



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Date: 3rd March 2016

Response to:

West Berkshire Council's Budget Proposal 2016/17 Phase 2: Children's Centres

The following response was posted on the WBC feedback form for the above proposal.

1. Contact details:

The Parish Clerk, Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council.

2. Do you or a carer use this service?

No

3. What do you think we should be aware of, in terms of how this proposal might impact people?

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council held an Extraordinary Council Meeting on the 18th March to consider the Phase 2 and resolved to strongly oppose the closure of the Burghfield Children's Centre and the transfer of the services delivered to Mrs Blands' Infant and Nursery School.

The closure of the Burghfield Children's Centre and transfer of it to Mrs Blands' Infant and Nursery school would significantly impact on the significant outreach work being done to the traveler communities in the area.

Transferring this service to Mrs Blands' Infant and Nursery School is also seen as putting significant accommodation and staffing pressures on the proposed venue as well as potentially causing significant budgetary issues and reducing the quality of the services currently being offered at the school.

4. Do you feel that this proposal will affect particular individuals more than others, and if so, how do you think we might help with this?

The children within the traveller communities currently being outreached to by the Burghfield Children's Centre team are seen as being particularly affected by the closure and transfer proposal.

Need to retain the service as is at this particular centre.

5. Do you have any suggestions as to how this service might be delivered in a different way? If so, please provide details.

None

6. Is there any way that you or your organisation can contribute in helping to alleviate the impact of this proposal? If so, please provide details of how you can help.

None

7. Any further comments?



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None