

Paper Petition Details

Proposal of Closure of Elliman Resource Unit

We, the undersigned are unhappy with the proposal to close Elliman Resource Unit. We understand as Slough residents that money has to be saved at these times but feel that hitting the most vulnerable is not the right move.

57 individuals and their families at Elliman will be affected by this plan, which could lead to the loss of friendships and support as the ones we love and care for could be placed in other units in Slough or at worse not receive a service at all.

We feel that the anti social behaviour has been exaggerated and there has been minimal effect on the service users due to the hard work of the staff team at Elliman. Will you be closing all buildings where anti social behaviour is an issue?

With those we care for maturing in years, some who have ongoing health issues do not want to be wandering around Slough to different activities we want then to have a base to come and go from or somewhere to feel safe at other than home. We value the support that Elliman and the team working within the building has given us over the years.

This petition was received on 18th July, 2016.

This petition was passed to the Head of Adult Safeguarding and Learning Disabilities on 18th July, 2016.

This petition was responded to by to the Head of Adult Safeguarding and Learning Disabilities on 24th August, 2016.

Final Results

Number of Signatures	185
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Council Response

I would like to thank the people and families who have contacted me with their petition regarding the proposed closure of the Elliman Resource Centre. I acknowledge that this is a time of change and therefore uncertainty for you. However, I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that your welfare has and will continue to remain pivotal to the work of the Council of allowing individuals to tailor their own support services to meet their individual needs.

We have begun contacting the people using the Elliman Resource Centre and their families with a view to looking at their existing support networks, their interests and how these could be supported either in the community, a building or a combination of both. The thirty- seven people living with their families accessing Elliman will be contacted as part of this work. Some of the people we have already contacted have said that they are accessing activities within the community. However, they welcome the opportunity that the changes will give them to go straight to the activities at a time of their choosing with their own friends rather than having to go to Elliman first. We know that it is important that existing friendship groups that have developed between people using Elliman are maintained and we will make every effort to support this. Safeguarding people whether

they remain within a building or move to the community will continue to be a shared responsibility of everyone involved in supporting people with Learning Disabilities including families, support services and the Council.

The Council and its partners are investing in new facilities for local residents like the Curve and new leisure facilities. We are keen that people currently using Day Centres are given every opportunity to access all that is available from the local community safely and with support if needed.