

# Paper Petition Details

## Save our Youth Centre – Horsemoor Green

We, the undersigned would like to submit the following petition to the Slough Borough Council – Save our Youth Centre – Horsemoor Green.

**This petition was received on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2011.**

**This petition was passed to the Youth Service and Participation Manager on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011.**

**This petition was responded to on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2011 by the Youth Service Operations Manager**

### Final Results

<b>Number of Signatures</b>	<b>165</b>
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### Council Response

The contents of the above petition from young people and local residents of Langley have been noted. The open access youth provision at Horsemoor Green Centre came to an end in April 2011 as part of implementing the new Integrated Youth Support Services (IYSS), which was approved at the Cabinet meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

The report clearly outlines that due to the loss of government funding and in particular the Positive Activities funding and increased referrals to the service for targeted individual support and quick positive outcomes as a result of this intervention prevented high escalation of need at a later stage. The IYSS will use this model of intervention to meet the needs of vulnerable young people in Slough.

The service will continue to provide open access provision in local neighbourhoods through the Youth Bus and Street Based Teams across Slough. The localities and areas of need is agreed and sign posted by the police and the community safety team. In addition the Slough Young People's Centre (SYPC) in the High Street of Slough is open 7 days a week from 11.00am to 10.00pm. This provision is currently providing drop in support services for young people alongside externally funded accredited courses.

Use of Horsemoor Green Centre is currently being assessed along with other community buildings as part of the Slough Borough Council's asset management review. Until this review is concluded Horsemoor Green centre will be used for delivery of targeted and issue related group work with young people who have been referred to IYSS.

Slough continues to have an offer of positive activities available for young people through the town, including those available through venues like the Bowling Alley, Absolute Karting, Swimming pools and gyms. In addition activities provided by local community groups, church groups, extended schools provision and other voluntary groups can be accessed by young people.