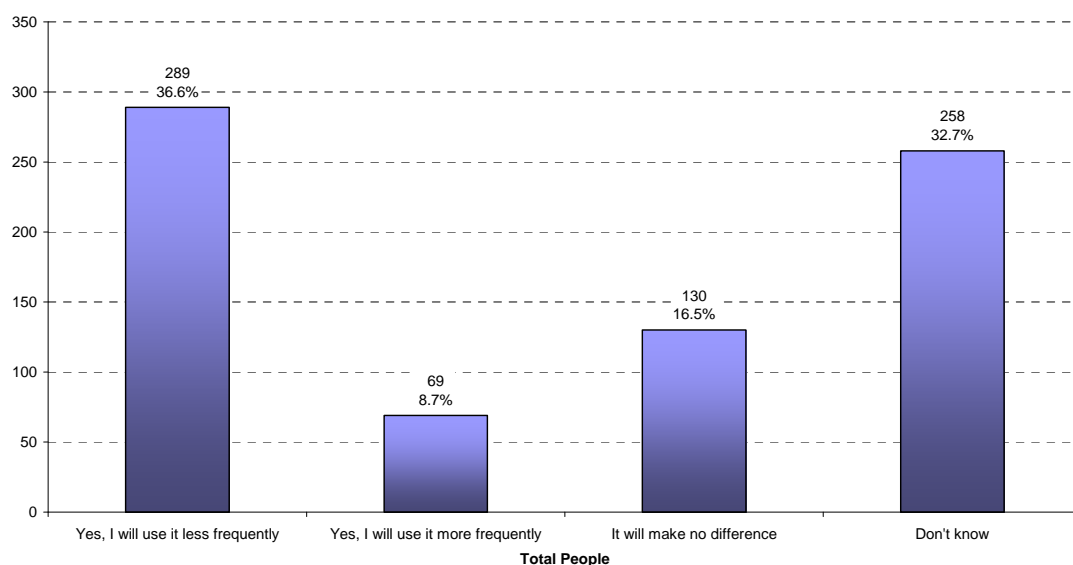
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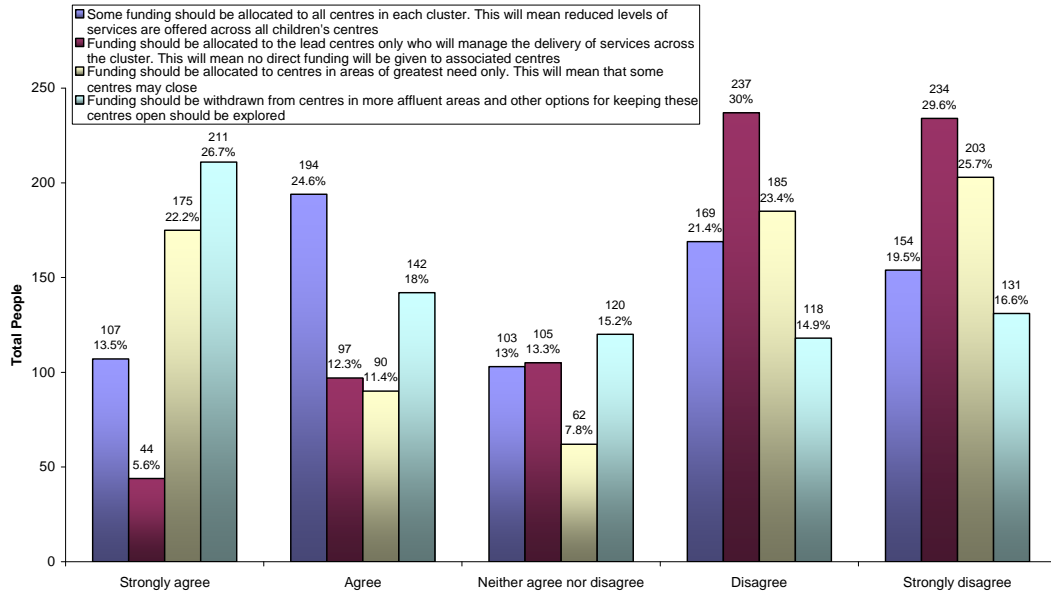
Question 11: Detailed financial modelling might suggest the closure of some children's centres to ensure services for the most vulnerable are maintained. To what extent would you support this approach? (Please select one option)



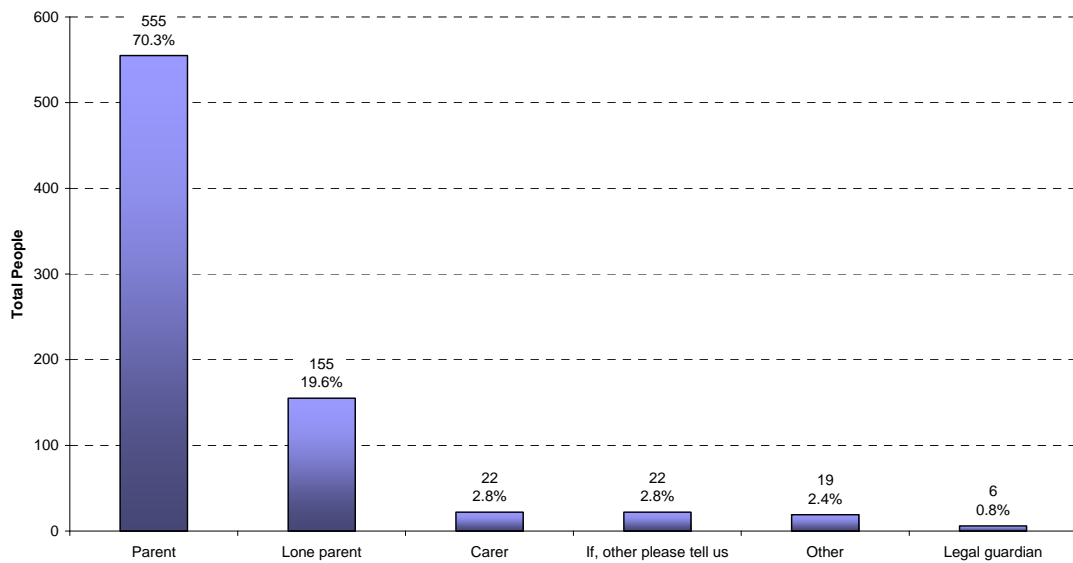
Question 13: Will the proposed changes to Haringey's children's centres change how frequently you use your usual centre? (Please select one option)



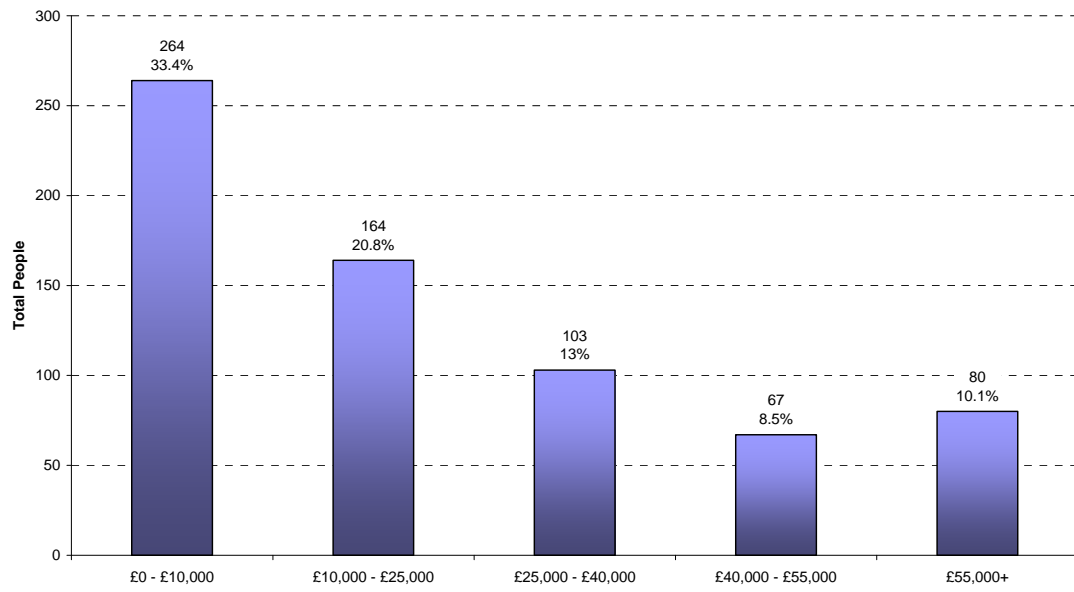
Question 14: Given the reduction in the budget available for children's centres, please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements. (Please select one option on each row)



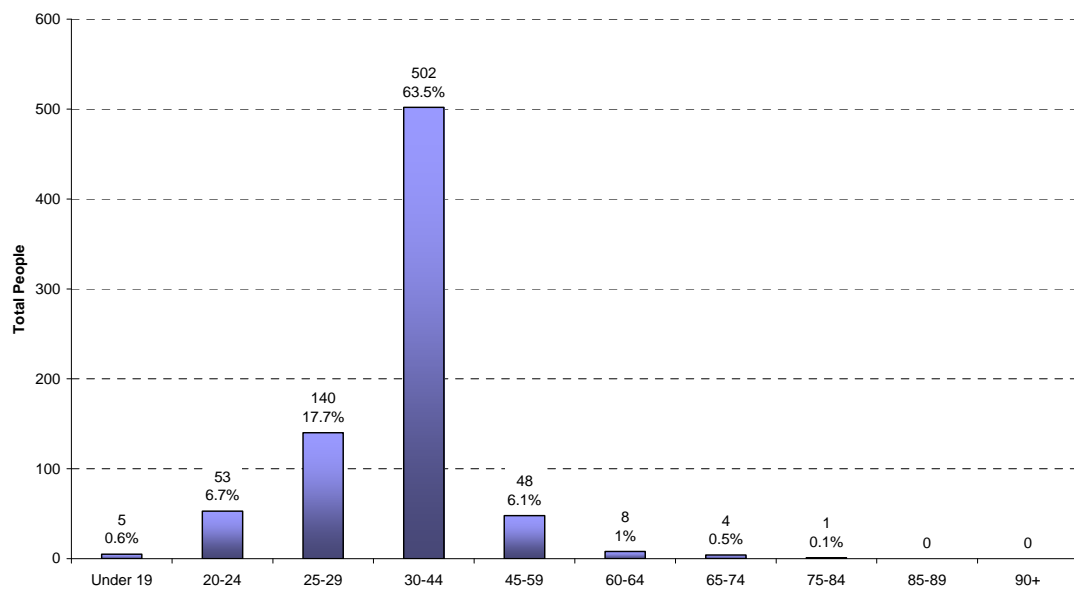
Question 17: Which, if any, of the following most closely matches your role? (Please select one option)



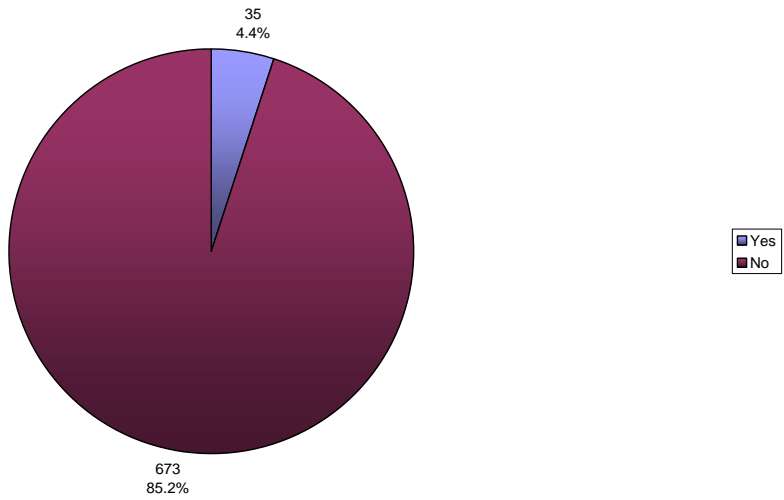
Question 18: What is your household income ? (Please select one option)



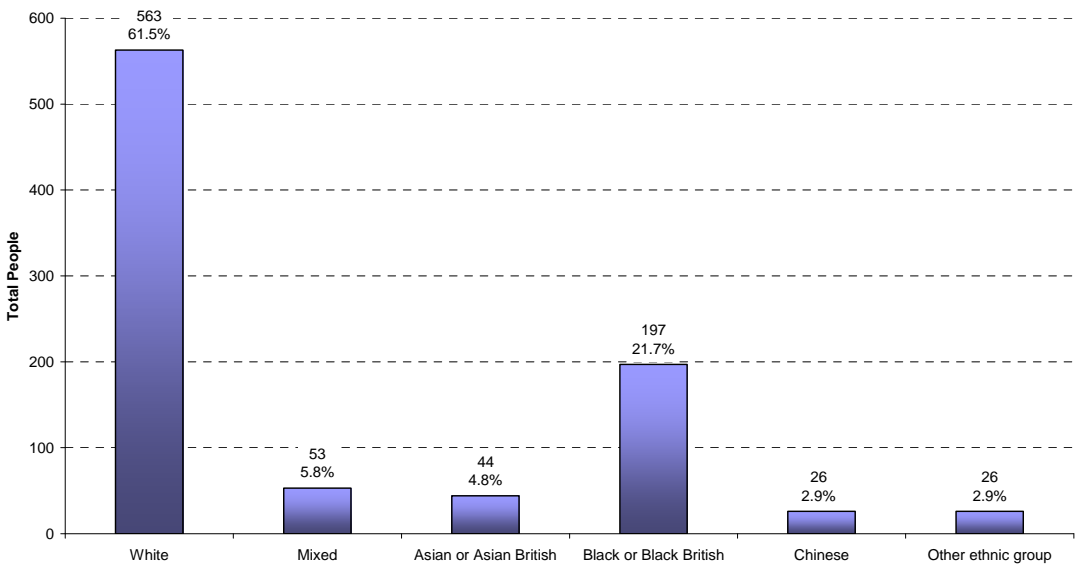
Question 20: Age



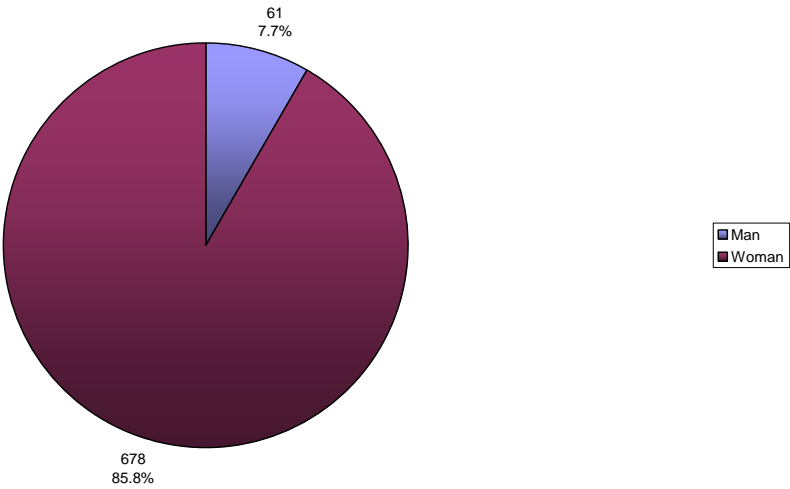
Question 21: Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?



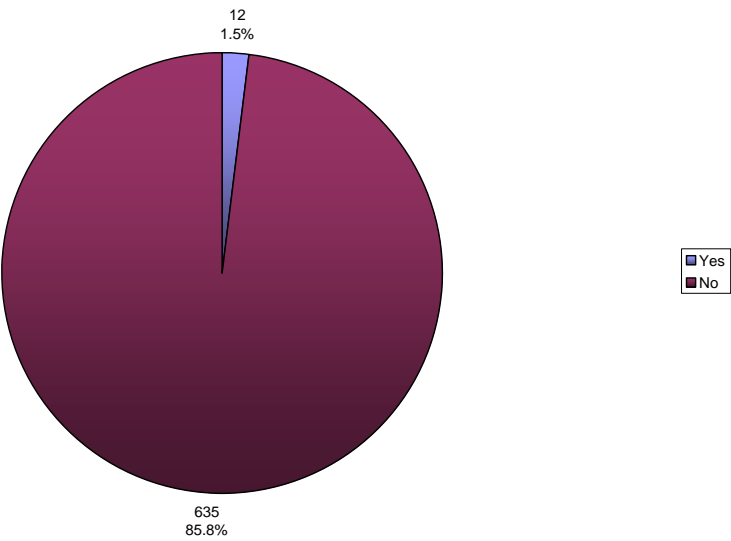
Question 22: Below we are asking you to let us know which ethnic group best describes you. (Please tick one box from the appropriate section)



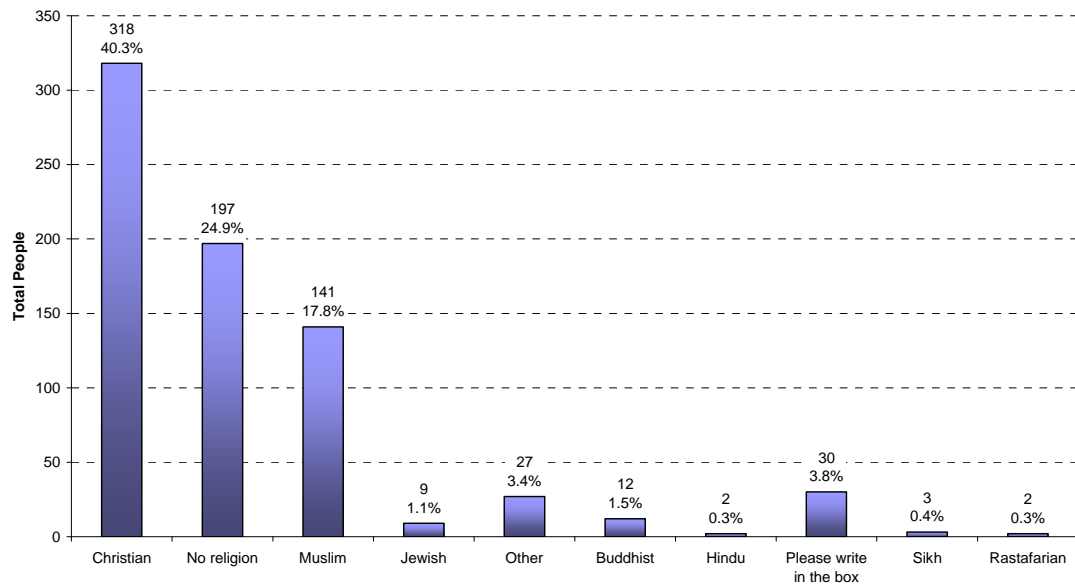
Question: 24 Gender



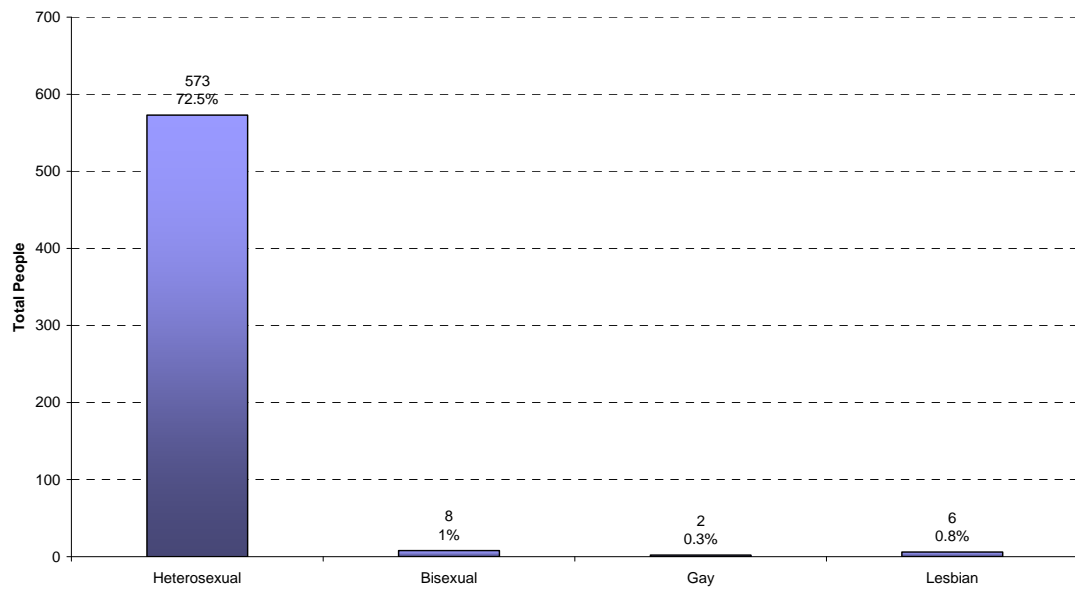
Question 25: Does your gender differ form your birth sex?



Question 26: Do you have a religion or belief that you would like to mention?



Question 27: How would you describe your sexual orientation?



7.2 Parents and carers free text questionnaire results

Q9: If we were not able to keep all of the standard offer in your local centres, what types of services, if any, would you be prepared to pay for?

Respondent	Group	Comment/idea summary
Adult education/parenting		
Individual	Parents/carers	Adult education /training and parenting.
Individual	Parents/carers	Adult education /training, e.g. first aid certain sessions for children, e.g. "movers + groovers" hwere a specific staff member run the session.
Individual	Parents/carers	Adult education training.
Individual	Parents/carers	advice sessions 1:1, Adult education
Individual	Parents/carers	Classes.
Individual	Parents/carers	Health and nutrition advice and adult education/training.
Individual	Parents/carers	Parenting courses e.g. baby massage, adult education.
Individual	Parents/carers	parenting courses such as first aid, a small charge (£2) for stay and play
Individual	Parents/carers	Parenting program.
Individual	Parents/carers	Parenting programmes.
Individual	Parents/carers	Special training courses such as First Aid course.
After school/breakfast club/holiday times		
Individual	Parents/carers	After school / breakfast club.
Individual	Parents/carers	After -school clubs, holiday clubs.
Individual	Parents/carers	After school facilities (which are important to those in work)
Individual	Parents/carers	After school programmes and extra training will get my money. Education should not have to be paid for or be at risk because these children are the future.
Individual	Parents/carers	After school, holiday schemes.
Individual	Parents/carers	Holiday play schemes, after school care
Individual	Parents/carers	I'd be prepared to pay more for childcare after school & in holiday.
Individual	Parents/carers	Morning & evening.
Individual	Parents/carers	We already pay for holiday play schemes and that is acceptable. Catering only for the most vulnerable prevents children of different class and wealth from meeting. That is bad for the

		same reason as faith schools are in my opinion bad; it breeds prejudice (see Ireland or Palestine/Israel for the most horrible results).
Individual	Parents/carers	would be willing to pay more for wrap around care- breakfast club and after school club
All/multiple		
Individual	Parents/carers	all of them
Individual	Parents/carers	ante natal classes, language and communication courses, first aid, baby yoga and baby massage
Individual	Parents/carers	Any.
Individual	Parents/carers	Baby massage, music group.
Individual	Parents/carers	Baby massage, yoga, speaker events
Individual	Parents/carers	Baby massage, yoga, speech therapy, music classes, if at nominal cost.
Individual	Parents/carers	baby weighing, baby groups
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare or benefits or other advice.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare Parenting classes
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare, advice, stay and play, language support, parenting programme.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare, certain services.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare, small fee (donation) for drop-in stay & play, adult education courses
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare, speech and language support.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare, stay & play group.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare, Stay & Play, Antenatal.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare, stay & play, speech & language therapy.
Individual	Parents/carers	childcare, stay and play
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare, stay and play
Individual	Parents/carers	all of them
Individual	Parents/carers	ante natal classes, language and communication courses, first aid, baby yoga and baby massage
Individual	Parents/carers	Any.
Individual	Parents/carers	Baby massage, music group.
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Individual	Parents/carers	baby weighing, baby groups

Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare or benefits or other advice.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare Parenting classes
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare, advice, stay and play, language support, parenting programme.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare, certain services.
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Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare, Stay & Play, Antenatal.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare, stay & play, speech & language therapy.
Individual	Parents/carers	childcare, stay and play
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare, stay and play
Individual	Parents/carers	childcare, stay and play sessions
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare, stay and play sessions
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare, stay and play.
Individual	Parents/carers	Classes, stay & play
Individual	Parents/carers	classes, stay and plays if minimal cost (less than £2)
Individual	Parents/carers	Contribute to Play sessions i.e. Movers and Shakers, Debutots.
Individual	Parents/carers	e.g. music and movement sessions / other classes
Individual	Parents/carers	Exercise classes, other language activities singing and movement. A gold coin donation.
Individual	Parents/carers	Full offer.
Individual	Parents/carers	I can pay for a trip, education for adults and crèche.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think from the beginning all children's centres should have charged for their services
Individual	Parents/carers	I would be prepared to pay for all the services as they are excellent and my premature children benefit from them. The Highgate centre has a dad's club and a club for allergic children and also support for twins (where there is a higher incidence of postnatal depression and psychological problems in mothers and probably fathers)
Individual	Parents/carers	I would be prepared to pay for most of the services. What is most important is that the services are still available. Perhaps limited funding could be available for those who are unable to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would happily pay for Stay & Play (particularly those with lots of crafts on offer), dance sessions (Jess at The Ladder is brilliant) and music sessions.

Individual	Parents/carers	I would pay for childcare, stay and play sessions.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would pay for play sessions (perhaps a membership scheme), baby massage.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would try to pay what I feel my child needs/benefit for is early development.
Individual	Parents/carers	It was not clear what full vs. standard service offer is. At present I rely on childcare facilities at Stonecroft without it would be difficult for me to work. When I had a baby initially post natal groups are a vital lifeline and I believe assist all women regardless of economic background. I would pay if necessary.
Individual	Parents/carers	Ludo-tek, Splash (swimming).
Individual	Parents/carers	Many services, e.g. stay and play, could be offered on a cost-basis, so still affordable. Just keeping the venue open as a place for parents to bring their children to play and to meet other local parents is more important than offering lots of facilities or services (especially those targeted at a few members of the community).
Individual	Parents/carers	mother and baby/ mother and toddler classes - would be prepared to make donation (up to £2) for stay and play sessions also
Individual	Parents/carers	Movers & Shakers; Debutots; Similar activity groups.
Individual	Parents/carers	Music / dancing sessions; Stay + Play sessions; activities; baby massage etc. Would be prepared to pay a small charge for all the above.
Individual	Parents/carers	Music groups, yoga, massage.
Individual	Parents/carers	Nearly all. Especially Stay & Play / ante natal & breastfeeding support.
Individual	Parents/carers	Play & Stay sessions, baby music and massage class but they must remain free in the east of the borough.
Individual	Parents/carers	Play group, stay and play drop in and antenatal clinic.
Individual	Parents/carers	Play Groups and parenting grammarse.
Individual	Parents/carers	play sessions, drop ins
Individual	Parents/carers	Play sessions. Adult & family learnings.
Individual	Parents/carers	Playgroups with the children but in general all!
Individual	Parents/carers	Playgroups, mum & baby.
Individual	Parents/carers	Poss. playgroups; childminders if prices were reduced slightly. Parental groups.
Individual	Parents/carers	Post-natal/mum-and-baby courses & classes; stay and play
Individual	Parents/carers	Some lessons for kids e.g. dancing and sport classes.
Individual	Parents/carers	Speech & language, Health & Nutrition.

Individual	Parents/carers	Stay & Play - donations of £1-2. Benefits advice - donations of £1-2.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay & Play - PIPS
Individual	Parents/carers	stay & play creche
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay & Play groups like Jamboree Playhut, Acorns Toddler group & Baby Group . Movers + Shakers.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay & Play, Breastfeeding support
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay & Play, breastfeeding, family support, jobcentre.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay & Play, Childcare
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay & Play, childcare.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay & Play, music & dance sessions.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay & Play, Parenting Support, Allergy Advice, Healthy Meals - less sugary drinks and desserts, childcare
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay + play, childcare ante-natal parenting support.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play - childcare
Individual	Parents/carers	stay and play groups that included good messy play, music and stories
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play groups, childcare.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play session, adult education, training.
Individual	Parents/carers	stay and play sessions and childcare
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play sessions and childcare.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play sessions for parents/carers.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play sessions, baby massage.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play sessions, language support.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play sessions including music group
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play, Antenatal.
Individual	Parents/carers	stay and play, breastfeeding support, postnatal support
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play, childcare, adult education and training
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play, classes (I would be willing to pay more to pay classes than the current circa £3), toddler activity sessions
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play, dancing - any kids activities.
Individual	Parents/carers	stay and play, movers and shakers, twin club
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play. Childcare.

Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play. Education and training.
Individual	Parents/carers	stay and play/ childcare
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play/parenting and one to one support
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play; Voluntary centre lessons.
Individual	Parents/carers	stay and plays, training
Individual	Parents/carers	The service my son mostly requires.
Individual	Parents/carers	Trips for children and parents, education for parents.
Individual	Parents/carers	Trips for kids, education, play sessions.
Can't afford to pay (none)		
Individual	Parents/carers	Although we don't live in a particularly deprived area, we are a low income family and have very little spare to pay for child services. Going miles to another centre is also not the greatest for us...
Individual	Parents/carers	As a lone parent I rely on the time my kids have at stay and play wouldn't be able to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	As I already pay for the childcare services I use, in the current circumstances I would not expect any further services for free.
Individual	Parents/carers	As I am a student I can't afford to pay for any services.
Individual	Parents/carers	As I don't work I don't think I could pay for any services.
Individual	Parents/carers	Because I am the working class like most people from my area I need say that for me it would be impossible to pay for any services and in consequence if my children have worse educational start than children from richest families.
Individual	Parents/carers	Because of low incomes it wouldn't be fair.
Individual	Parents/carers	Can not pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	Cannot afford to pay any services children centres offer.
Individual	Parents/carers	Cannot afford any.
Individual	Parents/carers	Cannot afford to pay services.
Individual	Parents/carers	Cannot afford.
Individual	Parents/carers	Cannot pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	Can't afford to pay for any of the services and to appreciate the fact that it was being offered free,
Individual	Parents/carers	Could not afford to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	Could not pay.

Individual	Parents/carers	Do not pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	Due to financial difficulties paying for services will bring along extra worries.
Individual	Parents/carers	I already pay for childcare.
Individual	Parents/carers	I am not in a financial position to pay for services, which my taxes pay for already.
Individual	Parents/carers	I am on a benefit; don't have much money like plenty of others here.
Individual	Parents/carers	I am on benefits and couldn't afford to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	I am pay services hospital because is not give me.
Individual	Parents/carers	I can not pay at all.
Individual	Parents/carers	I can't pay any money for services.
Individual	Parents/carers	I can't pay for anything because I am on income support.
Individual	Parents/carers	I don't pay any services. Because am not working. If pay only child care.
Individual	Parents/carers	I don't pay children's service because I look at the child care, I not working.
Individual	Parents/carers	I don't think many people in this area would be able to pay for services.
Individual	Parents/carers	I mainly use the childcare service which I already pay for. I can not afford to pay for much else as it is costing a fair bit already.
Individual	Parents/carers	I won't be able to pay for private activities such as "singing" "music" etc... My daughter will have to stay at home most of the time especially during wintertime.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would be prepared to pay for the service as my financial is not very good.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would find it difficult to pay for any.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would find it impossible to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would not be able to afford any private activities. Moreover, there is not much in my area. Only Earlsmead Children's Centre and Markfield Park.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would not be able to afford to pay!
Individual	Parents/carers	I would not be able to afford to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would not be able to pay for any services at the moment as I am a single mum and unemployed. But I do very much love and appreciate these services as they have helped my son so much.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would stay at home rather than pay as I have insufficient funds myself as the cost of living keeps increasing.
Individual	Parents/carers	I wouldn't be able to pay for any service because I live on benefits as a single mother with 3 children. Children's Centre services are very important. I have a child in 2 year pilot project

		and get a lot of support from the outreach worker.
Individual	Parents/carers	Is very hard for me to pay for services but if I have to pay I will pay for childcare.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is not really the option as I would not be able to afford it.
Individual	Parents/carers	It will be difficult to pay for any services as most of the service user are in low income and lone parents.
Individual	Parents/carers	It would be very difficult as I have a very limited income.
Individual	Parents/carers	Like many people in my area I am on a very low income so couldn't afford to pay for any.
Individual	Parents/carers	Most of the people I know, including me would find it impossible to pay for services.
Individual	Parents/carers	Most people I know in the local area would find it impossible to pay for services.
Individual	Parents/carers	My unemployed daughter was deserted by the father when 4 months pregnant, aged 33. She is anxious, living with me and very needy. We need your full service in Highgate and cannot afford to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	No because I am on income support. I am not working and I am single mum with 4 boys under six years.
Individual	Parents/carers	No I am not in position to pay for any service.
Individual	Parents/carers	No not in a position to do so.
Individual	Parents/carers	No pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	None. I can't afford to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	None. I can't afford.
Individual	Parents/carers	None - I cannot afford any.
Individual	Parents/carers	None - One of the vulnerable.
Individual	Parents/carers	None as I am out of work.
Individual	Parents/carers	None as my income is too low.
Individual	Parents/carers	None because I am low income.
Individual	Parents/carers	None I can't afford to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	None I can't to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	None I'm benefits but stay & play should be always working.
Individual	Parents/carers	None on Income Support.
Individual	Parents/carers	None we need them all because I need help and they help me a lot.
Individual	Parents/carers	None wouldn't be able to afford it.
Individual	Parents/carers	None can't afford too.

Individual	Parents/carers	None can't afford.
Individual	Parents/carers	None, most people cannot afford to pay for these services so they will just go without
Individual	Parents/carers	None, the standard offer is very much reduced compared to the full offer. If you require paying for services in one centre and not another it is unfair, the pay for service centres will be used less or by the more affluent while the other will be over stretched financially and resources and places will be limited. This is a two tier solution separating the haves from the have nots and limiting services to the most needy.
Individual	Parents/carers	None. Can't afford it.
Individual	Parents/carers	None. How can I - I am a single mother, who is living off benefits because Childcare is too expensive. I want to get back to work once my children are in full time education / nursery
Individual	Parents/carers	None. I can't afford it.
Individual	Parents/carers	None. I can't afford to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	None. Most people in my peer group including myself would not find it financially viable to pay for services.
Individual	Parents/carers	not able to afford to pay
Individual	Parents/carers	Not able to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	Not financially viable to pay. Would have to go without.
Individual	Parents/carers	Not in a position to pay for any services, unemployed.
Individual	Parents/carers	Not in a position to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	Not in position to pay for any service.
Individual	Parents/carers	Not prepared to pay for any service as I am unemployed.
Individual	Parents/carers	Not prepared to pay for; as life is getting extremely expensive.
Individual	Parents/carers	Probably would not be able to afford to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	Some of the people I know, including me would find it impossible to pay for services.
Individual	Parents/carers	The live in UK is very difficult, so I do not think I will have money to pay for it. I have not financial for that kind of services.
Individual	Parents/carers	Things are already expensive just about managing to live and now we have to pay for our children to pay. I would willing to pay I would bring fruit though.
Individual	Parents/carers	This would mean attending the stay and play sessions once in a while rather than 3-4 times a week.
Individual	Parents/carers	We cannot pay.

Individual	Parents/carers	We don't have money to pay anything.
Individual	Parents/carers	When I stop working to have my second baby I will not be able to pay for my two and a half year old to go to nursery, so the Ladder Centre is vital for us.
Individual	Parents/carers	With my income paying for services would be hard, knowing I can take my child some where to play and I don't have to pay, we will go always.
Individual	Parents/carers	Would not be able to afford any of the services.
Individual	Parents/carers	Would struggle to pay for any services
Childcare		
Individual	Parents/carers	child care
Individual	Parents/carers	Child care, stay and play.
Individual	Parents/carers	Child care.
Individual	Parents/carers	childcare
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare - but only because we'd have to.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare & contribution towards children's activities.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare / nursery.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare and after school provision.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare and pay nominal fee (£2) for stay and play
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare and stay and play.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare as I already do.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare as it is important.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare because I already pay for it!
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare but not with the fee increase.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare fees.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare from 7 months until 4yrs and after (and breakfast) childcare for school aged children.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare i.e. nursery.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare.
Individual	Parents/carers	I pay for Childcare now at Triangle and would continue to do so. Having local, affordable childcare in a caring environment is essential for me to work.
Individual	Parents/carers	I will pay for child care.

Individual	Parents/carers	I will pay for childcare.
Individual	Parents/carers	I will to pay for children.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would be prepared to pay for childcare, as in the near future I plan on returning to adult education or part time work.
Individual	Parents/carers	My main use is the childcare for which I already pay for.
Individual	Parents/carers	Same childcare. Not community services.
Individual	Parents/carers	The core services are surely the nurseries (childcare). All others could potentially be delivered elsewhere.
Individual	Parents/carers	We already pay for childcare. If necessary we could pay a little more for that.
Individual	Parents/carers	We are a household of working parents, without childcare from nurseries such as Woodlands {Park I'd have to stop working. We pay already and are prepared to continue to do so.
Individual	Parents/carers	Would pay for the childcare provision as don't have any choice as we both work.
Classes for babies and toddlers		
Individual	Parents/carers	Activities/classes for babies and toddlers. Training courses for parents.
Depends on cost		
Individual	Parents/carers	depends on cost - would pay small amount for stay and play
Individual	Parents/carers	Depends on how much it would be.
Individual	Parents/carers	Extras such as movement class but wouldn't be able to go if was expensive (i.e. over £1-£2)
Individual	Parents/carers	I already pay for nursery and wrap-around childcare and would be willing to pay more if necessary.
Individual	Parents/carers	If I could afford it I would pay for what I use and do.
Individual	Parents/carers	If it is a small amount of money. But I think other poorer people will not use the services.
Individual	Parents/carers	It depends how much. If it was nominal perhaps, but we cannot afford to pay much.
Individual	Parents/carers	It depends on what is offered.
Individual	Parents/carers	Less than £5.
Individual	Parents/carers	My ability to pay is limited as I have a very low income.
Individual	Parents/carers	Not sure, depends on cost.
Individual	Parents/carers	Not sure.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play session £3 per session. breastfeeding and other parenting groups £3 per

		session and many more would mean that these sessions would no longer be useable on regular basis.
Individual	Parents/carers	What I could afford.
Individual	Parents/carers	Yes but small amount.
Individual	Parents/carers	Yes. I will.
Individual	Parents/carers	You (we/I) pay for whatever you have to pay for, for the benefit of your children. But even on 2 good wages and with only one (healthy) child with no special needs, this is not that easy or straight-forward and childcare is a huge cause of anxiety. Obviously I support the offer of special services remaining free, for the very people who need the most support often have less income to pay for it themselves. Sometimes because their work is restricted by their need to care for their especially dependent child. However, capable, working parents of healthy children need support too.
Donations		
Individual	Parents/carers	I would be prepared to give a voluntary fee.
Individual	Parents/carers	No by donation only.
Individual	Parents/carers	Small donation for stay + play, bouncing bunnies, baby massage.
Individual	Parents/carers	Small fee.
Individual	Parents/carers	Some money for buying fruits and drinks for our children.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay & play, voluntary contribution £1 or 50pence.
Drop-ins		
Individual	Parents/carers	Drop in.
Individual	Parents/carers	drop ins and crèche facilities
Individual	Parents/carers	Drop Ins special events but how would you manage the finances you would need admin staff to manage it and chase funding.
Individual	Parents/carers	From experience all centres are well used and attended. A small token contribution may be reasonable for 'drop in' services. But not grater than £1 per session.
Means-test		
Individual	Parents/carers	All of these services are vital and should be free of charge for most people in Haringey. I would not be opposed to means testing these services so that the better were charged for some things.
Individual	Parents/carers	All: Problems don't only happen to vulnerable/disadvantaged people. Money can pay for

		help but only if you can find the help. Children Centres are a centre for expert help for all. Have means tested, sliding scales to pay for all services if necessary but don't take services away from people just because the area is "Good".
Individual	Parents/carers	already pay for childcare, payment for services should be means tested, but not such that it would dissuade or deter anyone from utilising the service
Individual	Parents/carers	Baby massage/yoga/movement and music sessions (not only singing). Fees should be on a sliding scale according to income.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare, stay and play but within reasonable prices considered we are on low income and have no access to full benefits due to Visa/Foreign Office restrictions (still paying full taxes).
Individual	Parents/carers	Children's Centres aren't for those who can pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would be prepared to give a gold coin donation to specifically targeted sessions/drop-in like music classes, messy play. But poorer families should not be turned away we as a family could pay for one-to-one family support but not everyone could. It is a service I have used + would not want it to be cost for the rest of the community.
Individual	Parents/carers	My child is moving to primary school next year, but in principle those who can afford (like us) have always paid (rightly).
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play -means tested or at least give donation.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play on a means-tested basis
Individual	Parents/carers	The truth is we will always pay whatever we have to for the services we need - which is primarily childcare in our case. We are lucky in that we can probably afford the proposed increases, while for many families it will be a real problem. The idea of targeting is dangerous however, as demand for services is not directly correlated with deprivation. Postnatal depression, breastfeeding problems and many other issues can affect families at any income level. Further, reducing the uptake of services by more well-off families will not necessarily lead to an increase in uptake by the less well-off. I would argue that the more people of any income bracket who use a service, the more likely it is to be noticed and seem attractive to those most in need.
Individual	Parents/carers	The whole point of these centres should be that in deprived areas e.g. Tottenham Parents need the most, help, advice, support and opportunities, taking away an opportunity to be able to get or seek help of any description is surely a stupid thing and in deprived areas parents on benefits cannot afford to pay.

None		
Individual	Parents/carers	All services should be funded by local authority.
Individual	Parents/carers	Already pay through taxes.
Individual	Parents/carers	Free service.
Individual	Parents/carers	I am against paying for these services.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think it is not much to ask to for mothers on maternity leave to have some free activities for children. Not prepared to pay!
Individual	Parents/carers	I would like to pay for none of these services.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would not be prepared to pay for any services.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would not go to any!
Individual	Parents/carers	I wouldn't pay for any services as pay via taxes.
Individual	Parents/carers	If possible none as money is tight for all families on maternity leave and its helpful to have few things given free, which is not too much to ask considering support and free handouts parents used to enjoy few years ago.
Individual	Parents/carers	I'm not guino pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	It should all be free.
Individual	Parents/carers	No
Individual	Parents/carers	No = no many.
Individual	Parents/carers	No prepared to pay for our services.
Individual	Parents/carers	No.
Individual	Parents/carers	None.
Individual	Parents/carers	none
Individual	Parents/carers	None
Individual	Parents/carers	none - I already pay high taxes
Individual	Parents/carers	None - I would not go.
Individual	Parents/carers	None - I. Tax and C. Tax should guarantee use of these centres.
Individual	Parents/carers	None - no pay - it should be free!
Individual	Parents/carers	None because they should be financed.
Individual	Parents/carers	None because we work and pay all sorts of tax food, working tax council tax etc and I don't see why these centre should be targeted cause government are not paying out of their own pocket.

Individual	Parents/carers	None, they should all be free.
Individual	Parents/carers	None.
Individual	Parents/carers	None. Go to Children's Centre which is free to use their service.
Individual	Parents/carers	None. Why should money come into it? It's just another way to bleed already struggling parents.
Individual	Parents/carers	None. Children's services should not be targeted for cuts. Children and parents are vulnerable (many parents either do not work, or are forced to work part time and are on low incomes, whether they're from the West or the East of the Borough). We shouldn't be making vulnerable groups who can't fight back bear the brunt of cuts.
Individual	Parents/carers	Not any.
Individual	Parents/carers	Not prepared to pay for any service.
Individual	Parents/carers	Nothing.
Individual	Parents/carers	Services should be free for the whole community. Higher earning families already pay for these services by higher contributions through the taxation system.
Individual	Parents/carers	We need more help with family and children.
Other		
Individual	Parents/carers	At the moment I don't need offer services. I could pay, others who live near me couldn't.
Individual	Parents/carers	Children's services are vital to the community and should not be cut. They should be available to all, but are most vital in deprived areas.
Individual	Parents/carers	Don't know.
Individual	Parents/carers	Education for children.
Individual	Parents/carers	Educational, fitness.
Individual	Parents/carers	free childcare for all 3 and 4 years old, free 15hr for disadvantaged 2 year olds, stay and play in all centres, and shorter waiting list +affordable childcare for working parents
Individual	Parents/carers	Fun days / extra-curricular things.
Individual	Parents/carers	I do not accept that there need to be any cuts in services when there is so much money being spent on other priorities of the government such as tax relief for the top earners and companies, wars in other countries and subsidising nuclear power.
Individual	Parents/carers	I don't know.
Individual	Parents/carers	I will be looking to the service what makes me the best offer for make happy to my children.
Individual	Parents/carers	I will have to pay £20.

Individual	Parents/carers	I would pay for my child social skills but I use these centres rather than private ones you pay for because I can't afford to pay for them.
Individual	Parents/carers	If you know how helpful the centre is, we wouldn't have to choose. Full-time for Outreach and information on the Early Year Group. (Translator's note, this did not make sense in French).
Individual	Parents/carers	Meals
Individual	Parents/carers	Music
Individual	Parents/carers	Music session.
Individual	Parents/carers	No access to early education integrated with day care, child and family health services.
Individual	Parents/carers	Not sure what is "full offer" and what is "standard offer".
Individual	Parents/carers	Pay the studies of children.
Individual	Parents/carers	Speech and language support.
Individual	Parents/carers	Trips for children.
Individual	Parents/carers	UP wages / all travelling expend for MP tell them to use bus and trains like normal people do.
Individual	Parents/carers	Don't think so.
Stay and Play		
Individual	Parents/carers	a reasonable contribution for stay and play
Individual	Parents/carers	A small contribution to stay and play but only if this did not make the service inaccessible to all - the inclusive nature of the play sessions is very good - they have a real community feel.
Individual	Parents/carers	A small fee for play sessions.
Individual	Parents/carers	Contribute to stay and play.
Individual	Parents/carers	Contribution towards childcare and Stay & Play sessions.
Individual	Parents/carers	Could pay for stay and play if a low cost e.g. £1 but what about those who can't? It would remove access to services and difficult to means test... And stay and play provide sanity for parents rich or poor- cutting them would reduce access for those isolated in the community at all wealth levels
Individual	Parents/carers	I already pay for childcare, prepare to pay for stay & play.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think stay and play groups pre very important and would gladly pay towards keeping them running.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would be prepared to pay for stay and play sessions at a realistic/reasonable level.

Individual	Parents/carers	I would be prepared to pay for stay and play sessions, any weekend sessions etc. I also think local people could get involved and would be keen to volunteer to run toddler groups etc.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would be prepared to pay for the stay and play sessions.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would not be inclined to pay for stay and play sessions, but personally I would do this rather than see them discontinued. I would be prepared to pay for training opportunities such as first aid. But I do feel that charging for services would exclude many families.
Individual	Parents/carers	Nominal fee for Stay and Play sessions
Individual	Parents/carers	None, I believe services like nutrition advice, language for kids and adults, courses and job centre for adults shouldn't be cut. They are helping people help themselves and helping develop kids, if it helped keep the centres open I would pay £1 for stay and play sessions.
Individual	Parents/carers	Nursery play groups.
Individual	Parents/carers	Nursery Sure Start, which we currently pay for.
Individual	Parents/carers	Pay and play activities.
Individual	Parents/carers	Play and stay under 4 sessions.
Individual	Parents/carers	Play group.
Individual	Parents/carers	play groups
Individual	Parents/carers	Play sessions.
Individual	Parents/carers	Small amount for Stay & Play.
Individual	Parents/carers	Small charge for stay and play.
Individual	Parents/carers	Some Stay and play sessions.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay & Play - if reasonably priced.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay & play session
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay & play sessions
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay & play.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay & Play.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay & Play. This is the only service I think you could realistically charge for and even then it might need to be a token charge of £1 which won't cover costs, so numbers don't drop.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay + Play sessions - contributions to snacks, craft materials etc. Childcare/creche - but should be means tested.
Individual	Parents/carers	stay and play

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Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play - I would pay a small fee for.
Individual	Parents/carers	stay and play a small contribution
Individual	Parents/carers	stay and play group
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play session.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and Play session.
Individual	Parents/carers	stay and play sessions
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play sessions
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play sessions (although I think payment for these should be voluntary so that those who are not able to pay are still able to access the sessions). Adult education or parenting classes - should be free for the most vulnerable but could be means tested for others.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play sessions.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and Play.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and Plays / Messy play.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play minimal charge? Up to £3?
Individual	Parents/carers	Would be happy to way nominal charge for stay and play.
Individual	Parents/carers	Would be prepared to pay a small fee for Stay & Play sessions, so that other (e.g. information and support services) are available without a fee to everyone who needs them
Individual	Parents/carers	Would put in a voluntary contribution for stay & play.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play, mother and baby groups, baby groups playgroups.

Q12 We are interested in your views. Please tell us if you have other ideas for a children's centre model for the borough.

Respondent	Group	Comment/idea summary
Advertise whole Borough provision in each centre		
Individual	Parents/carers	Improved coordination throughout network of cc's so classes are available throughout week with no doubling up of offerings. I.e. the toddler messy Play class to be offered on different days at each children centre so if one cannot make a class at one centre another can be visited. I found working part time limits my ability to access certain classes and info services

		and more often than not the services are all provided on same Day s at each centre. I find the provision of services specifically stay and play and info services poor at Noel park and the organisation poor in comparison to other centres such as Woodside, Rowland hill, bounds green and broadwater farm. I feel the borough has adequate transport links in order to visit different childrens centres if necessary. But little is done in order to offer a coordinated approach across the network of childrens centres. Ie at broadwaterfarm I could find a time table of programmes across the south network but not the whole of Haringey. The leaflets provided at Noel park were very specifically for Noel park only. A network that works together and integrates it's service provision would be more efficient and provide a uniform service to all. I find the childrens centres invaluable support and would not want to risk losing any of the provisions. Any diluting of funds must mean that the networks are run more efficiently in order to provide same level of service throughout.
Individual	Parents/carers	There should be staff that can visit "standard offer" centres to inform about the full offer facilities in the other full offer centres face to face, so users can be made more aware of what's on offer.
Against targeting the most deprived		
Individual	Parents/carers	I do support the idea that financially or socially disadvantaged children get the services provided by children's centres, but an English speaking working family are disadvantaged in this model. In this example I'd have to stop working - less people paying into the pot for services.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is unfair for services to be moved to 'poorer' areas as without taxpayers money that we have already paid the services would close. Most parents on benefits are not interested anyway.
Against the cuts		
Individual	Parents/carers	Children's centres services are a vital component of our children's well being and development. These services should be ring fenced and protected.
Individual	Parents/carers	Do not allow the Conservatives to destroy the welfare state for ideological reasons. So above all do not close centres that could come back to life when a less USA-culture government is elected next time round. So better to reduce the hours of staff than to destroy their jobs. Greater use of volunteers, drawn perhaps from jobless ex-users of the service, would help; but I believe training is needed for these jobs, so I am not suggesting that as a long-term solution allowing trained staff to be sacked.

Individual	Parents/carers	Children's centres are key to social and economical well being and cohesion, they cannot be subjects to savings.
Individual	Parents/carers	Don't cut front line services, especially children's services in the borough which witnessed Baby Peter and Victoria Climbié. Cut top executives' pay, PR e.g. Haringey People magazine, and the use of expensive consultants.
Individual	Parents/carers	I cannot blame the council for trying to do what they can with less money but it is appalling that cuts are being made in this area. From stories I have heard, it seems that even the most vulnerable WILL be suffering.
Individual	Parents/carers	These cuts should not affect the children. NO TO CUTS!!
Individual	Parents/carers	The proposed cuts that the government are proposing will have a devastating affect on my life.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think that the model that is currently in place has been working well in my experience. I am appalled that the Council has not stood up the vicious attack on the poor that the ConDem government is currently embarking upon. There is no need for cuts to our services, the money is there and just needs to be taken back from the bankers and the 1% that unfairly hold so much wealth. Make a stand Councillors, you got your jobs to work for us, do just that and say what thousands of us were saying on the 26th March NO TO TORY CUTS!
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Individual	Parents/carers	The council should be resisting these cuts not putting them through. They would be better to resign or set a deficit budget than hit any of these vital services.
Individual	Parents/carers	I reckon government should stick these proposal.
Individual	Parents/carers	We should have and need a model that is part of our school and community which stays open all day and has the services we need everyday.
Individual	Parents/carers	A good model needs to provide a centre which stays open all day and has the services we need daily.
Individual	Parents/carers	Centres should be maintained for provision of stay and pay at least. It is important to have

		places for parents of babies to meet, especially when there is very little facility available in the borough.
Individual	Parents/carers	It's very good here.
Individual	Parents/carers	Any centres providing help for children and their parents is a benefit. Centres should do child counselling, fun days out, fun activities for basis of a secure family structures.
Individual	Parents/carers	The government should keep the centre as it found it because its important for all children and their mothers.
Individual	Parents/carers	I wish no centre fall against their previous entitlement. I believe that this policy of conservatives will not prevail for so long so distributing resources fairly for all.
Individual	Parents/carers	Early years and education and services for children should not be subject to cuts (financially). This is a very important stage in the growth of our children. The model should rather improve on services offered.
Individual	Parents/carers	For them to be increased.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think they should lave the children's centres alone because kids are the further of this country.
Individual	Parents/carers	To provide more funds for centres to provide more childcare and stay & plays.
Individual	Parents/carers	Keep funding children's centres - minimise the cuts.
Individual	Parents/carers	These reductions will cause huge cuts to services.
Centres for the most vulnerable		
Individual	Parents/carers	Children centre in Haringey need for most vulnerable. important in Tottenham
Individual	Parents/carers	poorer area of Haringey needs centres more and should be kept
Individual	Parents/carers	Increased prices for childcare for those who can afford it but generally put the children's centre at a more important find savings elsewhere in your budget. The education of our children, and support for families with lower incomes or most vulnerable should be your first priority. I think it is absolutely criminal that you are proposing this awful changes. Living in London it is particularly difficult to raise a family and work and I know that hundreds of families that completely rely on children's centres to enable them to work.
Individual	Parents/carers	Take the centres from the richer areas. The more deprived areas need the children's centres.
Individual	Parents/carers	Highgate has needy individual cases. The privileged go elsewhere. All the services are fully booked because it is a centre of excellence and must be available for all and economically

		necessary as preventative of future much more expensive aftercare within the community.
Individual	Parents/carers	target the most vulnerable - whenever I have been to Campsbourne, which is great, I am not sure it is targeting the most vulnerable mothers/fathers in society - young, isolated mothers, low income, English not as first language
Individual	Parents/carers	I think services should be cut in more affluent parts of Haringey. It would be detrimental to the local families if Earlsmead was open less often.
Individual	Parents/carers	Reduce the services on offer at more affluent children centres - Earlsmead area is so in need of the services the centre offers.
Individual	Parents/carers	Money should be taken from the wealthier end of the borough. Earlsmead children centre is very important to our community. Most of under fives have support in the care and education of their children and aid in social support through language classes, parent groups etc.
Individual	Parents/carers	More facilities to facilitate support to families with greater needs.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is important to maintain frontline services in vulnerable areas e.g. speech and language support, parenting classes, family support and adult education with crèche. These are vital in poor areas to ensure children's education and social well being.
Individual	Parents/carers	This modelling will automatically exclude those living in an area which is considered low needs, with vulnerable people residing there which will mean that these people will lose out.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think that taking away funding from children's centre is gonna lead to future crime. But I do think if you co-ordinate on teaching kid's normal like skills I would love to see more centres and funding for vulnerable areas more play areas/ more service with help children grow.
Individual	Parents/carers	Funding should depend on how deprived the area is.
Individual	Parents/carers	I very much hope Haringey Council will prioritise centres that are in very poor areas of the borough like Earlsmead is.
Change cluster arrangements		
Individual	Parents/carers	broadwater farm children's centre should be managed by and be part of the integrated learning campus for 'Broadwaters'; another layer of management in the form of a 'lead centre' will add to the complexity, bureaucracy and costs of running the centre rather than simplifying, streamlining and making savings
Individual	Parents/carers	Whilst I understand that those who are more deprived/vulnerable certainly need their services maintained it is wrong to assume that everyone in the west of the borough is well

		off. I currently rent my property in Hornsey and require the use of childcare, stay and play and antenatal. I feel lucky to live so near to Campsbourne children's centre but fear that running 6 from this base will reduce the quality. @ groups of 3 would be better
Individual	Parents/carers	I go to Children's Centres that are already clustered together. They work wonderfully together. Giving all round support. Please do not separate these centres. I don't want South Grove to be linked to Triangle. Triangle is too far away and runs differently. Why change a cluster that is already working?
Individual	Parents/carers	Why is the Ladder centre being downgraded? We use this service for childcare in the holidays. I can't afford to work without this service. The Ladder comes up on your map as more deprived than Woodlands so I don't understand the logic.
Individual	Parents/carers	We want Broadwater Farm CC to be a lead centre in part because it is an integral part of the new Inclusive Learning Campus which is being built and will be a beacon for services for SEN and have links with the local community.
Individual	Parents/carers	With regards to broadwater farm nursery it seems appropriate to link it with the inclusive campus (primary school, special schools) and share services and expertise across these. They are already doing this to some extent and this would allow BWF to offer expertise with special needs identification and care. Could other centres also link in this way?
Individual	Parents/carers	Stonecroft and Campsbourne Children's Centres are already linked I would recommend bringing in Rokesly and no other centres as the link between Stonecroft and Campsbourne took a long time to form and work correctly there will need to be time to allow for consultation amongst the SLT's of all of the centres. Further comments are provided in question 16...
Individual	Parents/carers	The children's centres in the borough are one of the great success stories of the past few years it would be a huge mistake to undermine these essential services. Broadwater farm should certainly be a lead centre if these changes go ahead as part of the inclusive learning campus.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think there should be a much smaller cluster in the west involving Campsbourne as lead, Stonecroft and maybe the new Rokesley Centre. The Cluster 1 in the original paper is much too big and would be impossible to run - you just can't spread the resources that thin without something breaking - hence I think if we don't have the resources we have to close some services.
Individual	Parents/carers	Larger cluster that has been proposed by our school.

Individual	Parents/carers	Wood Green.
Individual	Parents/carers	Wood Green cluster.
Individual	Parents/carers	Wood Green cluster.
Individual	Parents/carers	Think the new linked centre and associate centre plan is good. The most difficult thing as you are no doubt aware will be reorganising staffing so that standards don't fall and the work still gets done within budget.
Individual	Parents/carers	South Grove is already clustered. Why switch them to triangle keep with the Ladder. My family do not like triangle.
Individual	Parents/carers	Wood Green cluster.
Individual	Parents/carers	Wood Green cluster.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stroud Green CC should not be in with Highgate & Rokesley as they are much more affluent areas (i.e. it should retain full, not standard, offer).
Individual	Parents/carers	Not sure it's sensible for all the more affluent children's centres to be run by the same children's centre i.e. Campsbourne. Might reduce social cohesion.
Individual	Parents/carers	If you insist on combining centres then at least combine in smaller groups in the west of the borough i.e. two clusters of 3 existing centres rather than 1 cluster of 6 existing centres in order to maintain high quality services.
Individual	Parents/carers	Parent giving hand were possible in term of some little construction of money for e.g. drugs & fruits others were possible.
Individual	Parents/carers	Wood Green cluster.
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Individual	Parents/carers	Wood Green cluster.
Individual	Parents/carers	Wood Green cluster.
Individual	Parents/carers	I'm not happy with this idea.
Individual	Parents/carers	WoodGreen cluster.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think that Rowland Hill should be a support centre helping Woodside and Noel Park.
Individual	Parents/carers	Wood Green cluster of centres. Rowland Hill main centre.
Individual	Parents/carers	It would be better if the deprived areas were to be the lead centres as the services they require will be met.

	Parents/carers	I love the South West cluster events so keep them together.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would definitely support a smaller cluster involving Stonecroft, Campsbourne (as lead) + Rokesley.
Individual	Parents/carers	Woodside should not be linked to Rowland Hill - no recent relationship.
Individual	Parents/carers	I do not disagree with 'cluster' model but do not sure why some centres are being kept open when others in more deprived areas are being clustered, possibly losing impact. Also it is unclear what the rationale is for selecting 'lead' centres and associate centres.
Individual	Parents/carers	The centres were clustered based but what an suggested sets. Allow centres to organise their own clusters.
Individual	Parents/carers	The model could work however cluster one needs at least one of the associate children's centre to have a full offer.
Cuts should be made on basis of geography/usage rather than need		
Individual	Parents/carers	I think it is critical to have a point of access for all new mums spread throughout the borough. Services such as stay and play are key for this but missing from your proposed "standard offer". I think they should be included at all children's centres. Cuts to entire centres should be on the basis of geography and usage rather than need- no point keeping open a centre in a deprived area that no-one accesses. Far more sensible to keep enough centres open that all in the borough can walk to access one and prioritise those that are already used the most and therefore by definition are the most use, to both deprived and non-deprived.
Individual	Parents/carers	Lead centres should be spread geographically regardless of deprivation, as services are important for all families - charges could perhaps be higher in better off areas. Some centres, like Highgate, are much easier to get to on foot or by public transport.
Individual	Parents/carers	Highgate and Campsbourne as hubs. More money for the west of borough. Financial deprivation should not be the only criteria. Geographic access to services like baby weighing, health visitors, breastfeeding, midwives etc important across every bit of the borough
Individual	Parents/carers	Full offer children services should be in areas which are easily accessible to the community. E.g. Stroud Green which has both bus and a tube station.
Do not close any children's centres		
Individual	Parents/carers	Children Centres are core services for all families in the borough. They must not be closed

		down. This government slicing the childcare element of the tax credit and expecting us to pay even more!!! This is not realistic. They are playing with the future of our babies...
Individual	Parents/carers	keep Tower Gardens open
Individual	Parents/carers	Yes. Keep them all open and pay the cost. Childcare is EXTREMELY important to any parent who wants to work. If you close centres, parents won't be able to work and the benefit culture that is too prevalent in this society will sky-rocket.
Individual	Parents/carers	We need a model that is part of the school, so part of the community. Should work as part of a cluster with a larger older centre I want a say over it. Should stay open all day every day. We need it.
Individual	Parents/carers	We want the children centre to stay.
Individual	Parents/carers	Keep the ones you already got opened and functional for the community.
Individual	Parents/carers	I will miss my centre if it closes down.
Individual	Parents/carers	Children's centres MUST stay open. Families in Haringey need them. NONE should be closed. The big society idea is a joke if families are not supported by well funded children's centres. How can parents work and child excel without support from community based services?
Individual	Parents/carers	To keep all children centres open as it's unfair for the children who have built bonds with the worker in the normal centres.
Individual	Parents/carers	I am extremely happy with my children's centres, I love the play groups, the support and the advise/information, I don't think it should change.
Individual	Parents/carers	The closure of some children's centre is very sad because I learn so much and my children have been improved so much in many way so please leave as parents need the centre.
Individual	Parents/carers	I strongly disagree with the changes if this means the closure of Bounds Green C. Centre which has been an excellent asset for our area, creating a space for play, learn and support.
Individual	Parents/carers	All of them are good.
Individual	Parents/carers	Bounds Green School is model itself.
Individual	Parents/carers	Keep all children's centres open as they are a necessary lifeline for parents and kids in the borough not a luxury you can dispense with on a whim.
Individual	Parents/carers	Even little projects are helpful due to availability and location, maybe some services can be reduced but not entirely closed.
Individual	Parents/carers	Keep South Grove open. They help me.

Individual	Parents/carers	South Grove has basically saved my life. Thank you Clare. Please keep them.
Individual	Parents/carers	Do not close.
Individual	Parents/carers	Should all remain open!
Individual	Parents/carers	I don't feel that you can build trust if staff are moved around and are not consistent. Please do not close Bounds Green, I would feel lost without it!
Individual	Parents/carers	Bounds Green should stay open.
Individual	Parents/carers	All centres should remain open and operating at their best. This will ensure diversity and different stimuli for service users.
Individual	Parents/carers	As the centres are being used I don't think it would be right to close them down.
Individual	Parents/carers	The current model seems to reflect our needs.
Individual	Parents/carers	These kinds of children centres are very important for families, I would to see them continued and privatised.
Individual	Parents/carers	These kinds of children centres should be supported, none of the centres should close down.
Individual	Parents/carers	Not all vulnerable people live in one area. All centres should be kept.
Individual	Parents/carers	Please do not close our Children Centre's because we need the help and support we get from our centre. Our children depend on it.
Individual	Parents/carers	Children's services should be maintained fully - children are the future & positive, supportive services prevent longer term problems. It is important to offer services that are accessible to all & integrate people from differing backgrounds to prevent 'ghettoisation' of 'poor' people. Children's services should promote community cohesion, positive preventing & emotional wellbeing.
Individual	Parents/carers	Children's Centres are vital to parents from all backgrounds for support, advice company and for children's development do not close them because it is a false economy.
Individual	Parents/carers	Children are important, children's centre's should be as they are, because I like were my child is now and I do not want to change anything.
Individual	Parents/carers	Do not agree with any loss of services. Do agree with a centralisation everyone need more centres.
Individual	Parents/carers	They should not be closed but better advertised.
Individual	Parents/carers	Do not close any centres. Maintain some services in each centre, even if those services are minimal. Assess which services are used most in each centre, and prioritise maintenance of

		those services.
Individual	Parents/carers	Do not close children centres.
Individual	Parents/carers	Please keep South Grove open!
Individual	Parents/carers	Keep our centres open we use them to make our lives more better.
Individual	Parents/carers	No closures but more targeted centres that serve the local community needs (i.e. cut the least used/least value -added services) irrespective of socio-economy status. The beauty of children's centre is they are for all - they create a real community - not ghetto-isation. People will not travel to the 'lead centres' - it has to be more local - even if service must be reduced.
Individual	Parents/carers	I am happy with services at Woodside Centre. There the children have lots of fun and they are more than happy staying and playing.
Individual	Parents/carers	Keep as it is.
Individual	Parents/carers	Really I am very pleased to come to Woodside Children's Centre as my kids enjoy it the most compared with other centres. They love to play with trikes, toys, wheat flour pasta and water. When time is finished they do not want to leave.
Individual	Parents/carers	Keep as it is.
Do not cut opening hours/services		
Individual	Parents/carers	Stays open all day and has the services we need each day.
Individual	Parents/carers	We need a centre that will stay open all day, every day of the week, including half-term holidays.
Individual	Parents/carers	Centres must be open all days.
Individual	Parents/carers	A centre that is open all day and has all the services we need.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stays open all day and has the services we need each day.
Individual	Parents/carers	The centre should be local and provide all the services.
Individual	Parents/carers	More stuff not less.
Individual	Parents/carers	Keep them opened as many services as you can, as most of them are really help.
Individual	Parents/carers	If not all, most of the groups of the children centres should extend their services time. Most of them are too short.
Individual	Parents/carers	We need the centre like Earlsmead to stay as they are open every day for stay and play sessions.
Do not increase childcare fees		

Individual	Parents/carers	Keep all children's centres open for primary childcare needs and instead of additional supplementary services use the budget not to increase childcare prizes for working parents. It is difficult to get a place in the sure start nursery as it is and if some close there will be no place for many children and it will encourage parents to stay at home with kids instead of seeking employment
Individual	Parents/carers	No pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	My idea is to pay less fees, and to be class lialect!
Individual	Parents/carers	No charges should be made.
Financial query		
Individual	Parents/carers	I'm all for efficiencies, provided they do not impact the service provided. It may be that sharing management and administration across centres will achieve this. However shutting centres is going too far - there is no way this would not impact the service, no matter which ones you decide to shut. The proposal and modelling seem to be based on an assumption of what the children's services budget has to be reduced by, which I don't accept. Rather than modelling and consulting on one department in isolation, why can't we be consulted on how much the budget for children's services should be, as opposed to other areas?
Individual	Parents/carers	Where is the detailed financial model? Why hasn't this been released with the consultation?
Focus on childcare		
Individual	Parents/carers	Concentrate budget on childcare rather than additional parental support services.
Individual	Parents/carers	If you have to limit/cut back on the proliferation of additional services. Focus only on the childcare element if necessary rather than close centres.
Individual	Parents/carers	Providing full time offer childcare centre services are better.
Full offer for all		
Individual	Parents/carers	I would like the all children's centre run full. I have been attending Stroud Green Children Centre and I benefit from services such as free stay and play sessions, healthy eating, information and outreach.
Individual	Parents/carers	I want my children's centre all other centres to run fully. I rely on their service and get support. I am a minority in this country and children's centre give holistic services. There is a Turkish speaking outreach worker and this increase any use of the centre as she gives information in Turkish as well.
Hire out centre		

Individual	Parents/carers	It should be a good idea to allow centres to hire out space for parties/ keep fit/yoga - in and out of hours and weekends, to raise funds. I understand staff may not like this bit makes sense.
Individual	Parents/carers	Hire any empty space out to other groups, including at weekends & in the evenings. E.g.. Children's birthday parties, local groups such as Amnesty International, franchise of children's activities, such as drama & dancing.
Individual	Parents/carers	Centres need to explore opening up to local groups and private initiatives for children & eves and weekends to hire.
Increase prices for childcare/other services (means-tested) / flexible pay contributions / funding from other sources		
Individual	Parents/carers	Flexible pay contributions in relation to what people can afford, but having centralised children's centres is a very valuable way to create community itself which then develops into extensive support networks over time. This is valuable in all areas and will raise standards of care for all children. Mental health problems do not relate to deprivation primarily but to lack of support and this can be as much of a problem in wealthier areas. Children thrive in well functioning communities and this is as much the case in wealthier areas. Children's centres are community hubs. Fundraising to support children's centres and charitable status to maintain levels of activities. Once the infrastructure has been lost it will take years for something to step in to replace it. Children's centres work well - though I think they could charge for some services offered.
Individual	Parents/carers	Unfortunately not, but I think funding could be found from other revenue streams. Children's' centres provide a valuable and important role for 1st time mums and dads. I relied heavily on my local children's' centre 2 years ago and hope that I will again.
Individual	Parents/carers	Investigate other paid for services for better off families to keep centres going
Individual	Parents/carers	Whilst I fully appreciate the difficulties facing LA's across London, I feel CC's offer an essential Early Intervention service to ALL families in the borough (not just those living in the highest levels of deprivation). Focussing on these areas essentially takes us back to the Early 'postcode lottery' Sure Start model which Children's centre's quite rightly moved us away from. I am pretty sure families would pay nominal sums to access services such as messy play, stay and play etc. It may also be good to get local childminders involved in running sessions and also local parents with an interest. I appreciate the need to make quick decisions to help - I think a pool of workers delivering services at all centres across the whole borough would work providing it is well managed and co-ordinated. I am sure this has

		been done but but monitoring most popular or most accessed services and rolling out a 'middle' ground off to ALL centres may be better.
Individual	Parents/carers	All children in the borough deserve the opportunity to mix with other children from a range of backgrounds. Reducing the services at Highgate to the 'standard offer' will result in a limited number of opportunities for toddlers to mix with other children, have space to play and develop. The Council has a responsibility to all children in the borough and if it closes children in Highgate will be at a huge disadvantage. Why not charge more to attend sessions or sponsorship from local business? It would be a complete waste of money to reduce the centre to one or two days a week after such a large capital investment was made it in only last year. I would be happy to pay £3/4 for the play and stay sessions. Why not ask those who can pay to contribute?
Individual	Parents/carers	Keep full services everywhere as I've often found it hard to use them as they are oversubscribed so cutting them would only make it worse. Ask for a donation or charge a small fee for some services. For example, I would be happy to pay a small amount for the kids' singing/meeting groups if that was essential to keep them open. This could be waived for the most vulnerable.
Individual	Parents/carers	centres could raise funds on a charitable basis
Individual	Parents/carers	If charging was introduced then parents who can afford to pay for services could help to maintain a more comprehensive service across the borough. I pay £80 per day for private nursery and have been on the waiting list for stonecroft for 18 months with no chance of getting in now because rightly, other people, who need the cheaper places at Stonecroft have got them. But my point is that some of the centres could charge a proportion of parents £60 a day rather than the £45 and this could help make them economically more viable. And nominal charges of £2 for stay and play. The new Centre at Rokesley should not be allowed to go to waste. In the spirit of co-operation, the facilities should be offered to Haringey families for a small fee and then it ensures some activities go on there. Otherwise, what a waste.
Individual	Parents/carers	Although I do think children centres are most important for the most vulnerable this is not a straight forward category. Are you vulnerable because of your financial situation or area or are there other factors such as mental health. Although mental health issues are possibly more likely in poor areas and in ethnic minority areas that does not mean they do not exist in other areas. They are possibly just less talked about. I also think that it is important to keep

		children's centres open in more affluent areas as they are great ways for people of all backgrounds to meet, get insight into other people's situation, become friends and more important, support each other. Maybe there could be some possibilities for means testing on certain things. I would be happy to pay a small fee to be able to stay and play (often do at other places as long as it's value for money) but would be happy for it to be free for others. The importance is in the mixing of people.
Individual	Parents/carers	In Highgate we have very few children's services available. I think a lot of people would be willing to pay for services the children's centre offers as they are high quality. We just don't have much of anything for children in Highgate so don't take away the one good thing we do have - let people who can afford to pay do so and make it free for those on benefits.
Individual	Parents/carers	There are people in need in all areas of the borough. Children's Centres play a vital role in combating depression and isolation in adult carers, which is not just an issue which affects those in poverty. With children in school based nursery, it means many mothers simply do not have time to access services in lead centres and it is the very localised nature and proximity to schools of the current model which is so beneficial to communities. Allowing volunteer parent/adult carer-led groups to run stay and plays for a modest charge (e.g. £3 to revert to the council for the facility costs) is essential. Safe, indoor, play areas are in short supply in this area of the borough. They are essential as many families are living in small flats without gardens and they really need the space for the children to play. Additionally, not all families in the area are rich. Many working families' disposable income is under pressure after childcare costs and inflation affecting other living costs. These families also need facilities and should not be penalised and prevented from delivering good parenting and development opportunities to their children.
Individual	Parents/carers	Quality and breadth of services should remain, but on a pay-per-use basis (apart from access to health visitors, breastfeeding support and weigh-ins), with limited funding support available for those who cannot afford to pay. It is very important to ensure that a full service offering is available in all localities as new mums with small babies (<6M) are in the greatest need of support and with babies this small it is difficult to travel distances
Individual	Parents/carers	Centres that are in less vulnerable areas could charge for services and subsidise costs.
Individual	Parents/carers	For the centres that are facing closure ask the parents/ carers if they would be prepared to pay for services provided. It must be a total waste of money for have these centres built, maintained and run just to close them in the next financial year. As you say, every child has

		a right to access high quality early years services and just because we do not live in a deprived area of the borough why should our children then not be able to go a play group? I have twins and travelling to other play groups is not an option for us. I would however, be prepared to pay more than is currently being charged.
Individual	Parents/carers	You should charge for additional support you giving people like e.g. stay and play, nutrition consultation, drop -in and not raise childcare cost, as it is already very high.
Individual	Parents/carers	It would be good if a small number of centres in the west could remain, and maybe charge for services there. There is still a need for support for parents and opportunities for children even in affluent areas. But I agree that resources should be focused on the east of the borough.
Individual	Parents/carers	This questionnaire is very badly designed. There are too many misleading questions which are asking 2 things at once. For example - Q11 above - How can I answer this question if a) I do not support the closure of children's centres, but b) I do believe that services for the most vulnerable should be maintained? You are forcing people to choose options that they don't fully agree with so that you can then say that the data you received from this questionnaire supports your plans to close a vital resource in a deprived area. You are not interested in hearing what parents have to say, otherwise you would be going down to these centres and speaking with the parents & carers to find out exactly what they think. I understand that this is an expensive way to do your research, but would be far more valuable research than this piece of crap that you've produced. As for a model for the children's centres - I'd suggest you take a look around the council office at the admin & IT staff and weed out the poor performers there. The ones who can hide behind their PCs, keeping their heads down and doing the minimum amount of work to keep their jobs and pull them up on it. These are the people who should be losing their jobs. Not the frontline staff who all provide an amazing service and despite being at risk of losing their jobs still manage to have a smile on their face and do their job exceedingly well.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think it's terrible that children have to suffer at the hands of the Tories. No centres should be closing and services should remain. Small charges could be made for certain services to those families who can afford it. A universal service is needed to identify children at risk. More children will become at risk at the hands of this government.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is vital to provide support for families and children across the borough. You should charge more for services to people who can afford it but maintain current levels of service.

		Woodside children centre offers excellent childcare and is an amazing service to the community. It would be a great loss to Haringey to reduce the services there. I imagine other families also feel strongly about their local centres and that service should be available to all. However to subsidise the services parents who can afford to should be encouraged to pay for services.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think it is very important all centres stay open even if some services incur a fee for those who can afford it. (Means-tested). It would be very sad to close any centres.
Individual	Parents/carers	Many families do not fall in the most deprived categories but still are on a low income. I think families with an income of £40,000 or more should be charged and £56,000+ charged significantly.
Individual	Parents/carers	Try and maintain children's centre in the wealthier part of the borough by charging fees and encouraging volunteer. Services in the east of the borough must be free and staffed by well trained professionals.
Individual	Parents/carers	Make the price for full time childcare (nurseries) affordable (say £50/month only) so young mothers would go to work and not walk about streets and children centres subsidize and support childcare so mums would chase their career and not be put away for 4 years.
Individual	Parents/carers	If needed people should be charges for services provided in the centre, to help save costs.
Individual	Parents/carers	Centre should offer a learning foreign language sessions for school kids (French, Spanish). Fee should be 1/2 parents 1/2 funding.
Individual	Parents/carers	Make the rich pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think children's centres should have a means-tested membership scheme - a one off fee to use services.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think the children centres are fantastic + a very useful resource. If necessary I think a small charge for centre sessions would be fine.
Individual	Parents/carers	Have all services available for a sliding - scale fee dep. on parental income make it free for the poorest & rising for others.
Individual	Parents/carers	There could be cuts made in other areas not affecting children's centres.
Link with primary schools		
Individual	Parents/carers	Can they be more closely linked with Primary schools There is less need in more affluent areas.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think our centre should still be part of our school.

Individual	Parents/carers	It is a good idea to involve the children's centre with the school that it is attached to, both for the parents and child.
Individual	Parents/carers	For our centre to still be part of our school.
Individual	Parents/carers	We need a model that is part of the school which is part of community I have a say over. Stays open all day and provides all services needed.
Individual	Parents/carers	Give schools their own centres and let them run them.
Individual	Parents/carers	Let schools take over running of centres that are attached to schools.
Individual	Parents/carers	Is part of the school and so part of the community.
Individual	Parents/carers	The children's centre model for me is when they working together to deliver the best services for their community and the children's centre are part of the school to make more easier for the parents to attend there.
Individual	Parents/carers	Is part of the school and community, where people can take their children and to get to know other people in the area.
Individual	Parents/carers	We need a model that is part of the school and so part of the community work as part of a cluster with a larger older centre I have a say over stay open all day and.
Individual	Parents/carers	We need a model that: is part of the school and so part of community, work as part of a cluster with a larger, older centre I have say stay open all day and have the service we need each day.
Individual	Parents/carers	Is part of the school and so part of the community. Work as part of a cluster with larger, older centre I have a say over stay open all day and has the services we each need.
Individual	Parents/carers	May be linking Children's Centres to the school that some of them are next the rather than to other children's centre in order to save management costs.
More Stay and Play		
Individual	Parents/carers	More parent led Stay and Play Sessions
Individual	Parents/carers	It's important to keep Stay & Play sessions because Parents & Carers stay with their children.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay and play and drops are crucial services across the board. While I may not be closed as 'deprived' like many have been lost I live away from family and have no support I would have been lost without stay and play - isolated and might not have accessed breast feeding by advice and my child would been isolated they are real lifetime for mums& babies.
Individual	Parents/carers	More stay & play sessions for all parents & carers.

Open for fewer days		
Individual	Parents/carers	Possibly maintain the full services but with fewer days in the week open
Individual	Parents/carers	Reduce operating hours slightly to make cost savings.
Individual	Parents/carers	Keep them all open, but may be some part-time only, however ideally they would all be open full time.
Other		
Individual	Parents/carers	ENJOY SMALLER CENTRES AS MUCH MORE PERSONAL AND STAFF MORE WELCOMING
Individual	Parents/carers	It's better to have many centres each with few but well managed services, and some centres with added services than to cut centres altogether-it's so important for community building to have centres close to people's homes so they don't have to travel too much plus get the chance to meet other local mums!!!
Individual	Parents/carers	Expansion of childcare services to fund the children's centre. There is a real shortage of quality childcare, by expanding this service, revenue could be generated to run the children's centre and facilitate other services. Just look at the waiting lists for your nurseries - this will show the need for more childcare places, and potential for expansion.
Individual	Parents/carers	You should concentrate on childcare services, not community.
Individual	Parents/carers	You should concentrate on the childcare, as parents are paying a lot for this service. Community is not that important. People have families and they can leave children with them when doing shopping. Drop-in sessions, ESOL, Jobcentre services should take place somewhere else not in nursery. What about us, people who are paying for the childcare, did anyone thought about us? What is going to happen to us, if we can't afford to pay? I think my husband and me are better off staying home and not working. What's the point? Some people are getting everything for three, and you making life harder for working class.
Individual	Parents/carers	The children's need to have they time to grow and the children's centre is the best communication to the children's understand the world around them.
Individual	Parents/carers	Evening stay & play sessions for working parents or parents that need more support.
Individual	Parents/carers	Should contain more outdoor playing area and outdoor games.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think different activities encourage children to make.
Individual	Parents/carers	That will make the children to grown well and learn a lot of things.
Individual	Parents/carers	All centres providing similar services.

Individual	Parents/carers	I'm new to this and haven't had time to form strong opinions on a 'model' centre - I do however love all the centres I visit.
Individual	Parents/carers	Watch how energy is spent / electricity / water etc. for saving energy before cutting on services. Better management on how money is spent.
Individual	Parents/carers	Combine other services within the centre for other people so it would be more of a community centre rather than just a Sure Start centre.
Individual	Parents/carers	Encouraging recycling and helping the environment.
Individual	Parents/carers	Keep them simple - don't need fancy toys and advisers at playgroups, what's most important is that there is a safe place for kids to play together.
Individual	Parents/carers	1 o'clock park club.
Individual	Parents/carers	Bankers to sponsor services to appease their guilt!
Individual	Parents/carers	The triangle service is the best and staff great.
Individual	Parents/carers	Maths, literacy class.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare speech language
Individual	Parents/carers	Have you done an assessment of who the users of the children's centres are & the extent to which "vulnerable" people are actually using them. Perhaps more targeted intervention through other means is more appropriate?
Individual	Parents/carers	Centres must have their own budget and be able to develop the services needed in consultation with the centre's users.
Individual	Parents/carers	More programmes for the children specially play group sessions.
Individual	Parents/carers	My son attends Stroud Green Centre which is done him very well so far as learning. So this centre is a MODEL centre for him.
Individual	Parents/carers	Standard offer not a bad idea but those Children Centres should also provide after school care & stay and play drop in sessions.
Individual	Parents/carers	Carers play and stay during sessions.
Individual	Parents/carers	Would be good if more services + info was centred at Wood green Library.
Individual	Parents/carers	Not necessary to make changes for the worse. We would appreciate more funding & services here at Rowland Hill.
Individual	Parents/carers	Instead of cluster could it work if each centre specialised in one or a few things relating to the needs of the community as long as the closest ones around all had the whole package. For examples centres just for childcare - language (ESOL) training in high non-English

		speaking areas. More affluent to only be open on certain days not 5 days or to mainly offer childcare as more money in those areas - more able to pay to because settlement. It's impossible to say at this stage. Also Children's centre linked with schools could be treated differently which works really well. At my son's school St. Mary's in Hornsey they have stay & play open to the community.
Individual		These services are highly used and beneficial to the community.
Potential Travel Difficulties		
Individual	Parents/carers	Your proposal disadvantages families in the western part of Haringey. There are a lot of families here, for whom the Highgate Children's Centre is an important local, walkable place where support, help and a network is available, which is particularly critical as a first time mum. We may not be as disadvantaged as other areas in Haringey, but that should absolutely not mean that basic children's centre services are not made easily accessible to us. Your proposal would mean having to walk for more than 30 mins to get to the nearest 'full service' centre, if the Highgate Children's centre only offers the standard offering, which seems unacceptable. We need access to health visitors more easily.
Individual	Parents/carers	If you close our local centres it will be very difficult to access centres further away.
Individual	Parents/carers	Centres in areas like ours should be given priority because the needs are so high. I use Earlsmead centre because I know the staff and other users. It is local and I feel safe. I would not be able to travel distances to go to lots of different centres.
Retain services in the west		
Individual	Parents/carers	I am concerned that the amended proposals leave the West of the borough severely depleted of services. Also the 'standard offer' makes no mention at all of stay and play sessions. There will not be much left.
Individual	Parents/carers	Keep full offer of services at Rokesley and Stonecroft.
Shared management		
Individual	Parents/carers	Sharing management staff over sites is possible if they have dedicated days in each and aren't spread too thin. Staff in contact with children should remain as one site. Have lead centres is a good idea, but closures, unless in affluent areas would have a huge impact.
Individual	Parents/carers	Cuts in managment across centres.
Social enterprise		
Individual	Parents/carers	You are looking at leaving a void in services at Highgate. You have not been blue sky in your

		thinking. No mention of social enterprise initiatives or consulting the parents properly. I agree hub and spoke may be an option, but the active play sessions are where children learn, develop social interactions, communication and speech. These are vital in all centres. If it is basic weighing and advice stick it in a health centre/clinic, but don't badge it as a children's centre
Individual	Parents/carers	I think that children's centre should not be close at all. Can be run by the community.
Individual	Parents/carers	I feel each centre offer a lot of experiences for each child and if they are closed it will mean less people having access to these facilities. My proposal is that the centres are kept and local businesses can help in improving funding for these centres.
Support cluster approach		
Individual	Parents/carers	I think that the cluster approach is a better one. Where children centre can group some activities they have in common
Individual	Parents/carers	Support children centres working together but frontline services must be protected.
Individual	Parents/carers	Support children's centres working together, frontline services need to be protected.
Individual	Parents/carers	Support cc working together but frontline services must be kept.
Individual	Parents/carers	I just say whatever you do I am supportive person so GO head -----.
Individual	Parents/carers	As long as South Grove remains open and provides a full service under the same management now, I will be please because this my principle centre and I'm familiar with staff.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think that existing proposals are quite sensible already. If we can put them into reality it should be fine.
Universal Services		
Individual	Parents/carers	I do not support this approach, children's centre has to focus to all children they are the future and we (community) have to make sure that all have the same support.
Individual	Parents/carers	With regards to the constant cutting of services overall I do not agree. I am also concerned that funding is being constantly cut for those not seen as being "vulnerable" every parent deserves help and services. Though you may not consider them to be deprived it is also a fact that these parents would not be able to afford to pay for extra services on top of there costs of living and thus these children will begin to miss out on offering and so in this way become "deprived" themselves.
Individual	Parents/carers	My idea for a children's centre model for the borough is that there is childcare for every child

		<p>within the area. I am disgusted to hear that reductions are being made in the provision. Of course I understand that budgets are being cut, and that everyone must re-evaluate their expenditure. However, as a parent of a 15 month old who cannot get him a place in a local children's centre, the news that provision will be cut is particularly unwelcome. The whole childcare model in this country needs reassessing so that we can provide communal and educational care for all the children in our local communities. Healthy children do not need a lot of money spent on them in order to be happy and grow. We need to take money out of the administrative and inspection system and put it back into the number of places on offer. Specialist care is obviously more costly, but again, money is being spent on administrating this instead of provision. We need to trust parents to make decisions about a childcare provider and work together with them to create a package for their children. Get people out of offices and give everyone who works with children one day a week to administrate, as they know best.</p>
Individual	Parents/carers	<p>I am one of a large number of parents who do not fall in to the 'vulnerable' category yet cannot afford to spend much money on playgroups/activities for my children. Stay and play session's offer a critically important service in promoting the social development of every child whilst giving parents the opportunity to meet, chat and avoid isolation and thus further social problems in the borough.</p>
Individual	Parents/carers	<p>do not discriminate against any children in the borough</p>
Individual	Parents/carers	<p>Parents from all backgrounds and are vulnerable after they have children. The centres are such an important facility for the whole community. The centre provided me with such a vital lifeline when I had my children. I had just moved to the area and didn't know anyone and it was a lonely time. I have worked hard and paid tax for many years and is it too much to ask for some support when I start a family?</p>
Individual	Parents/carers	<p>I think it is important that children's centres should have a mix of parents from different social backgrounds in order to increase all children's life chances and prevent the creation of 'ghetto' services</p>
Individual	Parents/carers	<p>There is no evidence base that demonstrates how the proposals seek to address what is described as 'ensuring services for the most vulnerable'. By law the council is required to provide an Equalities Impact Assessment. Where can I view this? All children centres should be maintained with a full service, not just those in 'the most deprived areas'. The government publication Every Child Matters(2004) set priorities nationally and locally for</p>

		Children's Services. These outcomes were enforced legally in The Children Act (2004). The five outcomes are that EVERY child should stay healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution and achieve economic well being. By seeing this proposal through you will be failing children within the borough by preventing them from meeting their five outcomes.
Individual	Parents/carers	I do not think your model gives enough information for me to make an informed decision - hence my answer to question 10. I understand that the staff of the Ladder Centre have come up with a proposed model - and would like the council to take this into account. There is nothing like the Ladder Centre in this area, and to loose any of it's services would affect our children's lives. I will be less mobile when I have my next baby and will not be able to go to other centres as easily. Of course vulnerable children should be especially helped, but non-vulnerable children also deserve the excellent support and opportunities given by the Ladder Centre.
Individual	Parents/carers	I do believe that children's centres should be protected for the most vulnerable but I like how inclusive they are currently so would prefer for them to remain available for everyone to use. They are not as intimidating as some other baby and toddler groups can be and allow people/parents of all different ages and cultures to meet and learn from one another which can only be of benefit to children. Whilst young mother groups are great and well deserve funding, I think that the other classes where they can mix freely with 'older' mothers can help break down peoples' prejudices and provide learning experiences for both groups. It is the same for the other specialised groups, the great thing about children's centres is how inclusive they are and that they are a welcoming place where people can go and feel comfortable and find answers to they questions whoever they are.
Individual	Parents/carers	Children's centres should not just be for disadvantaged families. They provide a meaningful service for all members of the community with breastfeeding support (which has already been marginalised). Services such as baby massage, movers and shakers and postnatal exercise, stay and play are invaluable. Children's centres are criticised for providing childcare for the wealthy on the cheap. Proposals do not support social cohesion, but actively encourage social separation and ghettoisation of local areas. Children's centres currently encourage parents of all backgrounds to mix. Parenthood does not depend on whether one is 'advantaged' or 'disadvantaged' it affects everyone. For example, post natal depression is a problem across the community, exacerbated by social isolation, and is

		<p>addressed well by the current model. Social isolation does not only affect the disadvantaged. The most vulnerable are served in a variety of different ways through social services. Of the Children's Centres in Haringey I contacted when trying to find a nursery placement for the under 3s when I went back to work (Campsbourne, Stonecroft, Highgate, Woodside Park), none of the centres had provision for day care for young babies (unlike other boroughs for example, Newham. I was and still am the sole earner in our house. I have to pay for a private nursery. I am NOT rich. I earn 35,000 a year to support 2 adults and one year old. More than a lot of people, but then I am not able to rely on the financial benefits and incentives open to more 'vulnerable' people. After rent, council tax and nursery my income is deficient. We do not have enough left over each month to pay utilities, transport and food. Children's centres could provide help with this by provision of early day care at a subsidised rate. I am more than disappointed that instead of extending current services to make this provision, services that I do use and provide valuable community support will be reduced in my area as my child and I are not considered sufficiently 'vulnerable'. Rather than a broad brush approach across the borough to decide which services sought be retained and which be axed, perhaps assess uptake, rather than perceived social benefit to the vulnerable. Retain popular services, streamline services where there is a poor uptake. Additionally, services provided are duplications of existing government services in the borough. Antenatal services are adequately provided by hospitals and GPs, Job Centre services are provided through the Job Centre Plus locally. Such unnecessary duplication where there is already adequate provision elsewhere in the borough is nonsensical.</p>
Individual	Parents/carers	<p>I agree that it is important to maintain services in the most deprived areas, however I think it unfair that those living in areas considered better off should lose out. All new mothers need help close at hand, and travelling long distances can make things very difficult. We are paying extremely high taxes for our services, and while I fully support helping those who need it most I think this is an area where need is not necessarily based on income bracket.</p>
Individual	Parents/carers	<p>Help is not just based around income - wealthier parents need services for their children too... I have attended first aid, baby weighing, nutrition talk etc from my local centre Highgate - please do not close it.</p>
Individual	Parents/carers	<p>I believe that support needs to be more wide spread. If only a few centres offer a wide range of activities and support it will be impossible for there to be enough space for all families to</p>

		be included. Even if centres are streamlined, breastfeeding support and early postnatal guidance should be on offer at all centres. Some new mums do not have cars to travel long distances to receive this support or have the funds to pay for private help. Breastfeeding is the food and life source for our babies and mothers need to be given the support to help establish this.
Individual	Parents/carers	Somebody delivering services in different centres is very centralised, doesn't consider the strong foundation of relationship building, emphasis is on targeting rather than a real interest in people! Every CC has to cut down but to different extents. Everybody can be in a vulnerable position needing support in raising their children.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is important that some services are available to every child in the borough, regardless if they live in what is categorised as a "wealthier" area.
Individual	Parents/carers	The one that exists is more suitable for all.
Individual	Parents/carers	I believe the children centre already provides an important and well needed service for mothers from all walks of life and provides a base for mothers and fathers to meet for support.
Individual	Parents/carers	Services for those who are not deprived/vulnerable.
Individual	Parents/carers	Obviously if there are no other options then services for most vulnerable should be maintained. But I don't think the importance of centres for ALL under 5s should be underestimated and should be for everyone - to benefit the WHOLE community.
Use of volunteers		
Individual	Parents/carers	Ideally - keep the current level of service provided by the centres but with more reliance on volunteers to staff sessions. This may mean initial costs for volunteer training but would definitely be worth it. I feel strongly that the borough should look to make cuts in other areas NOT in its early years provision. Haringey would benefit from more children's centres, not fewer, and it is a huge shame that the current financial situation is going to affect these hugely important centres and support networks, which are used by such a broad range of people including the most vulnerable.
Individual	Parents/carers	engage parents/carers in delivering services on a volunteer basis rather than cease delivering a service
Individual	Parents/carers	I think once these buildings, which have been invested in so heavily, are closed, they will be lost to the community. Families, however wealthy they are, need services like these, and

		even in the more affluent west of the borough there will be much less well off and vulnerable families there. Also, whatever your income, having a child can change that substantially and mean stay and play sessions where you're not charged £8 a time are vital so you don't become isolated and can get help when you need it. If there's not money to keep these services going we need to try and do more to engage the community and help them deliver services. But in every children's centre there needs to be a couple of members of staff to support any volunteers. We could also try and work with other organisations more, e.g. BTCV, other conservation or wildlife groups, to provide low cost activities that do some other good as well in the community. E.g. rather than spending council money getting a landscaper in to maintain garden/grounds at these places, get parents and their children to do it. If people feel they have some ownership in these spaces then they do more to help them keep going.
Individual	Parents/carers	Most important that people can walk to access services. Therefore suggest local centres are kept open but ask for volunteers to run sessions.
Individual	Parents/carers	Improving the existing ones and increasing the number of volunteers so as to cut down on cost. Also providing toys relevant to the needs and ages of the children.
Individual	Parents/carers	To keep stay and play groups open and baby or play groups that don't cost anything. To maybe have parent to volunteer in running the groups.
Individual	Parents/carers	Centres and groups led by volunteers - parents and supported by donations.
Individual	Parents/carers	Have more parents supporting the centre with their time. As long as each individual is police checked there will be more hands in the centre.

Q15 If you have any comments on these charges, please use the box

Respondent	Group	Comment/idea summary
Fees are still relatively low / should be higher		
Individual	Parents/carers	I see no reason why Children Centres should charge less than the private sector. Fees are still relatively low even at this new level.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think the childcare costs should be more expensive and in line with independent childcare as it is the taxpayer who is subsidising these costs and the same taxpayers that will not enjoy the subsidised costs while paying for everyone else
Individual	Parents/carers	They are still too low. You should bring them into line with other childcare providers

Flat fee for all ages		
Individual	Parents/carers	3-4 year old should not be charged so much.
How will changes affect quality of services?		
Individual	Parents/carers	Charging more but reducing the quality will have a dreadful effect on school numbers and children.
Individual	Parents/carers	Haringey need to specify what is means by a 'significant staff reduction'. Does it mean that current staff/child ratio would not be maintained?
Individual	Parents/carers	I am prepared to pay more but have great concern that the quality of care will be undermined by cuts, staff reduction etc.
Increase is fair		
Individual	Parents/carers	Fine.
Individual	Parents/carers	I believe these initial rises you are proposing to be fair. The cost for caring for a child does get cheaper the older they get and thus a staggering of costs at this level is appropriate. It also falls in line with the costs of other childcare providers in the borough who would provide a similar level of care for each child.
Individual	Parents/carers	I still think this is very reasonable and represents good value for quality care.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think £175 good money but 2-3 years children weekly £200 is a fair amount little bit increasing is good for future.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think that some families will struggle but I understand the need for this but I still need the service I would have been happy with this.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think the proposed increases seem fair.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think these are fair and appropriate.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think these charges are fair, but there are not enough childcare places!
Individual	Parents/carers	If it keeps the children centre at Stroud Green as it is, I would have no problem paying higher premiums. Further more, after school clubs, holiday childcare such as hideaway at Stroud Green, should stay open. I would also be happy to pay a reasonable price for its services, should it stay open.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is inevitable in the current economic climate that there will be some increase in costs and although a 28% increase is difficult to afford realistically I know it must be accepted, as long as increased costs are shared across all services and my increased fees do not subsidise

		others' free use of the centres which seems unjust.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is unfortunate that charges will rise, but inevitable they always will and I understand why. However I only agree if financial childcare help to less affluent families also rises.
Individual	Parents/carers	Its a big jump + I'm sure it will affect poor families, but I can appreciate money needs to come from somewhere but with the free 15 hrs to disadvantaged under 2 perhaps that will even outor less families in poorer areas will take the childcare + go on benefits as its not worthwhile to work.
Individual	Parents/carers	It's OK
Individual	Parents/carers	Reasonable, and still much cheaper than private centre provision.
Individual	Parents/carers	Seems ok.
Individual	Parents/carers	Still less than some private nurseries.
Individual	Parents/carers	That's okay.
Individual	Parents/carers	The current low level of fees enables me to maintain my job working as a teacher for Haringey. Any significant increase may impact on that. This current increase suggested is acceptable.
Individual	Parents/carers	These fees are very low. Non-supported fees (e.g. child minders, commercial nurseries and so on) are so expensive by comparison. It would seem fairer to raise the fees charged in children centres and allow more services (e.g. stay and play) to be offered across the borough and which can benefit more children.
Individual	Parents/carers	They seem reasonable. I pay £70 per day for a private nursery so this still seems good value and perhaps costs should be increased to reflect market rates?
Individual	Parents/carers	They still provide good value comparing to other private nurseries but people will only be prepared to pay it standards are maintained.
Individual	Parents/carers	Think the charges are fair - although not cheap. Childcare is expensive and this is still subsidised!
Individual	Parents/carers	This is still good value.
Individual	Parents/carers	This not issue to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	Very reasonable in terms of provision.
Means-test/support those on lower incomes		
Individual	Parents/carers	Can charges be means- tested? Not sure that should be blanket charge when some people can afford to pay more and some less.

Individual	Parents/carers	Can help to parents who cannot support to pay the new charge.
Individual	Parents/carers	For those people whose earning are good may be does not make difference, but for others its very hard if pay is not as much as these charges what they should do leave the children or they leave the jobs and depends on government. The other way wages should be increase on that scale as well.
Individual	Parents/carers	I agree that parents should contribute more but this should be calculated according to income so lower income families pay less.
Individual	Parents/carers	I believe that Haringey Council should stop funding areas such as Crouch End or Highgate Wood as they are more affluent areas. And look towards areas such as Haringey Tottenham or Wood Green.
Individual	Parents/carers	I hope that the increase in fees will not make the childcare inaccessible to less affluent parents
Individual	Parents/carers	I think this is acceptable, as long as there is still financial support available to enable the most vulnerable to access the childcare.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think this is too difficult for someone who is on low income.
Individual	Parents/carers	I won't be able to afford these unless I get extra financial support.
Individual	Parents/carers	I work in the public sector - and will not receive a pay increase this year - so to find this extra money for childcare will be a struggle.
Individual	Parents/carers	I worry how I will afford to pay for my son childcare.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would prefer to see fees increase slightly (in line with rpi for example) than to see services withdrawn completely, as happened with Noel Park's after school club. I would support a sliding scale for childcare fees, based on household income - fairer to the lower-paid and to single parent families.
Individual	Parents/carers	If the charges reflect the high level of childcare provided I would be prepared to pay more but I can envisage that this will be an issue for many less affluent families in the borough.
Individual	Parents/carers	If the income of the parents/carers is still taken into consideration and reduced for the most vulnerable then this would be fair
Individual	Parents/carers	It is a steep increase in fees which in certain deprived areas of Haringey many people will struggle to afford or will not have any other choice but to meet the extra expenses some way or other. If fees increase and quality of services are reduced and compromised, then that is unfair.

Individual	Parents/carers	It is vital that charges are equitably means tested, although I still feel that there should not be an increase and Central Govt should be providing more support.
Individual	Parents/carers	It will affect mothers on low salaries.
Individual	Parents/carers	It's not fair as families already struggle with childcare fees.
Individual	Parents/carers	Make people who can afford (like us) pay!
Individual	Parents/carers	Most low-income families will not be able to afford it.
Individual	Parents/carers	Reduced fees for benefit claimants and/or single parents in ALL areas.
Individual	Parents/carers	Should depend on parents circumstances
Individual	Parents/carers	Some ideas should be explored about flexibility of paying these charges for parents who will find it difficult to pay the full fee. Such as providing food etc themselves to cut costs.
Individual	Parents/carers	Some parents are barely surviving in the current climate. Raising the fees would probably rush them towards cheaper alternatives which may not be safe in the long run.
Individual	Parents/carers	The fees should reflect the income in the deprived areas.
Individual	Parents/carers	There should be two tiers so that people like me can pay a bit more which then creates more cash flow for the centre. It does mean introducing a system to determine who gets the cheaper rate but that should be easy (e.g. low income, HB etc). As I say, I pay £80 per day but would prefer to go more local and pay £60.
Individual	Parents/carers	These charges are too high for a low income earning family.
Individual	Parents/carers	they [probably reflect the current cost of running these services but I would worry about vulnerable people trying to get back into work
Individual	Parents/carers	This is the equivalent of what a low level job pays certainly unfair to low income families but a deal for the most affluent.
Individual	Parents/carers	This should be affordable childcare for working parents. These prices will make working very difficult for single parents and low income families. This will ensure people stay on benefits.
Individual	Parents/carers	Those who can afford to do so should be required to pay more for their childcare.
Individual	Parents/carers	Those who can pay more should pay more, if this can be administered with minimal hassle (i.e. no point in setting up a means testing scheme whilst cutting staff in the centre.
Individual	Parents/carers	Yes, if you make childcare affordable for everyone (as I said £50 only) less of the other services will be needed. Mums will go to work and not wander around streets and children centres. Families will benefit, children too (in education from early age), economy will

		benefit, social services will benefit (less income etc support) job done!
Other		
Individual	Parents/carers	This does not apply to my household
Individual	Parents/carers	We are happy with the centre we use.
Individual	Parents/carers	Can I see more detail on the financial models of individual centres?
Individual	Parents/carers	Doesn't affect me. I have a social place (funded).
Individual	Parents/carers	Don't use this service.
Individual	Parents/carers	I agree with the increase for 2-3 year olds but it would appear the 3-4 year old fee does not incorporate the 15 free hours a week. This is unacceptable if this is the case. I need to use an 8-6pm facility as I work and cannot choose to get my free hours of nursery care elsewhere
Individual	Parents/carers	I am just wondering why other countries in Europe seem to manage offering families more for less money!
Individual	Parents/carers	I am not happy with the raise because I would be able to send my child to the nursery at the age of 2.
Individual	Parents/carers	I didn't even know you could get childcare at these centres. It is not well publicised. I have always had to use private childcare; I didn't think I had any choice.
Individual	Parents/carers	I have no comment as despite living very near a childcare centre I am 300th on the list. I don't think you provide enough places!
Individual	Parents/carers	I have no information about these charges.
Individual	Parents/carers	I have twins who will be one in July - having two children of the same age will make this increase really difficult for us - i would suggest also reviewing the sibling discount or having a specific multiple one.
Individual	Parents/carers	I haven't no comment.
Individual	Parents/carers	I look after my son myself (I work from home) and save any spare cash for him.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think in case sorcy the amid each week.
Individual	Parents/carers	I thought I understood this question, i.e. my fees will stay the same. BUT then I read in the paper the line about fees being related "to the income of parents/carers" - what does this mean? Precisely what is being proposed? Why is there a table which gives absolute figures if the figures are subject to change? Why is an income variation not mentioned above AT ALL? I think this is highly misleading and challengeable.

Individual	Parents/carers	I would prefer slight fee changes as described to the closer or reduction of children centre services.
Individual	Parents/carers	Not clear what the implications are for different income groups so this question is not meaningful.
Individual	Parents/carers	The charges seem to be reasonable however the local authority should be funding these.
Individual	Parents/carers	The problem may be that we will lose the families that are only paying for 1 or 2 days per week of childcare provision because it may be cost prohibitive.
Individual	Parents/carers	This is what I am charged already so I don't understand how this is an increase! Are there different charges at each centre?
Individual	Parents/carers	This should only apply to the new entrants in September not current users. Also should apply to non-Haringey users.
Individual	Parents/carers	This will hit us really hard and make things more difficult. However, I'd rather pay more and have the centre remain open.
Individual	Parents/carers	What do I think Haringey is money grabbing council but don't what to pride the services.
Individual	Parents/carers	What will the daily rate be? These could increase a little more of it makes the difference between keeping a centre open and closing one.
Individual	Parents/carers	WILL THESE BE MATCHED BY CHILD TAX CREDIT OR WILL ONLY THE WELL OFF NOW BE ABLE TO AFFORD CHILDCARE
Individual	Parents/carers	Wow. This is a significant increase per week, especially for the under 2's. It will have a huge impact on my budget, especially as I am losing child benefit and under 2's have to be full time at Triangle. It is still cheaper than private nurseries but I will have to re-assess my working hours and work longer. This will have a negative impact on my children
Individual	Parents/carers	You are putting the prices up, makes no difference to me because I cannot get my child into the nursery because it is full. If anything you should be opening more centres no closing them. It is only going to make the problem worse and people won't be able to work.
Too expensive/against the increase		
Individual	Parents/carers	£50 more than usual price for week for my child!!! It is very difficult for us now if this charges increase we will struggle to use children's centres. Please don't change it!!
Individual	Parents/carers	0-2 age. The money their ordered is a lot because to £175 their add £50 a week, can you reduced a bit.
Individual	Parents/carers	200 less like 100. 175 good.

Individual	Parents/carers	A 28% increase for 0-2 year olds?? And where do you think parents are going to find an extra £50 per week when all their benefits are being cut? It's not exactly small change is it?
Individual	Parents/carers	A 30% increase is quite steep considering the way employment is at the moment, job cuts and pay cuts or freezes. The 30% increase in rates, means Haringey are charging not too far off from private nurseries.
Individual	Parents/carers	A huge increase in fees!! Could not afford to have my child in childcare so I could not afford to go to work.
Individual	Parents/carers	Absolutely ridiculous and unreal prices. Parents are working to pay the fee, children and families are already being stretched financially, and dropping the fees to a realistic price would encourage use and help families get back into work. Child care should be to help, not run as a financial business. This is why I do not agree with child minders, stupid fees.
Individual	Parents/carers	Absolutely ridiculous!
Individual	Parents/carers	Absolutely ridiculous. Some parents like us are really struggling just because we want to work/study. This increase would mean I would stop work as I can't afford it and maybe join the benefit cue.
Individual	Parents/carers	Again the parents who will be penalised by this are the ones who cannot receive any help through tax credit. Us. And we are already struggling and would desperately like a second child but cannot possibly afford the childcare fees associated with raising a child in the UK.
Individual	Parents/carers	Already trying to manage childcare costs and a job make going back to work unfeasible. This will help make it even less affordable, especially in more deprived areas. I have 2 children and these costs would mean I had to stay out of work until my children reach school age. I do not want to be penalised for working.
Individual	Parents/carers	As a single parent it is atrocious.
Individual	Parents/carers	As all the taxes are going up it is hard to stay in work if transport, childcare, and food bills are going up.
Individual	Parents/carers	As if the fees are not high enough? Where is the money going?
Individual	Parents/carers	As my daughter is under 2, this will mean a huge increase in fees for us. We may have to consider other childcare options.
Individual	Parents/carers	As myself + my husband are on a low income these increases will mean we will struggle even more.
Individual	Parents/carers	At the time of pay reductions, pay freezes and rising unemployment putting the greater

		financial burden on working families are unfair.
Individual	Parents/carers	ATROCIOUS.
Individual	Parents/carers	Can not afford because low income.
Individual	Parents/carers	Can't afford.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare in this country is expensive and high fees are a barrier to getting full time employment for many.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare in children centres are too expensive for single parents and couples with child.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare in Children's Centre are so expensive.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare in children's centre one too expensive for simple.
Individual	Parents/carers	Children services should be free.
Individual	Parents/carers	Children's centres provide one of the few options for affordable childcare for working parents. There should be more affordable places not fewer.
Individual	Parents/carers	Completely unfair - how can parents with children in the 0-2 age range be expected to pay an extra £50 per week or £200 extra in a 4 week month. Shocking!
Individual	Parents/carers	Considering the raise in TAX and other expenses, how would they expect parents to afford these increases and survive?
Individual	Parents/carers	DIABOLICAL.
Individual	Parents/carers	Difficult for parents leaving in this area to pay!
Individual	Parents/carers	Disagree with changes.
Individual	Parents/carers	Disagree with charges.
Individual	Parents/carers	Disgraceful!
Individual	Parents/carers	Do not agree to paying extra charges or paying for my child once she is 3. Will send her to primary school instead.
Individual	Parents/carers	Do not agree with this.
Individual	Parents/carers	Do not agree.
Individual	Parents/carers	Effectively pricing most people out of access to childcare.
Individual	Parents/carers	Exorbitant for the most needy parent(s)
Individual	Parents/carers	Expensive! Will not be able to afford it. Will have a serious impact on my ability to stay in work, considering cuts to tax credits as well.
Individual	Parents/carers	Extortionate.
Individual	Parents/carers	Families that receive benefits would not be able to afford these prices for childcare.

Individual	Parents/carers	Far too much.
Individual	Parents/carers	Fees should be means tested to ensure those on low income can use the services. I agree to the increase if services are subsidised.
Individual	Parents/carers	Fees way too high.
Individual	Parents/carers	For a family with only one income it's very much impossible to afford these fees.
Individual	Parents/carers	For me is high price.
Individual	Parents/carers	hard to see how can pay new charge
Individual	Parents/carers	Has to be reduced.
Individual	Parents/carers	How are families expected to pay the increase when there is a threat of losing jobs, child benefit and family tax to be removed or reduced!!
Individual	Parents/carers	How are we supposed to be able to work when salaries aren't increasing, the cost of living is more expensive, and now childcare is going up? This will result in more mothers on benefits!
Individual	Parents/carers	How can you expect single and working mums to afford this its £50 more a week which is 200 more a month, totalling nearly 900 a month!!!! People won't be able to afford child care anymore. I am so outraged with government messing around with the foundations of society! People will have to quit work because childcare costs a large percentage of their salary! It's idiotic and you will create more problems!
Individual	Parents/carers	How come for parents with income about £500 pw pay £175 for a place in a childcare. Impossible. Sorry.
Individual	Parents/carers	How do you expect single parent families and low income families to pay without driving them into poverty?
Individual	Parents/carers	I am trying for another child but by prices going up, all my money will go to childcare. I work full time & am married, my husband pays mortgage so it will be impossible to have second child as we will not have money to live.
Individual	Parents/carers	I believe they are way too high and families are already struggling with the current economic climate!
Individual	Parents/carers	I cannot afford this.
Individual	Parents/carers	I can't afford nursery.
Individual	Parents/carers	I can't afford them
Individual	Parents/carers	I can't afford these fees. I would like to work but I will not be able to work and pay the child care fees.

Individual	Parents/carers	I can't believe many people in this area can afford these prices.
Individual	Parents/carers	I can't pay this money.
Individual	Parents/carers	I can't pay this.
Individual	Parents/carers	I could not pay these prices.
Individual	Parents/carers	I disagree with changes. It will be more hard for parents to go back to work. The live is so expensive.
Individual	Parents/carers	I do not agree, people work very hard we have no choose but to take the child to the centre, but if the priest goes hay I may live work to look after my child.
Individual	Parents/carers	I don't agree the childcare cost.
Individual	Parents/carers	I don't agree with an increase as I think the rates are currently already too high.
Individual	Parents/carers	I don't agree with the charges.
Individual	Parents/carers	I don't agree with the new charges as it means those on low income will not be able to afford childcare.
Individual	Parents/carers	I don't agree.
Individual	Parents/carers	I don't know how people can afford to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	I don't think its right to close them down with all these people losing their jobs.
Individual	Parents/carers	I don't use this service, but I have considered it - a hike of up of £50 per week would make this impossible.
Individual	Parents/carers	I feel it is a very high rise and has an impact on people with under 5 yr olds, income has not increased but expenses have, I work full-time and will find it will hit my pockets hard.
Individual	Parents/carers	I have two children (3 & 10months of age). Increasing the 0-2 charge per week will mean that I will not be able to stay in credit on a monthly basis.
Individual	Parents/carers	I have two children in childcare and it would not make sense me having to pay more out of my wages. At this point I should just stay at home and claim income support I would be better off and spend time with my children. The whole point is to keep people off benefits isn't it.
Individual	Parents/carers	I not would like than to expensive.
Individual	Parents/carers	I not would like this is too expensive for my life.
Individual	Parents/carers	I oppose any increase as the cost of living is high and salaries are not being increased.
Individual	Parents/carers	I personally think the fees are too much and many more will be on benefits due to them not being able to afford the costs.

Individual	Parents/carers	I strongly disagree with the current rates as I think the high rates will stop people from working.
Individual	Parents/carers	I strongly disagree with this increase. While the cost of living is going so high + salaries have frozen, this increase seems unmanageable.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think it is too much charge per week if the parents have low incomes they can't afford.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think it might be too much for some parents to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think it would be difficult on a low income.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think that is totally wrong as with job losses and pay cuts most families that are struggling will not be able to afford these increases.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think that they do charge a lot of money for that.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think the fees are a joke, is there going to be any financial support to families? We are tax payers and deserve more than this!
Individual	Parents/carers	I think the fees are too exorbitant.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think the increases are dramatic & will be tripling for some families. This will have a huge impact on whether some parents can even a hard to keep working.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think the new prices for childcare is too high. Some parents will not be able to afford them and it may not be worth their while working if they have to pay £50 a week more childcare.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think this amount is too expensive even was £175 a week, so, what about the couple who just the man work, so how they will pay for this crèche if the mothers wants to study full time.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think this is far too high - higher than some private nurseries. This means a single parent working full time to support their family with a child in a children's centre might be nearly 1000 pounds for childcare each month; add to this a typical 1000 rent/mortgage for a two bed flat in my area; and 125 pounds travel. This means a single parent would have to earn a minimum 35,000 even to break even and pay for childcare. To buy food, clothes etc, they would have to buy more. This essentially condemns parents without high incomes to staying at home.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think this is too much to charge for childcare. What about our parents who only work part time, we will not be able to pay for childcare if you have more than one child.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think this is very unjust families already find things difficult, and this will only make situation worse.

Individual	Parents/carers	I this poor area I can't see how parents can start paying for stay and play for the little ones.
Individual	Parents/carers	I will have to give up work to look after my children
Individual	Parents/carers	I would love to know which centres are providing childcare for under twos. 225 is absurd. My current childcare is (full time) 250 and that is private. Such an increase is considered making provision accessible for anyone, much less the vulnerable, there need to be an urgent reconsideration of what can actually be afforded. It is cheaper to stay at home, claim full benefits and care for you children yourself joining the ranks of thousands of long term unemployed than it is to contribute to society, the economy and provide a positive role model for your children by working for a living.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would not be able to afford this so it would be pointless going back to work.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would struggle to pay them because they are so high.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would struggle.
Individual	Parents/carers	I wouldn't be able to afford on my income.
Individual	Parents/carers	I'm a parent with a partner and I think it's worse than a mortgage.
Individual	Parents/carers	Increases in childcare costs equals less incentive to work and to look after my children myself which means less taxes in the system in terms of tax and NI. I have 2 children aged 2 & 3, this would mean £400 per week!! I would need a £30k job to make this viable...
Individual	Parents/carers	Is not good idea.
Individual	Parents/carers	Is so expensive. I can't pay, for me is lot of money.
Individual	Parents/carers	Is too much.
Individual	Parents/carers	Is very expensive. I will not to afford it.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is a steep increase with no promise at keeping resources / children's centres - not logical. What about single working parents??
Individual	Parents/carers	It is a very large increase and some parents with struggle to get by each month.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is already very hard to afford to work (crazy!!) So I can't imagine how higher childcare costs will help. If you have more parents staying out of work to look after their children for longer. a) You'll have a lot of the workforce unavailable to work. b) You'll have a lot more problems like depression to deal with - How is this helping Britain?
Individual	Parents/carers	It is atrocious how are lone parents meant to help themselves when the powers to be do things like this.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is becoming very expensive. I am better off working part time to save on childcare. I could

		never afford £200 per week.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is too high. Standard family with 2 working adult will not be able to pay full fee. Also single mother will not be able to go back to work if fees increase.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is too expensive.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is very expensive.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is very high. There is no point going back to work. I would like to work but nursery fees are very high and I can not afford it,
Individual	Parents/carers	It looks very expensive. I will not be able to pay for these.
Individual	Parents/carers	It will be so expensive for our family to send our children to the children's centres.
Individual	Parents/carers	It will difficult for me to go back to work with increased charges for childcare.
Individual	Parents/carers	It would not be right to increase the rates which I already find exorbitant.
Individual	Parents/carers	It's already too high and does not justify me returning to work. If salaries aren't increasing in the same way as fees, the government are basically discouraging mothers/parents from returning to work.
Individual	Parents/carers	It's as I may have to use the Children Centre less. And maybe think of doing less hours at work.
Individual	Parents/carers	It's really expensive and will effect specially with single parents or low income family which can keep most of the children away from the learning centres or child care.
Individual	Parents/carers	It's too expensive.
Individual	Parents/carers	It's too much and that is why must mums stay on benefits because part-time job won't pay for it.
Individual	Parents/carers	It's too much cost for family. Council help people on this issue. Council duty must help to parent to rise up their children.
Individual	Parents/carers	its very expensive,
Individual	Parents/carers	It's very expensive. I can't pay. I'm jobless. I can pay less than these.
Individual	Parents/carers	Keep as it is.
Individual	Parents/carers	Madness.
Individual	Parents/carers	My I can't pay this amount of money for my child is very expensive, is no point to work for my, I have to stay with my child.
Individual	Parents/carers	My pay is frozen indefinitely, how are families supposed to find extra money? I live in a tiny flat in an 'affluent area' & our income is not high. People have needs that cannot be defined

		by postcode.
Individual	Parents/carers	New charge is not much different to private nurseries, and extra £50 a week is a big jump, especially as salaries are at a record low and the cost of living has increased dramatically.
Individual	Parents/carers	New charges will place a financial burden on parents and carers in view of the fact that prices of goods and services are rising elsewhere and our salaries have not increased in line with cost of inflation for the past 3 years.
Individual	Parents/carers	No affordable.
Individual	Parents/carers	No do not agree with the charges.
Individual	Parents/carers	No good at all.
Individual	Parents/carers	No good enough.
Individual	Parents/carers	No good for us please don't cut anything.
Individual	Parents/carers	No income.
Individual	Parents/carers	No money.
Individual	Parents/carers	No too much money.
Individual	Parents/carers	Of course I will prefer to pay less fees.
Individual	Parents/carers	Outrageous - how do you expect people to pay for these fees? They are way too high and disproportionate.
Individual	Parents/carers	Outrageous! These fees would be incredibly too high - I would have to leave work and not have childcare.
Individual	Parents/carers	Outrageous.
Individual	Parents/carers	Parents are forced to put their children in child care in order to work. At this time of low economic stability, wage cuts/freezes and high inflation these increases will significantly affect the well being and development of children in the borough.
Individual	Parents/carers	Parents cannot afford such prices all their wages will be going towards childcare only so parents are better off staying home instead of working.
Individual	Parents/carers	People are currently struggling with current payment and any more will not ease these problems but at the end of the day the council have to work around current budget. What future do these innocent children have with the cutbacks. I wish the government will consider family's first before thinking about?.
Individual	Parents/carers	People do not have money for these charges.
Individual	Parents/carers	Preparing to go back to work when my daughter is 3 yrs and gets a place but as it was in

		infancy. I couldn't afford the fees to place her in care and now things are worsening. Big element in whether or not I can use the nursery for more than 15hrs/wk.
Individual	Parents/carers	Putting more people out of work as they won't be able to afford childcare unless you fund them for it.
Individual	Parents/carers	Raising the childcare cost will only force more mothers out of work and on benefits. Save on one service but spend a lot more on the benefit support - is it really worth it? Creating benefit culture won't stop that way!
Individual	Parents/carers	Ridiculous prices.
Individual	Parents/carers	Should be free.
Individual	Parents/carers	sound two expensive
Individual	Parents/carers	That is expensive.
Individual	Parents/carers	That is too expensive and will encourage more people staying home with kids and claiming benefits which will drain the system even more. Even current rates are not affordable for middle class families who do not get any relief especially if you have more than 1 child and pay double for childcare. Children will stay at home and not get the development they need. This money can be saved on supplementary services (drop-ins, family support workers etc) but primary service of children's centres - offering full-time affordable places to working parents' children should remain. Working parents should get some kind of relief in payment those fees. Increasing the fees seems unfair and not justified it will put many families in poverty. My daughter is very happy attending nursery (Rowland Hill) but if we can't afford it we will have no choice but to stop it which will affect her psychologically, physically and morally.
Individual	Parents/carers	The 0-2 fees will can not possible for many families. Some of whom may have to give up working.
Individual	Parents/carers	The charges are too high, salaries are being frozen and tax credits are being decreased. How are we meant to pay more when the cost of living is also rising?
Individual	Parents/carers	The charges are too high especially as parents are part-time working and jobs salaries are not reflected.
Individual	Parents/carers	The childcare costs are becoming a joke. Me and my husband holding down a full-time job cannot afford to have more than 1 child as the 5 day childcare now costs £1000?
Individual	Parents/carers	The childcare element of working tax credit only helps with child care cost of up to £175 by

		giving 70% support of this an increase of £50 week. That's £2,600 pa for 0-2 would mean that the childcare be to expensive, to be able to work.
Individual	Parents/carers	The childcare fees are too high. I would not be able to pay these.
Individual	Parents/carers	The current rate should be maintain or even reduce so that parents can afford to send their children to these centres.
Individual	Parents/carers	The fees are too high and I would definitely struggle to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	The fees for 0-2 and 2-3 are far too steep. We would be willing to pay little extra charges and the children's centres would be the first option for child care but these additional fees make me impossible to go back to work.
Individual	Parents/carers	The fees for the childcare is very high, some individuals are on benefits it may have a high effect to those parents.
Individual	Parents/carers	The fees seem almost unbelievable. I'm not sure how I will cope because my wages will not be going up.
Individual	Parents/carers	The increase is sharp, particularly for those with children under 2.
Individual	Parents/carers	The portion of rate going up is far too much!
Individual	Parents/carers	The rise in prices may discourage some parents of young children to come back to work.
Individual	Parents/carers	Then it will be even for working parents to access affordable childcare
Individual	Parents/carers	There should be no increases in fees
Individual	Parents/carers	These are still lower than sending my child to a childminder, but as I cannot get him a place in the centres, this is hardly relevant. However, it does mean that I will have to rethink my options while we plan to have a second child. For parents for whom this means an extra £50-£100 each week, this will be a real shock and will cause financial hardship for people and also mean withdrawals from centres and force people to change their working arrangements.
Individual	Parents/carers	These charges are far too expensive.
Individual	Parents/carers	These costs are extremely expensive especially for those on minimum wage.
Individual	Parents/carers	These look like the full income of family's so it seems unfair.
Individual	Parents/carers	They are ridiculous.
Individual	Parents/carers	They are so high I would struggle to pay them.
Individual	Parents/carers	They are so high most parents would struggle or be simply unable to pay them.
Individual	Parents/carers	They are so high. I would struggle to pay them or even I need to say that my children's will

		be stay with me in the home and this will be stopped my from study and better going to the job.
Individual	Parents/carers	They are too high.
Individual	Parents/carers	They are unaffordable and will be counter-productive as people will work less and contribute to the economy.
Individual	Parents/carers	They are way too high. I would struggle to pay them.
Individual	Parents/carers	This charge will be extremely expensive for my children to go Children Centre. I can't afford for two babies under 5 full time places, which I really need.
Individual	Parents/carers	This is a big increase for people living in this area.
Individual	Parents/carers	This is a major increase!
Individual	Parents/carers	This is a very big increase, but it is still very competitive with private day care. However if fees are going to be raised by this much I would expect that cuts and other changes should not need to be made. If you increase fees and make such sweeping cuts then many parents will be forced to stop working, and/or children's centres will be forced to close.
Individual	Parents/carers	This is a very large % increase - what is the justification to parents/carers? What will they get for the extra fee or is this just to subsidise the cuts? A price hike of £10 per day is likely to make these costs prohibitive to a number of parents, which could reduce use of the service and therefore revenue. However, given the demand for childcare places in the borough, £45 per day is a reasonable cost for high quality childcare, and this is something the council should be tapping into (by expanding, not cutting). More 0-2 year places would generate significant revenue and allow children's centres to generate revenue and maintain their role in the community.
Individual	Parents/carers	This is above average for the borough and more expensive than many other childcare options available....how can this be justified?
Individual	Parents/carers	This is an increase of £10 a day which is huge increase. IT makes evaluate whether it would be cheaper not to work.
Individual	Parents/carers	This is far too expensive to pay for a mid income working family. Not acceptable.
Individual	Parents/carers	This is not much cheaper than private childcare anyway...
Individual	Parents/carers	This is outrageous. There needs to be a flat fee (£175 is fine thank you) across all ages. Parents need to work. £175 per week already equates to £770 per month, which is already a considerable sum. You are making it impossible to have 2 children.

Individual	Parents/carers	This is really expensive! It means that the prices have gone up to £200 per month! This encourage young mums to stay at home and take benefits instead of returning to work!
Individual	Parents/carers	This is ridiculous!!!! How we suppose to afford to pay that amount now. I think we better off now working but claiming JSA. As always you making life easier for people on benefits. I need to take my kids from nursery and stay home!!!!
Individual	Parents/carers	This is ridiculous, what about single mothers on low budgets.
Individual	Parents/carers	this is too expensive
Individual	Parents/carers	This is too much. Some families may not be able to afford this which will mean it is not worth their while working.
Individual	Parents/carers	This is very expensive for someone on my income.
Individual	Parents/carers	This seems too great a jump, families will be unable to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	This will force mums of more than one child to give up work and take (be forced to) benefits or pushed to the bare survival.
Individual	Parents/carers	This will seriously impact on working families and make it even more difficult for women to go out and work.
Individual	Parents/carers	Those charges are outrageous so many children with single parents will go without education because soon nobody would be able to afford to live a normal life. Leading to (high crime).
Individual	Parents/carers	To expensive.
Individual	Parents/carers	To high.
Individual	Parents/carers	Too costly.
Individual	Parents/carers	Too expensive for people on low incomes.
Individual	Parents/carers	Too expensive!
Individual	Parents/carers	Too expensive, to high fees.
Individual	Parents/carers	Too expensive.
Individual	Parents/carers	Too expensive. I would struggle to pay them.
Individual	Parents/carers	Too high charges.
Individual	Parents/carers	Too high.
Individual	Parents/carers	Too much money.
Individual	Parents/carers	Too much!
Individual	Parents/carers	Too much!!

Individual	Parents/carers	Too much.
Individual	Parents/carers	Unemployment rates will increase as parents will find it impossible to take low paid work and pay so much for child care. Higher earners will always find private solutions. The gap between rich and poor will increase.
Individual	Parents/carers	Very expensive I will not to afford it.
Individual	Parents/carers	We are disagree because is too expensive.
Individual	Parents/carers	We can just about afford this but many people can't. An extra £50 a week is a lot.
Individual	Parents/carers	Why is so high? You want to increase the cost by £50. Not many people will be able to afford this and you will see more unemployed people because of that. We will benefit more by staying at home with our children. Lot's of people straggling with the bills as it is, we don't need this on top of everything else what's happening. People earning been frozen, so the childcare should be frozen as well.
Individual	Parents/carers	Why is the rise such a large amount? I need to consider staying home with kids.
Individual	Parents/carers	Will be difficult to pay on low wages.
Individual	Parents/carers	With my income I cannot pay for it so what am I going to do?
Individual	Parents/carers	Would make life much harder.
Individual	Parents/carers	You are placing us, parents under further financial strain in the face of rising living costs. We simply won't be able to afford to pay.
Too fast an increase		
Individual	Parents/carers	need to be introduced gradually not in one go
Individual	Parents/carers	Prices should be gradual times one hand.
Individual	Parents/carers	too sudden a rise
Will the service improve as a result of higher fees?		
Individual	Parents/carers	By paying more will the service improve or will stay the same?

Q16 Do you have any other comments about these proposed changes?

Respondent	Group	Comment/idea summary
Centres for the most vulnerable		
Individual	Parents/carers	Children's Centres were supposed to be for the most vulnerable. Has this changed? Why are there children's centres in more affluent areas - those who can afford it should pay for it.
Individual	Parents/carers	the most vulnerable should be protected and this won't happen by splitting management

		over site in the most deprived areas
Individual	Parents/carers	Priority should be given to centres where needs are high.
Individual	Parents/carers	Priority should be given to more needy areas.
Individual	Parents/carers	Priority should be given to centres like Earlsmead as the needs of our community are so high.
Individual	Parents/carers	Priority needs to be given to the more deprived areas like ours.
Individual	Parents/carers	Should listen to the people that care about their centres. Wealthy parents can travel to more poorer areas.
Individual	Parents/carers	In my opinion if you make any changes priority should be given to the centres in the poorest areas like ours. I use our centre because I like the atmosphere and staff working there and also because the centre is close where I live.
Individual	Parents/carers	The priority should help area where the needs are high like the centres we go to. I know the staff at the centre I go to and other users. It's a place I feel comfortable and safe. I can not go to lots of different centres and I believe it would not be good for my child to take her to different places as she will find it hard to make friends.
Individual	Parents/carers	I will not be able to go to lots of different centre. Priority should be given to centre that are in areas like where the need are so high I use our centre because I know the staff and centre other user I feel safe and comfortable.
Individual	Parents/carers	Priority should be given to the centres that are in areas like ours where the need are so high. I use our centre because I know the staff and centre and other users. I feel safe and comfortable. I will be able to go to lots of different centre.
Individual	Parents/carers	Priority should be given to centres that are in areas like our where need are so high. I use our centre because I know the staff and the centre and other users I feel safe and comfortable. I will not be able to go to lots of different centres.
Individual	Parents/carers	I believe funding should be kept in areas of greatest need. Earlsmead children centre is very important to the children in our community. As a regular user of this centre I have seen the support that is given to parents and their children. I have visited other centres - without doubt the staff and support workers are more involved with the children and parents provide stimulating and varied activities and are without doubt the best centre in Tottenham green area.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think deprived areas and lone parent need more support as well as young mothers, taking

		away the facilities will not solve anything but make it harder to have somewhere for our children to play and someone to talk to. These centres have helped me to achieve a level 2 in maths and gave me the encourage to succeed for my children. I don't know whether I have ticked the correct boxes as the question are a bit mind boggling, I agree centre should stay!
Individual	Parents/carers	I hope that Children's Centres would and should be able to stay open to provide support needed in the local communities. There are at least 4 out of 10 people in every community tat needs the guidance / support of the Children's Centre. Park Lane, Northumberland Park, Lansdown Road etc has people in the communities and surrounding area that the Children's Centre is a key point of support to these families.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is important to keep frontline services in poor areas, particularly where there is low levels of education in adults and the need for affordable childcare. High cost will keep parents unemployed.
Individual	Parents/carers	Do not close my local children's centre as all the services are needed in this deprived area.
Individual	Parents/carers	I do think the vulnerable are most hit by these changes the more affluent will not be affected by this.
Individual	Parents/carers	Low income families will not be able to afford these changes.
Individual	Parents/carers	Cutting funding for children's will affect most vulnerable children and with damaging in a longer term Free education (including an early one) is vital to the economy and national wealth!
Centres give valuable support		
Individual	Parents/carers	Anyone can be vulnerable without the right support, not just those in the poorer areas of the borough. These centres are extremely valuable for all the support that they give to parents.
Individual	Parents/carers	The children's centres have been a life support system for me as a new mum and many of my friends.
Individual	Parents/carers	The staff at Earlsmead Children's Centre are exceptional. They have helped me with so many issues. They really are part of our community. Over many years using the centre, I feel is gives the whole school a more meaningful community feel.
Individual	Parents/carers	I need this help.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think it is important the centres stay as they are because the ones who would suffer the most are the children. They need routine and familiar face all the time being they are under

		5s and it is important that the parents have the full service as it builds good relationships with the centre's staff as they play an important role.
Individual	Parents/carers	I have used the centre for the past 8 months and it has been a great place to meet other mums, helped with new feelings, emotionally of being a new mum and very supportive. I am relatively a young mum and the closure of the centre would be a huge void to myself and daughter.
Individual	Parents/carers	Children centres are useful place for parent and their children.
Individual	Parents/carers	We want to keep coming to children's centre.
Individual	Parents/carers	I am still wondering what will happen if some children's centres are closed because the existing ones are really over populated with kids resulting in a lack of adequate space to play. These services are highly appreciated and can never be taken for granted. I for example live with my 2 year old son and I am unemployed, so I always take him there and he adores it as he meets other kids and plays with them. It is so sad the council has financial problems that might affect such cherished services. It also enables me to meet other mums.
Individual	Parents/carers	Children's centres are used a lot and provide families a place to go support and advice - if all of it changes what are we going to be left with - filthy and abused parks that the youth are going to abuse even more having no where to go.
Individual	Parents/carers	As a advance country the aim should be giving more facilities not to cut them. In these children centres, we learn something which help us to help our children. For the young people when they are not financially strong enough and they want to learn something these centres are very strong sources for them. If people were educated they help to make country more good as well.
Individual	Parents/carers	I came to South Grove when I was in a bad way (domestic violence) and they have supported me through it. They are caring and dedicated. Do not remove them from our community. They are our rock. Keep them as they are.
Individual	Parents/carers	The government should provide more money to these centres so that services like childcare can be subsidised. Since children are the future leaders of this country, giving them a good and solid foundation from the beginning should be the government number one priority. These centres helps both the children and parent a lot. Increasing childcare fees and closing these centres will not help.
Individual	Parents/carers	Downhills has the best quality stay and play even though it is a small centre. It would be

		dearly missed.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think it's really important that the services provided should reflect local need/demands. Ultimately each area is different with varying needs. I would also like to express how brilliant the staff are in the Bounds Green Children Centre. They are amazing and incredibly helpful. It would be such a shame to lose them. They are in a great position to help/guide/influence local users of the children centre & have a good understanding of who is using the centres. They are caring but professional. If the children centre was to close it would represent a real lost opportunity for new parents & babies to interact w local people from different backgrounds. The centres are really important for generating local networks and for (?) THE BIG SOCIETY.
Individual	Parents/carers	These centres are extremely valuable in all areas and the closure of centres must be avoided. It is important to consider that less advantage families reside in "affluent" areas - via social housing, etc. I believe that certain services should be targeted to certain centres. There's no point in having JobCentre Plus facilities in a centre in an area of high employment for example. Services need to be tailored.
Individual	Parents/carers	I consider it vital to maintain stay and play, parenting support, adult education, JCP, benefits, ante natal and breastfeeding support in the east of the borough i.e. the most deprived areas. I don't think it's meaningful to ask members of the public to comment on funding arrangements and management structures for which they can have no understanding of the implications.
Individual	Parents/carers	I know cuts have to be made but I can see that case at The Ladder is invaluable to some people. I'd other loose stay & play than at facilities for the most needy.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think it is really bad that all the play and stay, baby groups playgroups, mother & baby groups closing down as I use of these groups and would be lost without them so would a lot of parents. As through these groups & get support and have something fun for me to take my children to do. It also help my children to learn social skills and I would be lost without them,
Individual	Parents/carers	Children's centres provide a valuable and much needed resource for the community. For my children it has been an invaluable opportunity to play with children from all different ethnic and ability backgrounds and have an excellent pre-school experience which you just cannot find at private nurseries.
Individual	Parents/carers	Take a look around the world and see the less educated don't amount to much and mostly

		turn to crime. Government is destroying the world. Without Children Centre's to help lighten the load with helping take care of your kid. Some parent will be unable to work because not everybody has somebody to look after their children and there are so much (paedophilia) and taking away funding will lead to the rise in risk factors letting Children Safe Guard down I would see lives destroyed.
Individual	Parents/carers	I have been using Children's Centres both on Haringey and Enfield side since my daughter has born. I used breast feeding support children, stay and play sessions rhymes and story telling and community session & some activities for adults. I believe that they offered a superb standard and staff was always dedicated. It would be pity to give up such a wonderful foundation.
Individual	Parents/carers	Though I sympathise with the cuts the borough has to face. I do think that anything to do with children should be kept going as it keeps them out of trouble and helps development. Ever since my daughter started the play group, she has developed social skills and associates with children a lot better. Her speech has improved a great deal and her confidence as well. We as parents need these centres for our sense of belonging and how to manage our time with our children.
Individual	Parents/carers	Do not withdraw funding from any centre before you have a concrete, executable plan on how to keep the centre open. Information services and sign -posting are not efficient uses of children's centres.
Individual	Parents/carers	Vulnerable is not just about income. New mums, need somewhere gate to get out & meet other mums, share information & distress we are supposed to support breastfeeding - there are few places like stay & play or drop ins to get out & still breast feed too. None of my circle have gardens & there are few places for our kids to run & just be kids in a safe space.
Individual	Parents/carers	All the groups have supported me & my children. It is really good for the children to mix and play with each other. My daughter really looks forward to coming to play.
Individual	Parents/carers	Has been positive influence in my life and helping to form contacts in London when did not know anyone helped me to become a volunteer would loose this if closed.
Individual	Parents/carers	It's really disappointing the Council is cutting back so hard on Children's Centres they are vital for a community & succeed. They have helped me so much through the past 5 years with my 3 children in all different ways. I have made true lasting friendship, gained confidence back to re-enter the workforce. Had support from staff which has made me a better parent. Coming from Australia I felt lucky to have these services/ support within my

		community as I'm so far away from family - the centre has been like another family + I know + have seen how they help the community from immigrants & the poorest families to support parents + nurture babies to toddlers to children.
Individual	Parents/carers	Please keep the activities even if we have to pay a fee. We love coming to meet up with other mums and play / dance. It keep us safe.
Individual	Parents/carers	I always use this children centre it benefit for my children.
Individual	Parents/carers	It will benefit me for my children.
Combining support/services is a good idea		
Individual	Parents/carers	I fundamentally oppose the Governments cuts to children and youth services (including removing ring-fenced money). It is appalling what councils are having to make funding decisions about. Children's Centres offer very valuable services no matter what area they are in. Being a parent can be a very difficult and isolating experience which has a direct impact on how a child is brought up and ultimately how they contribute to society. I realise that Haringey is in a very difficult position. I think amalgamating support services/ resources is a good idea.
Individual	Parents/carers	Provision of core services in the Children's Centres is very important, and the model to centralise full offer services in certain centres should help, provided the core services are protected in all centres. The centres have an important role in their communities and provide an invaluable service and expertise to mothers of young children that is not really provided elsewhere.
Individual	Parents/carers	Linking thru' clusters can be a good way to share expertise.
Individual	Parents/carers	Don't make unnecessary changes that cost money keep the already clustered centres together. At least make a saving there i.e. South Grove is fine in the cluster they are in.
Individual	Parents/carers	I have a 7 month old boy & have found the services & support offered by The Ladder children's centre absolutely invaluable. I understand the budget cuts require significant efficiency savings to be made but hope there will come in streamlining & centralising administrative role rather than in closing centres.
Individual	Parents/carers	The changed is not bad, but you need to provide a good service for the children it will be fine.
Concerns about the consultation process (e.g. financial model, clusters chosen)		
Individual	Parents/carers	Changing the already made clusters seems silly to me.

Individual	Parents/carers	The consultation is inadequate without full disclosure of the financial model
Individual	Parents/carers	Only to reiterate that the large cluster 1 would be a really bad idea.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think the increase in childcare costs is dangerously stupid. I think every mum and worker in children's centre should have a complete list of every service that is going to be cut and every centre you want to close before the plan is push through. There are maybe some centres that can be closed or have reduced services but we need to know which ones will be suffering these cuts. As I fear with all the cuts the centres that will be kept will be over-filled with those parents and children who can't go to their. Meaning some people will miss out as it'll be a case to many children not enough centres. It also means mums may have to travel further to go to a centre.
Individual	Parents/carers	The proposed can't change everything because there are so many parents who have so much to say and they can't because of their circumstance. Why not do a big meeting with parents in each children's centre to listen to their needs how important is the children's centre.
Individual	Parents/carers	Poorly designed consultation. You are asking us to make important decisions without understands the full implications. What will happen to Downhills - it is very popular and has an excellent community base.
Individual	Parents/carers	I feel that the form is clearly designed to be weighted in support of the proposal. Also the deprivation map does not accurately represent the areas shown.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is impossible to comment fully on these proposals without costings and financial information. How can parents propose alternative models w/o costings. Furthermore, we are being asked to comment on a model which you explicitly say may not be possible if the money is not there. Would it not be better to propose as costed model , rather a wish list model w/o costs attached. This consultation has all the hallmarks of a hasty poorly thought out tick box exercise. It is too difficult to fill in for the majority of parents who have no specialist knowledge of how C/C work.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stroud Green should be a full service lead children's centre. It is located is an area of huge diversity and many local people rely on the services provided in the current children's centre. Why has the Ladder been put in a different category & why has the Campsbourne been put in a different category? Stroud Green should be at least a full service associated centre like the Ladder. Haringey Council tend to "forget" about Stroud Green due to it's position is the far south of the borough. This area has a huge number of people struggling to

		make ends meet. All you need to do is come to Stroud Green Primary School/ Children Centre to see for yourselves how needy people are.
Individual	Parents/carers	Rowland Hill Children Centre merging is not a good idea. They are no way close to each other hence users will be more deprived.
Individual	Parents/carers	Roksely Children's Centre should be fully funded because its spacious and free to use.
Individual	Parents/carers	Don't be stupid - keep South West cluster.
Individual	Parents/carers	South West cluster events are great - keep them together.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think a cluster with Broadwater Farm as a lead centre and then with Downhill, Tower Gardens and Bruce Grove linked to it would make sense. These places are all close together and staff could walk easily from the to the other. Rowland Hill is further away and transport links are not to paid. Rowland Hill could perhaps be better partnered with Park Lane and Pembury House. Broadwater Farm is a because centre and part of a vibrant development that includes the new school and the rec. Because it is a new building it has a thing now that is paid for SEN children. These children will then for on to the new ICL use the great new school. The children's centre is part of this centre of excellence.
Individual	Parents/carers	Children's Centres are a fantastic community resource + contribute more than simply their specific services, providing an invaluable focal point for the community. Please do not dilute what Stonecroft can offer by clustering it with 5 other children centres. This is way too keep a group + could not be managed effectively. A smaller cluster with Campsbourne + Rokesley means they have a chance to preserve much that they have built up over the years.
Individual	Parents/carers	Disagree with the changes being proposed.
Individual	Parents/carers	There is real value in the link between primary school and children's centre - this should not be lost in the cluster model (i.e. centres should continue to be accountable to the school's governing bodies.)
Individual	Parents/carers	Why was Rokesly built? The centres are heavily used by a cross section of the community and should not only available for these who have the greatest need. The centres should service the children at Haringey and they should not be paralised if they come from more affordable families. The head centre at Campsbourne has too many associated centres. Stonecroft should be made a lead centre and have two of the associated centres.
Individual	Parents/carers	I thing Stonecroft provides excellent affordable childcare I believe that post-natal services

		are essential in areas and that more deprived areas need more services and more family support. I am not a supporter of lots of children's centres providing duplicate services and can appreciate this will need rehandling. I understand that services like stay and play are very popular here I would be in agreement for a charge to be applied for these. My main concern is the affordable childcare and I think the suggestions would be really ok. In the N8 it is very, very limited.
Individual	Parents/carers	Not all children's centres in the borough need to offer the same services to reflect the local needs. As the new mum the stay and play sessions / breastfeeding groups etc. were a huge life line to me- meeting other mums in the same situations help me to keep me sane! Children's centres are my first option for child care because of the range of activities offered and for my children to be able to socialise with other children. I regularly use stay and play sessions at the Stonecroft which are always well organised with different activities set up each week. It would be very sad for me to see if Stonecroft becomes an associate children's centre with the standard offer.
Don't make cuts/changes to children's centres		
Individual	Parents/carers	THE SERVICES ARE GREAT AS THEY STAND CUTS WILL REDUCE EFFECTIVE WORK IN THE COMMUNITIES
Individual	Parents/carers	They are completely unacceptable and you should find cuts elsewhere across your budgets.
Individual	Parents/carers	No cutting down on services, especially wrap around childcare in any children centres
Individual	Parents/carers	Only what I have already commented on. I am a working parent so don't access services however my childminder takes my son to the ladder Children's Centre and he loves it. As an ex Children's Centre Manager in a different borough, I feel that after all the work to set up these centres across the borough, to close those in 'more affluent' areas is the wrong approach. A socio economic mix of families attending centres is good for children and for parents - it was certainly positive in Newham where I worked. Going back to that post code lottery scenario is a huge backwards step - early Intervention services should be available to all.
Individual	Parents/carers	Your childcare - in nurseries, surestart centres, after school clubs and holiday playschemes - is first rate. It's child centred, play-led, learning by stealth. Your staff are hardworking, dedicated, motivated and well trained. You offer decent support to children with disabilities. Please don't dismantle a system that has been built up with care. Withdrawing after school

		care or axing holiday play schemes will make it impossible for women with children (and some men with children) to remain in paid work - the last thing this borough needs is an increase in unemployment (and an associated fall in council tax revenue) or a failure to support the spirit and the letter of the 2010 Equalities Act.
Individual	Parents/carers	Early years provision is very important and these proposed cuts will have a huge impact of children's lives. All children deserve an opportunity to get something out of these centres and closing in more affluent areas is very short sighted. Haringey should look at its priorities and cut in other areas rather than early years.
Individual	Parents/carers	For our home the most important thing is that working parents can continue to access childcare. While the inc cost will be difficult we would pay the increase in order to keep centres open and stay in work, it is a cause of anxiety that as we don't tick any of the boxes for disadvantage we are not a priority. Nor are we earning enough to either stop working or go to a more expensive -and less vetted - private childcare option.
Individual	Parents/carers	The proposed changes have not taken into account geography (rokesly and highgate close together so cutting both has greater impact) or usage. If a centre is used a lot it should be prioritised as it serves its role. Keeping open centres in deprived areas that no-one uses is foolish- far more important that all those in the borough should be able to access a centre by walking as "deprived" people do not live in pockets in east haringey but in fact are also spread throughout the borough.
Individual	Parents/carers	The money for Children's Centres should remain ring fenced, it should not be spent on other services.
Individual	Parents/carers	To cut services for children and vulnerable people is evil and you will soon feel the effect around here. Crime will rise and more people won't be able to work. I'm appalled.
Individual	Parents/carers	These changes hit the most vulnerable throughout Haringey and I deplore the us and them approach to funding.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is a disgrace these proposals are even on the table. The Rokesly Centre has just been built, and is excellent. I cannot believe they are planning to reduce the services on offer. What was the point of building it? What a waste of money. It seems vindictive and unnecessary. I absolutely despair.
Individual	Parents/carers	NOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!
Individual	Parents/carers	Do your saving somewhere else not in this area. Leave hard working people alone or we will

		start claiming benefits like the rest!!!!!!!!!
Individual	Parents/carers	A terrible, terrible idea. As mentioned previously - there are a number of people employed by Haringey council who are lazy & seem to derive no pleasure from their jobs. These are the people who you should be concentrating on weeding out. If these people worked in the private sector, they wouldn't last 2 minutes with their attitude. Unfortunately, it is difficult for you to find them and all too easy to look at frontline services and make drastic cuts. My daughter has just turned one. The support that both Welbourne & Downhills children's centre have given me has been invaluable. They provided support for breastfeeding (I definitely would have given up had this not been the case) and just provide a place for mums to go and chat with other mums and share their experiences. I'm certain that the support given at these centres helps prevent Postnatal depression. Ultimately I feel that the problems encountered by closing these centres will end up being more costly in the long run.
Individual	Parents/carers	All children are entitled to the same level of service and education. The government want parents to go to work and pay their taxes etc. Affordable childcare needs to be provided. Also children's centres provide essential support for children and their parents. Closing centres means there will not be enough support to go around.
Individual	Parents/carers	It would be helpful if the council finds other way of supporting these departments rather than closing it down or allocating it to a lead centre. The Education Sector is very important, especially for young children as it is the early stage of learning. The council should look at other departments that are not necessary and cut funds.
Individual	Parents/carers	The centre that we attend is very well run and organised. The staff always greet the children with a warm welcome and interact with them. The 'singing time' has improved my daughters vocabulary. I fear that having to attend several different centres my daughter will not gain as much and that other stay & play sessions will not be supervised or well structured.
Individual	Parents/carers	It affects our children's future. This is the first steps of children's education. No one right to cut this sort of services.
Individual	Parents/carers	Any fees introduced will be stupid. More support is needed multi culturally. Don't close the doors open more.
Individual	Parents/carers	The government should not be cutting funding to children's centres these are important services offered to parents and children. Instead of closing children's centres the

		government could save money by not going to war with other countries.
Individual	Parents/carers	I don't think council should target children centres as many parents are not able to provide learning resources to their children, they come to children centres not only can their child learn but they can also meet new parents exchange information. Remember they are learning as well. Also children learn best through play.
Individual	Parents/carers	I have used Earlsmead children centre for both my children, and it provides an important role in the community. In a deprived area like Tottenham such a children's centre becomes even more important and I strongly oppose any cuts to services.
Individual	Parents/carers	I do not support closing the children centres instead of closing this they can change the ? other. As a mother I believe children centre is the place for children whom feel happy and useful for children education, before starting nursery. Also it is good place for mother who does not any alternative to take their children.
Individual	Parents/carers	I am happy with the centres I use. They are local, staff are friendly and I feel comfortable and safe.
Individual	Parents/carers	I do not support the proposed changes.
Individual	Parents/carers	I do not think any centre should close. We need more services.
Individual	Parents/carers	I feel that the children centre should all be treated the same. Also that they should all stay open. As education is the key. When these young toddlers go to the centres I see the smile on their faces as they are playing. The staff in the centre are also very helpful. Basically having the centre is a way to help the younger generation to be not afraid. It helps them to build up the confidence in saying hello and to communicate so that when they start nursery they will not cry on their first day as they are already comfortable with seen other kids playing around them.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is unfair and unjust.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is unfair.
Individual	Parents/carers	People in the community rely on these services very heavily. They need to take away funding from elsewhere.
Individual	Parents/carers	The children's centre at Earlsmead primary school plays a fundamental part to community and support to parents and children.
Individual	Parents/carers	Please do not close any centres. Please look at ways to keep them all open, even if charges are brought in for some services, to those who can afford it.

Individual	Parents/carers	Haringey Council should set a deficit budget. No cuts in any of the services.
Individual	Parents/carers	Keep centres open!
Individual	Parents/carers	It's not fair as we need to use the centre.
Individual	Parents/carers	I feel that children services are of extreme importance, so I do not feel like agreeing.
Individual	Parents/carers	Don't do them!
Individual	Parents/carers	I strongly disagree with the changes if this means the closure of Bounds Green C. Centre which has been an excellent asset for our area, creating a space for play, learn and support.
Individual	Parents/carers	Yes I think changes should be made for the children, but this changes are made for the council pockets.
Individual	Parents/carers	They should definitely be abandoned and the local authority should explore other ways of balancing its budgets.
Individual	Parents/carers	These proposed changes are a joke and it is clear Haringey still is the borough that does not care for the welfare of its children.
Individual	Parents/carers	I really feel it unfair that there are proposals to close some centres which were recently open for a reason, which is the general need, to encourage people back to work and give children a better chance these services are needed. When I first became a mother and was off work, being able to access Children's Centres was very helpful. I was able to get to know others (new mums) and helped me from feeling depressed and alone, it also eased pressure as services are very popular and at times I was glad to have the option to visit another centre if one was already full or more convenient in terms of opening times.
Individual	Parents/carers	Please keep the triangle centre open.
Individual	Parents/carers	Stay same.
Individual	Parents/carers	Clare is amazing. Keep South Grove as it is.
Individual	Parents/carers	We need all children's centres please don not close nothing.
Individual	Parents/carers	No good at all.
Individual	Parents/carers	Please don't cut anything. We need everything.
Individual	Parents/carers	Its important to try to ensure that centres do not close - they provide a vital link for parents with other parents, but also the wider community and council every as it is often through centres that parents become aware of initiatives and consultations such as this one.
Individual	Parents/carers	These changes are wrong the Government need to think about the future of young children and their needs and families need children's centre's. Our community need services to help

		us and our children. I use my centre 3-4 times a week and I have benefited from the services here. Without the centre I would not have received the help and support I have received and my family are now doing very well. Keep the centre's open.
Individual	Parents/carers	I am strongly against re closure of children centres and am shocked that some centres love provide drop in centre or drop in groups. I rely heavily on the services that Stroud Green CC provide such as Jamboree and Acorns toddler group. I would be devastated if these services were to shut down.
Individual	Parents/carers	They are not realistic we need the services run fully.
Individual	Parents/carers	They do not seem realistic. These decisions will affect so many families. Children's Centre are very important for us. My son learns lot in the nursery. I have health problems and can't spend very much time with him at home. My first language is Turkish and can't read in English very well. They read books in the nursery and do activities. I got ESOL class in another centre through the outreach worker. She accompanied me to the other centre and helped me to register.
Individual	Parents/carers	Yes, all children centres especially Stroud Green should have focus more on the access to early education integrated with childcare cost to these services should not be made at all. If the proposal is to go ahead. Full service offers should focus more family support, child & family health services & employment and training so that standard service offers can still provide a full provision to early education. It would be detrimental to all children across the borough to cut any part Early Education integrated with day care. Children need services like SEN where they are comfortable and within an environment that is local to them. More than half the services offered in your full service offer I can access through my own GP. So it seems unfair to cut Early education for standard offers. If your going to call it a children's centre, you should be providing full services. For CHILDREN through early education across all centres. Stop focusing on the parents through offering hosing advice, psychology services etc, because there are other means and ways for parents to access these FOCUS ON THE CHILDREN.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare services provide vital services to parents in the Borough. Reducing the service will have a detrimental effect on parents and children. Reduction in funding should not be a given. More effective financial planning should be undertaken to ensure funds are allocated sensibly.
Individual	Parents/carers	We are totally disagree about these changes.

Individual	Parents/carers	I am not happy with this.
Individual	Parents/carers	With all the talk about children's future why are their services being cut.
Individual	Parents/carers	While I agree we are living in very difficult financial times targeting children's centres seems to be a short sighted approach there is evidence of the excellent work sure start has done, particularly for the most needy families the Children's Centres have been an invaluable support for me as a first time mother, in so many ways. Another point to raise is the assumption that people living in affluent areas of the Borough are affluent with high levels of disposable income, not always the case! Also job security is low, people's circumstances change + they may depend on their local centre more at different times in their lives.
Individual	Parents/carers	Please keep South Grove open!
Individual	Parents/carers	No closure of our centre or joining up and losing money for our Adult learning.
Individual	Parents/carers	Leave our children centre's alone. They are needed by the people of our community.
Individual	Parents/carers	Yes - cuts in the youngest age group will have the greatest long term effect for Britain. Children's Centres are among the most valuable resources available to parents & carers. They prevent problems as well as support people with problems cuts in this area are a false economy.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think that these changes are not necessary. There are so many children in the Haringey area, so I think that just one centre will not be enough.
Individual	Parents/carers	'Big Society' should mean big and solid. Foundation to children so, leave open all children's services.
Individual	Parents/carers	Our centre is perfect, why should have it taken away. It benefits everyone.
Individual	Parents/carers	Don't do them.
Individual	Parents/carers	We don't want them.
Individual	Parents/carers	Please leave our centre as it is.
Individual	Parents/carers	They should not happen.
Individual	Parents/carers	I don't want centre to close.
Fees (e.g. introduce different fee bands / too expensive)		
Individual	Parents/carers	You may consider introducing different fee bands depending on the family income.
Individual	Parents/carers	though I agree with this level of rates for childcare at the children's centre I would like it to be noted that any cost rises over and above this would mean that the children centre costs become way above average for the borough. it would also have severe implications on all

		families who use the centres for childcare who may not be able to afford the childcare and have to move children to different forms of care which may endanger children's development and safety.
Individual	Parents/carers	phase the rise in
Individual	Parents/carers	Our income would appear good in your bracket on the next page but our household income is only £30,000
Individual	Parents/carers	By increasing fees you are putting childcare out of reach of many people. We will struggle to have a second child with these increased costs. You cannot expect the population to just accept such financial increases without it having a disastrous impact on quality of life for both parents and children, not to mention the Inland Revenue. If you decline Sure Start from 2-4 year olds, their capability for development to well paid (and well taxed) employment is reduced. This is not rocket science.
Individual	Parents/carers	The new childcare fees are similar in price to private nurseries. It is unethical that a local authority should charge the same fees as the private sector.
Individual	Parents/carers	I utterly disagree with these and the future costs changes. they are above average and more expensive than hackney, Islington and Camden's services of the exact same kind.
Individual	Parents/carers	Such a huge increase has to be delayed, when you take into account the loss of child benefit. I understand there has to be cuts but why is the first instinct to raise fees? Can you not introduce more timed sessions rather than full days to try and offset this?
Individual	Parents/carers	It's better that parents are given the option to pay more rather than have the service withdrawn.
Individual	Parents/carers	concerned that parents will find it difficult to find the extra money for childcare but also mindful the places are subsidised and this is closing the gap between the real cost of the place and what parents are charged
Individual	Parents/carers	I think savings can be done somewhere else (adult social care etc) but services for children should be available and AFFORDABLE for most. Considering that even local governments have froze salaries for 3 years it seems unfair that childcare will cost more. Children's centres provide so much and help families a lot therefore any cuts will affect many families and children who will miss out on opportunities and development
Individual	Parents/carers	Don't do it!!!!!! Working class won't be able to afford to pay for they children childcare. I have a lots of friends and they all thinking about removing they kids from nursery!!!!

Individual	Parents/carers	The increase in cost is too much. It should be maybe 5%, not more than. We won't be able to pay!
Individual	Parents/carers	This is too much to pay? Who will be able to pay? Normal working family won't be able to afford to pay. Maybe you can increase the pay for people who earning over £50 000. We have to pay other bills on top of what we are paying for the childcare. Maybe you can increase like 10%, not more than that.
Individual	Parents/carers	The second proposed increase to fees including means testing places the top weekly charge at £340 per week. This is more than most private nurseries in Haringey charge and is an extortionate rate to pay, particularly for those in the lower end of that pay bracket who you will be asking to pay almost 50% of their net salary towards childcare. If Haringey council cannot compete unsubsidised with the private sector then something is badly wrong.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare should be discussed more due to the fees are very high. Not a lot of families are working to pay for these fees. Childcare should be the main situation to be discussed.
Individual	Parents/carers	Should put up money slowly.
Individual	Parents/carers	Should increase slowly.
Individual	Parents/carers	That's to much for the time ... prices are going up everywhere.
Individual	Parents/carers	Childcare costs are criminally high. Both my husband and I work full time and find child care costs unbelievably expensive.
Individual	Parents/carers	The fees are reasonable as they are now. They should remain same and funding gotten from other sources.
Individual	Parents/carers	In my opinion the fee for childcare shouldn't increase. My personally will not be able to pay £300 for 2 children age 10 months and 4 years. Especially when you are working, studying young person with not very high income.
Individual	Parents/carers	Probably people stop to taking kids to childcare.
Individual	Parents/carers	Yes because the parent are suffering there is no money at well.
Individual	Parents/carers	Well charges are any ways high.
Individual	Parents/carers	Slow increase in charges.
Individual	Parents/carers	To much fees.
Individual	Parents/carers	Will /or do the increase fees go towards what ???
Individual	Parents/carers	Increase charges slowly.

Individual	Parents/carers	I release charges slowly.
Individual	Parents/carers	Charges should be increase slowly over period of time.
Individual	Parents/carers	Charges are too high.
Individual	Parents/carers	They should increased over the period of time.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think that the charges should be done over time to ensure parents can afford these price changes.
Individual	Parents/carers	I fear that expenses will be higher but salaries will not go up by closing centres. Will there be enough affordable childcare places for nurseries.
Individual	Parents/carers	Consideration required for users with 1 plus children to steep increases.
Individual	Parents/carers	This is a service which can not to afford to pay.
Individual	Parents/carers	The charges are ridiculous. Children's centres should support local community instead charging the same prices as private childcare sector.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think changes for a charges.
Increase childcare places		
Individual	Parents/carers	These changes are definitely not what is needed in the community. We need more childcare places than there are now and we need more services to support all types of parents - as a working parent whose partner also works, with no family in the UK, we are currently using an (excellent) expensive Childminder, because we cannot get a place in the local centres and because our working days are not flexible enough to allow other options. I was hoping it would get better not worse. This makes me want to cry.
Individual	Parents/carers	We have had our daughter on the waiting list for a childcare place in a Haringey children's centres since birth and have not been given one (she is now three). I know many others are in the same situation. This demonstrates to me that there is a demand for MORE children's centres, not fewer. I would prefer to pay slightly higher fees for more places and an expanded childcare service (e.g. bringing some of the private nurseries in line with the high quality children's centre childcare on offer).
Individual	Parents/carers	Focus on main service - childcare. This was the centres were originally started for.
Means-testing		
Individual	Parents/carers	Its not fair to assume that there are no deprived families living in the more affluent areas. Should we have to take 2 buses for a 45 minute travel to our nearest children's centre only to find it over crowded? Maybe an income assessment should be made on the families that

		attend the children's centres and the higher income families could pay a small fee or donation to keep the services running and lesser income families should remain free?	
Individual	Parents/carers	I think, where they can afford to, families should contribute towards what are now free services e.g. stay and play.	
Individual	Parents/carers	The rich can afford it.	
Other			Parents/carers
Individual	Parents/carers	I don't want to go to Triangle	
Individual	Parents/carers	Clustering seems to be a half-way house, where the associated centres will be scaled back and then very likely closed. It would be better to run full service children's centres than have some centres struggle with limited budgets and offering sub-par services - this is unfair to the community and to the staff. there is a rich vein of childcare support workers in this borough and clearly a need for more services, we should be looking at opportunities to build on this and generate revenue, not cut it to the bone impacting the future youth of our borough.	
Individual	Parents/carers	In affluent areas the focus should be on paid classes and activities that allow new parents to meet and get out. In deprived areas, health advice and education are likely to be more important. The baby weighing facility is very useful and it is convenient that centres in an area offer this on different days.	
Individual	Parents/carers	It is not clear why some of the centres are not economically viable when there is such a demand for wrap around care and people like me pay £80 for it. I can't understand why a new business model can't be introduced. If it is deemed anti-competitive, then the council can argue that it is simply providing a service that will make communities more sustainable. So in my case, I won't have to send my child to a private nursery in Finsbury Park. Instead, under a new model, I could send her to Stonecroft or Rokesley where she'd meet local kids and I'd meet local parents.	
Individual	Parents/carers	Is it impractical to impose means testing?	
Individual	Parents/carers	You can keep 1 or 2 children centres for each area e.g. Hornsey, Wood Green, Tottenham and parents/carer's can travel to nearest children centre in their area.	
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Individual	Parents/carers	Changes are good if they are made for everyone's good and easy life otherwise it will be a	

		unwanted force and it can effect wrong way.
Individual	Parents/carers	Main budget given to lead centres, with smaller budgets given to associated to allow individual plans in those if appropriate.
Individual	Parents/carers	We want government to help use for child care.
Individual	Parents/carers	If you need to make charges you should do it slowly.
Individual	Parents/carers	This government needs to go!
Individual	Parents/carers	Can't we have a Robin Hood type charge on banks to fund early years provisions in this country! Can't believe we are bailing out irresponsible banks at the expense of the future generation. It's a disgrace.
Individual	Parents/carers	Children's centres should get charity status if they don't have so already!
Individual	Parents/carers	Please see attached sheet on which I list all my substantive comments.
Individual	Parents/carers	Believe that more awareness of the need for efficiency - in terms of way staff are organised and their workloads - is no bad thing. However, unless staff and resources are well managed (and rigorously monitored) little will change.
Individual	Parents/carers	I strongly disagree with coalition government policy of spending cuts while cutting tax for big businesses.
Individual	Parents/carers	Changes are needed but again not in the same scheme. If funding is used to open more places for nursery children and mums go back to work - no financial problems, parenting problems, no support, no stupid stay and play, mental support etc. needed. Put mums back to where they were before having babies so everything they achieved not be lost for 4 years - when children go to full time education. Even the low works must be able to afford the nursery amount. It is vicious to keep mums at home and struggle with the economy, give away benefits to people who can work and want to. It is vicious to have childminders who have to make their houses a wonderland or adventure park - they live in there! But carers and children at nurseries, mums at works, dads at work and invest in job places and business. Issues like "abuse" and "safety" won't exist.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think this matter needs to be thought through very carefully.
Individual	Parents/carers	It would be best to slowly bring in changes, giving people a chance to adapt.
Individual	Parents/carers	There are a lot of services that do not reach targeted group and cost a lot - the (?) of these services should be examined and appropriate cuts made.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think there should be more breastfeeding support available.

Individual	Parents/carers	Please keep Julie Zin Zan at Bounds Green Children's Centre Julie has taught [] so much as she has done so many other children.
Individual	Parents/carers	Use of donations / volunteering is important to ensure centres don't close.
Individual	Parents/carers	If I have to use a centre that's far away from where I live I don't think it would be easy for me to get to as I would have to spend money on transport. If centres are closed in wealthy areas, what will happen to poor families in those areas. Transport costs would be hard for them.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would like the main services to be maintained and that each centre is able to manage its own budget based on the local families' needs.
Individual	Parents/carers	Access to benefits and employment advice should be removed completely. Everyone has access to a job centre who are specialised in the subject. This is a financial burden and needless stretch of staff and centres set up for children's services. The same goes for housing advice: people requiring this go to the local council housing office. This is Haringey not a rural area where services are perhaps spread out and hard to reach. This money - what is left - should be spent on all of our children's centres.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is a shame that cuts will effect the services provided in children's centres when all the evidence suggested it is money well invested for the future generation.
Individual	Parents/carers	It will be good if the needs are met for the development as well as the 7cutur generation for better citizenship.
Individual	Parents/carers	I do hope that Stroud Green Centre is one of the Lead centres in this Borough as loads of other parents & carers would agree it has maintained all standards.
Individual	Parents/carers	It is shocking & disgraceful that such changes are necessary . However it is very difficult for most people to comment with knowledge about these proposals because we are not informed about the update of each these services + their effectiveness/success. Surely the council need to evaluate which services have the most citizens engaged + provide effective support for families and help to aid social mobility + improvement. Shouldn't the most efficiently run + effective children's centre be retained rather than a blanket economic rationale be applied to which should + shouldn't provide a lead or even be kept open. It is important to consider which centres have the capacity + existing leadership /community support to take on a leadership role in the borough.
Individual	Parents/carers	I am confused by the apparent overlap of services offered by GP clinics + children's centres

		are available at GP clinics as they are at my own GP clinic, then why can't The Children's centre offer services not provided by GPs, which would allow The Centres to focus resources on services that are scarcer (i.e. not provided by other local service providers)?
Individual	Parents/carers	Its disgusting with the amount of council tax. I have to pay to take service away from children, makes me sick.
Individual	Parents/carers	I have pre-entry ESOL classes at South Grove. They are amazing. Please keep them.
Individual	Parents/carers	I would propose giving existing+ future children's centre Heads + their teams should be empowered to report autonomics on local needs and could apportion expenditure appropriately & in consultation with local people.
Individual	Parents/carers	Please remember that these children are countries future generation - mould them well.
Individual	Parents/carers	when will the government tax the bankers properly? Perhaps this money could pay for 3 years old - the adults of the future.
These will penalise parents going back to work		
Individual	Parents/carers	These proposed changes mean working parents are penalised for going back to work. If you only support non working parents the incentive to go back to work and support the economy is diminished.
Individual	Parents/carers	everywhere else in Europe childcare related services are majorly subsidised to ensure that women can get back to work and be an equal part of society, and to ensure that families can afford to raise the next generation. here it is very much the opposite already and it is only getting worse. perhaps the whole benefit system could do with restructuring. stop tax credit and put it towards subsidising childcare, in that way every parent and family benefits equally and there is no discrimination. that is how it works in Europe. right now only the rich and the poor can afford childcare. those of us in the middle are stuck. can't afford to work and can't afford not to....so struggling away with one child only, and having a second remains a dream because of lack of affordable childcare.
Individual	Parents/carers	Your proposal disadvantages women and families in the west of Haringey - very unfair considering we pay significant council tax bills - for which we will receive less value for.
Individual	Parents/carers	The government want people to stay in work but without affordable childcare provision this is not possible. My husband and I both work and have benefited from the excellent Stroud Green Children's Centre.
Individual	Parents/carers	For a family with average income and two small children there is no way both parents can

		go to work as more than one salary will have to be handed over to nursery or children centre ?
Individual	Parents/carers	I suggest that this changes will affect at many families, and it will support the parent to stay at home and leave them without study, work or any activities they want to do, it will also cut the intellectual people.
Individual	Parents/carers	If you want people to go out to work then we need affordable local childcare.
Individual	Parents/carers	Campsbourne has provided a lifeline for me when I was suffering Post Natal Depression. It allows you and your child to get out, play and meet people. It is unfair if the services are taken away and put into poor areas as too many people have children they cannot pay for. They already receive benefits and housing benefit which the taxpayer pays for. Why should people on middle income have to pay for everyone else and not receive services. As childcare is so expensive I cannot go back to work so will be surviving on 1 income.
Individual	Parents/carers	For me it's the childcare that's so important, it goes away or is cut back- especially the after school & holiday club I'll have to go elsewhere. I'd pay more for these services. I don't want to take my children anywhere else. I love the childcare there & they do too. Also, I just don't know what else I'd do How I'd continue to work. If these services get cut it would be lesable.
Individual	Parents/carers	I do not understand why there aren't be affordable child care so parents could afford to go to work.
Universal services/maintain social mix		
Individual	Parents/carers	The government publication Every Child Matters (2004) set priorities nationally and locally for Children's Services. These outcomes were enforced legally in The Children Act (2004). The five outcomes are that every child should stay healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution and achieve economic well being. By seeing this proposal through you will be failing children within the borough by preventing them from meeting their five outcomes. I strongly oppose the consolidation of services in areas of highest deprivation. This will have a detrimental effect on the entire borough and its local communities.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think the children's centres are vital hubs for the community. As Haringey does not really offer parents much support in terms of visits from health visitors etc, they are vital sources of information and help when kids are young. They also offer people from different backgrounds somewhere to meet. This means that middle class parents can meet people from less advantaged backgrounds and through such associations, people and their children become socially mobile and educated about each other. This is the way that

		Haringey helps its population become less reliant on benefits/government services and more educated and prosperous.
Individual	Parents/carers	I am appalled by the fact that families are put into different categories and treated as if only the most vulnerable have a need for services. Nobody should be left alone and CC in the local area are in a much better position to support local families than asking them to travel for miles to reach a place to go to especially if staff is local as well, know the families and can build on long and stable relationships.
Individual	Parents/carers	Priority should be given to centres like ours. People use our centre because they know the staff, centre and other users. They feel safe and comfortable. This would be lost if they had to many different centres.
Individual	Parents/carers	If changes are unavoidable emphasis must be given to kids having access to the centres - a basic - other services can be tweaked.
Individual	Parents/carers	I feel everyone should have access to children centres as becoming a mother for the first time is a transformation that requires a lot of support particularly when your immediate family lives in another country. Creates networks for parents and families bring communities together stops isolation creates a haven especially being at home for long periods the activities and services provide opportunities to go out meet other families and realise you are not alone alleviating stress on families I think they are an asset to any community needy, vulnerable or in between children centres breakdown those barriers from my experience.
Individual	Parents/carers	I understand that difficult decisions have to be made. However, I think it is naive to assume that parents in better off areas are automatically in less need of children's centres services.
Individual	Parents/carers	I think children's services should not be affected at all. All children deserve opportunities - regardless of whether they are from a deprived background or not.
Individual	Parents/carers	I have three children and I always took my children to children centres. My children have now started school. Because I took them to early years children centres they are now very successful at their schools. I am sure they are successful because they have received early years education, I want no limitations on children centres for children of our future.
Individual	Parents/carers	Children's Centre being a universal service is absolutely key. All parents are vulnerable when they have young children. It is one of the most life changing experience to have a baby. It requires a huge adjustment and can be a very lonely and isolating experience. Drop in sessions & breastfeeding support made a huge difference to me & continue to do so. Cutting the universal services & targeting services only at deprived parents will kill the

		centres.
Individual	Parents/carers	Do not agree with the closure of any services that support children & families. This is short-sighted & will result in problems in the community for the future. In particular I am concerned that there could be a reduction in services in areas where a migration of families are on a low income & vulnerable to a range of social emotional pressures. While it is essential to ensure services meet the needs of the most vulnerable families. I feel strongly that limiting services only to the most vulnerable has negative implications for community integration & care on & can result in stigmatising vulnerable people. Services just for certain groups can result in labelling & prevent people accessing services through fear of being stigmatised. Service that encourage families from differing background to come together can defect in positive modelling the mutual benefit.
Individual	Parents/carers	Parent's + children from all social backgrounds rely on children's centre's to help them bond with the children + stop them going mad at home - across the week. It is great that Rowland Hill opens on a Saturday - we don't want it to close.
Individual	Parents/carers	Closing down centres would affect the already disadvantaged families. Children from affluent backgrounds also need the experience. Funding should probably be reduced but not withdrawn entirely.
Individual	Parents/carers	All centres should remain and be funded appropriately for the benefit of our children in the community.
Individual	Parents/carers	Drop in (stay & play) sessions are vital for young children in this area, and their parents. Children learn appropriate behaviour for a nursery setting, they learn about other cultures and, importantly, play with English speaking children before going to school. Parents learn how to support their children's learning. If, while children are playing, parents can improve their English by chatting informally or attending classes all the better. Children's centres attached to schools provide an emotional preparation for school life and a way of easing parents back into the work place. Without adequate provision of children's centre services, unemployment will rise and educational results and societal cohesion will fall. Where is the big society in that!!
Individual	Parents/carers	I believe all families should have services available to them as you can be isolated in both affluent and vulnerable areas if you don't have a support network.
West of borough has most cuts – concerns about impact on children in the west		
Individual	Parents/carers	as usual the west of the borough seems to have the most cuts, only one lead centre and five

		offering only the standard offer, not everyone in the west of the borough is well off
Individual	Parents/carers	once again children in the west of the borough are being discriminated against so it is not a level playing field for all children
Individual	Parents/carers	The idea that 'affluent areas' don't need support via children's centres is absurd. Not everyone in these so called well-off areas is wealthy. I live in Highgate but on a council estate, for example! This is a dangerous approach to cutting services.
Individual	Parents/carers	Both Highgate and North Bank Children's Centres have been established within the past year. It would be a terrible waste of money and resources to cut back the services they offer so drastically. If the majority of services are delivered by one provider only within each cluster, that provider will be overwhelmed by demand. How they will be able to respond to this demand whilst also managing other 'associated' centres remains very unclear. I strongly oppose the proposals to reduce the services offered by Highgate Children's Centre in particular.
Individual	Parents/carers	The council should be facilitating the change in running model in the centres they propose to close or reduce to a standard (i.e. very little) service. If people are prepared to pay for services then the council should be facilitating this so that they can manage the centre in order to offer the usual services but freely to those in the greatest need. At our recent meeting they just kept saying - 'if you want to keep it going it's up to talk to the school' (re Highgate centre) Surely, as the council has just spent huge sums opening the centre, wouldn't it be better to manage and facilitate changeover to a paying model which would mean the most deprived (of whom there are, even in Highgate!) would benefit from continuation of service and the centre would be running and in existence in the future when, hopefully, the financial climate improves. If the paying model proves unsuccessful, that is the time for the council to think about closure.
Individual	Parents/carers	The average child in the west of the borough is being extremely short changed by these proposals.
Individual	Parents/carers	Do not solely focus on providing child services in some areas of the borough. It seems like this is a foregone conclusion and no thought is being put into what other options could be provided in more 'affluent' areas.
Individual	Parents/carers	Some centres rarely get used even in poor areas these are the ones that should be closed. Affluent area one not as long as its being used its needed.
Individual	Parents/carers	This seems a very backward step. Many families I know in the West are isolated and

		depend on their centre for support. Withdrawal of children centre services is short sighted and will only lead to much more complex problems later. There are some very vulnerable families even in the West and I know my centre works with them. Where will they get support under these proposals.
Individual	Parents/carers	1) It is unfair and discriminatory to assume that everyone living in the west of the borough is affluent and therefore that 5 associate centres should only offer "standard offer" leaving only one "full offer" in this area. 2) Stonecroft has been a very successful children's centre for a very long time and to remove its services would be detrimental to many. 3) People who work and pay taxes actually fund these services but will possibly be excluded from using them which is unacceptable.

7.3 Summary of responses from consultation meetings held with parents and carers

Theme	Number of comments	Percentage
Against cuts	13	6%
Against increase in fees	2	1%
Against reductions in West	4	2%
Alternative for fees	4	2%
Alternative proposal	10	5%
Consultation process	26	12%
Could pay more to keep centre open	4	2%
Could we or another group run CCs	7	3%
Cross Borough provision	2	1%
Fear clustering will reduce effectiveness of management	4	2%
Fear loss of good staff and buildings	10	5%
Fear part closure	2	1%
Financial query	14	7%
Governance	7	3%
Happy to travel	1	0%
How protest nationally	3	1%
Like the centre and its services	21	10%
Not many alternatives in the area	5	2%
Other	43	20%
Political situation	2	1%
Potential travel difficulties	6	3%
Pro merging of centres/clustering	2	1%
Pro universal services	4	2%
Question composition of cluster	3	1%
Should target 2 year olds	2	1%
Supportive of the Council	4	2%
Target the most vulnerable	9	4%
Grand Total	214	

7.4 Parents and carers consultation meeting dates

1. **Monday 28th March 2011 10am – 11.30am**
Neighbourhood Resource Centre
Park Lane, London
2. **Tuesday 5th April 2011 6pm-7.30pm**
Rokesly Infants School & Children's Centre
Hermiston Avenue, London N8 8NH
3. **Wednesday 6th April 2011 6pm – 7.30pm**
Downhills Primary School
Philip Lane, London N15 4AB
4. **Thursday 7th April 2011 3pm - 4.30pm**
Earlsmead Children's Centre
Broad Lane, London N15 4PW
5. **Friday 8th April 2011 10am – 11.30am**
Highgate Children's Centre
Gaskell Road, London N6 4ED
6. **Monday 11th April 2011 10am – 11.30am**
Northbank Children's Centre,
Next to Muswell Hill Methodist Church
Pages Lane, London
7. **Saturday 16th April 2011 10am- 11.30am**
Haringey Civic Centre
High Road, London N22

7.5 Parents and carers comments received by email or letter

Respondent	Group	Comment/idea summary
Consultation difficult to understand		
Individual	Public	This consultation is not clear in relation to two important points: ambiguous wording and it is not clear how Downhill's Children's Centre and other 'linked sites are being treated. Are the full offer or not?
Individual	Public	<p>I wrote an email explaining to you why your consultation was flawed, as the information provided in it was unclear, so that I am not able to respond in an informed way as it is not clear to me what you are proposing.</p> <p>What I am asking for is straightforward, and can be done at no cost to the Council other than putting back the consultation timetable by a week or two.</p>
Individual	Public	Given that neither of my interpretations as to what was proposed was correct, I am concerned that no other parents will be able to work out what is being proposed either. I repeat again my suggestion that you clarify the main section of the website (which is all that most people are likely to read), so as to receive informed response to this consultation, and fail to see why you do not wish to do so.
Service offer query		
Individual	Public	I still do not appear to have received a response to my emails. For the reasons set out below, it would be beneficial if this could be clarified one way or the other, and the consultation restarted.
Individual	Public	<p>My initial reading of these three paragraphs is that associated centres would offer a smaller range of services. In other words, even if an "associate centre" was 'full offer', it would still be offering a smaller range of services than a "lead centre".</p> <p>Another reading is that a 'lead centre' offering a "full offer" would be no different from an "associate centre" with a "full offer" - in other words, the level of services in a lead centre and associate centre would be the same. I would be grateful if you</p>

		<p>could clarify this point for me, and also confirm that you have changed the website so as to reflect the correct position, so that it is clear for all those responding to the consultation.</p> <p>2. It is not clear how Downhill's Children's Centre and other 'linked sites are being treated. Are the full offer or not?</p>
Individual	Public	<p>Either you are proposing that "associate centres" offer a smaller range of services, or you are not. Before I respond to the consultation, I would very much like to know which position is correct.</p>
Financial query		
Individual	Public	<p>What I have to ask is how do you propose to implement this sort of price structure? Are places going to come with the condition of handing over pay slips? Do you also not think that due to the costs proposed some of the families on certain incomes that using a Children's Centre will now become impossible for them as costs could be up to £80+ pounds a day when a similar private day nursery in the area comes in at around £50</p>
Individual	Public	<p>The initial rate rise. Having been to the meeting and spoken to someone at the council I know that the September rate rise is going to happen as it approved despite what the consultation papers say. I feel though this rise may seem fair, as the rates until now have been very reasonable. I am unhappy with how quickly this has been put in place and that no one thought to make this more gradual. My second concern with rates is the further information on how this may then go up further in April next year dependent on how much money you earn.</p>
Like the centre and its services		
Individual	Public	<p>am writing to express my concerns about the downgrading of the Highgate Children's Centre to an assessment (e.g. weighing, HV only facility).</p> <p>It is an invaluable resource for its activities which include playgroups, messy play, twins club and specialist groups</p>

Individual	Public	It's good the baby clinic will be kept, but Highgate Children's centre is about so much more. It's a real loving family place where I feel I can take my kids when I'm having a bad day and where they can experience new activities they'd never do at home.
Individual	Public	The staff are wonderful, they help with all issues, reading singing painting, the music sessions are great and real value for money, and the healthy snacks they provide at very little cost are such a great education for us all
Individual	Public	Highgate Children Centre has been there for us, with those working there being fantastically supportive, kind and welcoming. It provides a great opportunity to meet other mum's too as being a new mum in a new area has been very isolating.
Individual	Public	Just to say that we heartily support the people who try to save the centre. It is a crucial part of our community. Closing such a centre would be cutting a real opportunity for parents and carers to mix and create a real feeling of community [Highgate]
Individual	Public	It [Highgate CC] not only provides them with an opportunity to play with other children but to also participate in a music group, join in messy play and enjoy story time. It has also provided me with a lot of support from the people who run the sessions and also the opportunity to meet other mums and child carers in a safe and relaxing environment.
Individual	Public	Highgate Children's Centre is an invaluable part of the community, where mothers can walk from all around the local area to meet other people in similar situations as well as to learn baby massage, have invaluable breastfeeding advice as well as access to health visitors and baby weighing and more, all under one roof. It has meant a lot to me because I don't want to drive and would rather meet people who live in the local area who come from a diverse set of backgrounds. It would be an incredible loss to the community and I believe it would leave vulnerable mothers and other mothers in the local area stranded and potentially isolated.
Individual	Public	The centre provides a supportive, relaxed and predictable environment for young children, an opportunity for them and their parents to socialise, helps parents with

		ideas for better bringing up their children and represents a invaluable long-term investment in our community and our children's futures. The benefits are felt by the whole families of children who attend, and the centre is essential to the whole community.
Individual	Public	I would like to express my total support to this wonderful children centre. I started attending regularly when my little daughter was only a baby and I felt immediately at home, little part of my family. I got there amazing help and advice and answers to all my doubts as a new mum.
Individual	Public	The centre is extremely well run and provides an amazing service to a very appreciative community. I still attend the centre more than once a week and feel it offers services which simply are not offered elsewhere.
Individual	Public	From the centre's inception, it has played an important role in both my son's life and mine. We attend play group at the centre weekly, and sometimes bi-weekly.
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Individual	Public	The centre is bright and inviting and we look forward to our sessions. The Stay and Play offers variety over the weeks and The Movers and Shakers sessions are brilliant. I hope the Centre may be allowed to continue the wonderful work and play that is stimulated by the staff in this lovely environment.
Individual	Public	I would like to express my view that the children's centre at Highgate Primary School adds a great deal to the community that live in the area, use the centre and use the school.
Individual	Public	I am writing to express my views on the potential closure of Highgate Children's Centre. Since the birth of my child I have been a regular visitor to the centre and have attended courses that have been run there. I have to say that without the support of the centre and its workers, I would have felt very isolated as a new mother in the area.
Individual	Public	This centre has provided a much needed resource in a area that was crying out for it.

		The difference it has made to my family in the short time that it has been open cannot be overstated and shock that it is under threat at all.
Individual	Public	Highgate children's centre is a fantastic new facility which provides excellent facilities for new mums I have attending a number of courses and services there, from baby weighing, baby massage, first aid and also mums groups. It is always busy and bustling with new mums and babies.
Individual	Public	I am writing to express support for the Highgate Children's Centre.
Individual	Public	This is an invaluable resource for local children and parents and I ask that you do all you can to keep the Centre open and the various activities maintained, as it would be a massive waste to lose this.
Individual	Public	I am writing in support of Highgate Children's Centre, which provides an essential service to me and hundreds of other families in the area.
Individual	Public	Since its opening in 2008, the Children's Centre has played a significant role in providing for vulnerable children and promoting community cohesion. Uptake for its services has been high - particularly Stay and Play and Parenting classes -indicating a high level of demand for these services in Bounds Green.
Email: video	Other	
Not many alternatives in the area		
Individual	Public	I realise Highgate isn't deprived finically, but we are completely deprived of access to Haringey services. My health visitor gave me a pack with lists of baby groups and children's centres – none were less than one bus ride away if not two. I just couldn't understand or believe there was nowhere locally.
Individual	Public	I can't stress enough how much support somewhere like the Highgate Centre provides for parents, and what an integral part of parents life it plays. I feel devastated that we stand to lose it's services. Travelling to alternate centres (which would no doubt become vastly over-stretched) would not be an easy alternative for me.
Individual	Public	As we live on the north western edge of the Borough, close to the boundary with

		Camden/Islington, Highgate Children's Centre is therefore the only Children's Centre that is easily accessible to us and also the only one of its kind in this area of Haringey.
Individual	Public	Relocating these services to a single central location in Haringey will put them out of the reach of many or most new parents who need these services just at the time when travelling any significant distance is most difficult, and will remove the local knowledge and small community feel which results in such a friendly, personal and positive atmosphere.
Closures		
Individual	Public	I am writing to strongly protest about the possible closure of the children's centre in Storey Road, Highgate. Please do not think that everyone is wealthy in the zone around Highgate and that this children's centre is a luxury.
Individual	Public	Closing such a centre would be cutting a real opportunity for parents and carers to mix and create a real feeling of community.
Individual	Public	I do not support any closures and I strongly do not support closures in areas of higher deprivation, where the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children in Haringey live.
Pro breastfeeding support		
Individual	Public	I know without question that more families have continued breastfeeding because of the support offered at Highgate. In the West of Haringey there are simply no other options. The group at Stonecroft has only 8 places per week.
Individual	Public	The support I received from the breast feeding sessions [at Highgate CC] enabled me to continue breast feeding. Without their support I am sure I would have stopped.
Individual	Public	they recommended the Highgate Children's Centre Breastfeeding Support Group. Here I was both taught techniques to improve my breastfeeding position
Individual	Public	I would like to express my disappointment that funding has been removed for the locally children's centre.
Governance		
Individual	Public	The proposals are based on the development of a lead centre and associate centre

		models. For a Children's Centre which is based in and managed through a school this model would conflict directly with the existing school governance arrangements and there are no substantive suggestions made as to how this conflict can be avoided or resolved to governors' satisfaction.. The governing body of the school cannot be expected to take any responsibility for the actions of staff who are not engaged by the school and over whom it would not have any control.
Alternative proposal		
Individual	Public	<p>In terms of our response to the consultation, we suggest that rather than following this approach, and if cuts must be made, then the four centres that are in more affluent areas (which are currently proposed to be 'standard service' and remain open) should be closed and those funds used for the centres in more deprived areas. We think it is better that all the remaining centres are properly 'full service', and run as much as possible as they are at present, rather than what is proposed at present.</p> <p>We would also suggest that before you make any decision to move services from an associate centre to a lead centre (e.g. from Broadwater Farm to Rowland Hill) that you check with staff at the centre as to whether or not the users of those services would be likely to continue to go to them if they were elsewhere, otherwise you are likely to find that the overall number of users decreases significantly, which would be bad for children in deprived areas, and likely result in further cuts when participation targets are not met (if that is how these sort of things are worked out)</p>
Individual	Public	This strikes me as a typical attempt to save money without actually looking at the services in each area and the needs of each local community - why not close two out of the 3 centres in Crouch End and have two centres of excellence - one in Highgate and one at Campsbourne?
Individual	Public	My suggestion would be proposing an extra input of money from us for example a membership fee. Could be monthly or annually. People that are members could pay for example £3 for activities as movers and shakers, while non members can pay £5...etc. Free playgroup for members £1 or 2 for non members may be? This way the

		centre can have a fix amount of cash put into it. The second proposal is leave one or two day a week the venue for hiring for Children's activities to members (an other advantage to become a member!)
Individual	Public	It would be more appropriate to base any decisions on statistical usage of the centres and to keep the centres/services most used open.
Against reductions in West		
Individual	Public	If the breastfeeding group at Highgate closes, the knock-on effect will be immediate and other resources will be hit by a group of stressed, desperate families who needs are currently being met by a group which works efficiently and resourcefully.
Individual	Public	From experience, the existing demand for services at Campsbourne Children's Centre is already so high that unless you book well in advance or arrive at the very beginning of a drop-in session, you are turned away. This is coupled with the fact that the Centre is not conveniently located for those on the western edge of the Borough. It also does not provide the same variety and number of activities and events as currently provided by Highgate Children's Centre.
Individual	Public	Crouch End currently has three children's centres including Campsbourne, whilst the Highgate Area has only one - if you reduce the service at Highgate it will be a huge loss to the community and many vulnerable families will not receive the valuable support they receive, particularly since it is quite difficult to reach Campsbourne Children's Centre from the Highgate area by public transport without taking two buses - very difficult with a small baby! This means that unless the parents have access to a car they will miss out on many of the much needed core services.
Individual	Public	Highgate Children's Centre is clearly an excellent, flagship service and its closure/reduction would be a huge loss to the borough and its residents.
Individual	Public	I am writing to protest at the proposed closure of Highgate Children's Centre.
Individual	Public	I sincerely hope that Haringey council will think again about how they allocate their children's centre budgets as this centre is an important part of the community it serves.
Individual	Public	I can't stress enough how much support somewhere like the Highgate Centre

		provides for parents, and what an integral part of parents life it plays. I feel devastated that we stand to lose it's services. Travelling to alternate centres (which would no doubt become vastly over-stretched) would not be an easy alternative for me.
Individual	Public	Haringey is so lucky to have Crouch End/ Hornsey within their borough, as "the yummy mummy paradise", really shows its true colour, a beautiful place to start a family/ raise children. Can WE ALL not work together to keep "the yummy mummy paradise" feeling? Get everyone who has and still is using the service the childcare places and children centre activities, like the Stonecroft, Campsbourne and all the other places.
Individual	Public	I am writing to urge you to reconsider the reduction of the service offer provided at Highgate Children's Centre.
Individual	Public	Highgate Children's Centre is a central part of my life and the life of my child. It is a critical resource for parents and children throughout the area. I urge you not to undo the good work that has been done, and to desist in imperilling its future. Truly, we would be lost without it
Individual	Public	Please do not close the centre down, for many of us it is a lifeline!
Individual	Public	I am writing today to register my grave concern regarding your plans to close Highgate Children's Centre. This centre has provided a much needed resource in a area that was crying out for it. The difference it has made to my family in the short time that it has been open cannot be overstated and shock that it is under threat at all. If the reasoning behind the selecting this centre is based on the fact that the surrounding area is affluent than I would suggest that you are ignoring the fact the centre is situated on a road that is almost wholly occupied by council tenants and is linked to a very socially diverse primary school. Person who use the centre come from far and wide to make use of its fabulous facilities.
Individual	Public	I would be grateful if you could reconsider shutting the centre . As the centre is so new shutting it represents a massive waste of money in building it then shutting it within such a small time scale. It feels that the poorer parts of the borough has more

		childcare investment while the more wealthy areas are not deemed to need it. However being a new mum can be isolating and you need the helpful advise that Highgate children's centre can provide regardless of income.
Individual	Public	After hearing the proposal, my interpretation is that I am being discriminated against for living in one of the borough's more affluent areas.
Individual	Public	This is an invaluable resource [Highgate CC] for local children and parents and I ask that you do all you can to keep the Centre open and the various activities maintained, as it would be a massive waste to lose this.
Individual	Public	Haringey Council has a responsibility to spend its budget efficiently and to make the best use of taxpayers' money. Having spent half a million pounds of taxpayers' money on Highgate Children's Centre a year ago, the Council must protect this investment by keeping the centre open in some form. Even if the centre is only open one day a week with minimal services, when there is more money available its opening hours and services could be extended.
Individual	Public	I am shocked and appalled to hear that you are considering the near-total closure of Highgate Children's Centre. Since it opened a year ago it has been an invaluable and much-loved part of our community. For you to threaten its future by cutting almost all funding is spiteful, stupid and shows nothing but contempt for your constituents. Although the reduction in your overall budget is not of your choosing, you say you want to protect children's services and have cut the budget for centres by just under half. However, your plan to redistribute the remaining resources simply hits hardest the areas that have the fewest centres already, as your consultation map clearly shows. You want to slash funding and downgrade to "standard service" - the lowest level - all West Haringey centres except one - itself on the border with better-served East Haringey.
Consultation period too short		
Individual	Public	I would like to express my view that the children's centre at Highgate Primary School adds a great deal to the community that live in the area, use the centre and use the school.

Individual	Public	I am writing to request that the deadline for the consultation process for the Proposed changes to Haringey's Children's Centres and Children Centre services be extended until 29 April 2011 as there are Easter holidays and it is hard to speak with parents at the moment.
Individual	Public	Please can you extend the deadline for the Children's centre consultation to at least April 29, taking into account the Easter holidays when so many people are away and unable to respond, especially given the significant addendum which we was only added just before the holidays.
Individual	Public	Please can that date be extended to 29th April to allow parents to respond to the consultation
Against cuts		
Individual	Public	I think your decision to significantly reduce children's services across the borough is a mistake. I do understand that central government cuts present a challenge for the Borough Council with many different options to weigh up. But the proposal to reduce services at the children's centres will have a massive, hidden impact.
Individual	Public	I would like to express my disappointment that funding has been removed for the locally children's centre.
Core staffing		
Individual	Public	Sharing of certain staff across the centres. I have concerns that the reception staff may be shared I feel it is vitally important that someone is at the front desk of the centre at all times.
Supportive of the council		
Individual	Public	I strongly support the principles you have applied to the proposed changes in the consultation paper.
Question composition of clusters		
Individual	Public	I have read the Children's Centre consultation paper and am writing to ask you to consider Bounds Green as a lead centre.
Other		

Individual	Public	I really don't want to have to write a formal JR pre-action letter if I can possibly help it, and would much rather that someone just engaged with my correspondence.
Individual	Public	I think one of the problems is looking at this within the conventional silos of departments and funding streams. Children's centres are not just about children but about families, mental health, future confidence and creativity and probably educational attainment and employability too.
Could pay more to keep centre open		
Individual	Public	I would happily contribute more to each of my children's visits (we already pay a small contribution when we visit) as the facilities and staff are excellent.
Pro universal services		
Individual	Public	Signposting of services to other centres which are almost impossible to access other than by a car or taxi journey of several miles is not an adequate solution. These health services need to be readily and conveniently available to everyone, conveniently based in their local community, regardless of background or income and whether someone lives in the west of the borough or the east.
Individual	Public	I agree that resources should be targeted at areas with most poverty, but this should not be an excuse to utterly neglect your many constituents whom you already discriminate against in this way.
Consultation process		
Individual	Public	I do not understand why I, and my partner as parents have not received through our letter box the Consultation paper on proposed changes to Haringey's children centres and children's centre service. Obviously someone had a brilliant idea spending money on printing leaflets out, but somewhere along the process these highly important papers have not reached to all concerned, us parents.
Stop CC cuts		
Email:video	Public	
Staff very friendly		
Email:video	Public	
Email:video	Public	

Concerns about cuts		
Email:video	Public	
Don't like the cluster arrangements: all centres are different		
Email:video	Public	