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SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION: CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Dear Sirs

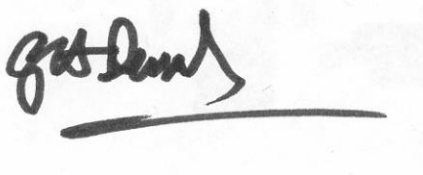
Limpsfield Parish Council opposes Surrey County Council's proposal to close 4 of the 5 children's centres in Tandridge, including the Hurst Green and Holland Sure Start Children's Centre. The Hurst Green Centre provides important services to families in the Limpsfield, Oxted and Hurst Green area.

The proposed closures will leave the south of the Tandridge District without any centres at all. This is wholly unacceptable. Parts of the south of the District have areas with high levels of deprivation and the children's centres provide a vital service to support the most vulnerable families. Closure of the Hurst Green and Holland Sure Start Children's Centre would also add workload pressures to the Oxted Health Centre which is already at full capacity, adversely impacting on the whole community

Apart from the human cost, this is a false economy because these centres pre-empt problems that may end up costing the community much more later on.

We would ask Surrey County Council to reconsider the planned closures.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Dessent', written over a light grey rectangular background. A thick black horizontal line is drawn below the signature.

Geoff Dessent

Clerk to Limpsfield Parish Council