

CABINET

15 JANUARY 2015

MINUTE EXTRACT

97. Petitions

(1) **Petition: Save the Bob Lawrence Library**

Mr Anuj Chitroda, presented a petition signed by some 5,000 people with the following terms:

“We the undersigned residents would like the local authority to keep the library open at its present location 6-8 North Parade, Mollison Way, HA8 5QH.”

RESOLVED: That the petition be received and, once validated, be referred to Council.

(2) **Petition: Rayners Lane Library Closure**

Councillors Chris Noyce and Krishna Suresh presented a petition signed by 734 students of Nower Hill School as well as 1,555 adults with the following terms:

“We, the undersigned, deplore the proposed closure of Harrow Libraries, particularly that of Rayners Lane, which serves a densely populated area with very few facilities. This Library does excellent work with students and pre-school children and serves as a hub for its diverse community. The loss of this resource would be destructive to the life of the area.”

RESOLVED: That the petition be received and, once validated, be referred to Council.

(3) **Petition: Save Our Library – North Harrow Library**

Mr Kamal Shah presented a petition signed by 2,797 people with the following terms:

“We, the undersigned, ask Harrow Council to reconsider the proposal to close North Harrow Library. Closure will have a serious detrimental effect on the local community. It will also lead to a further decline of the North Harrow Town Centre.”

RESOLVED: That the petition be received and, once validated, be referred to Council.

(4) Bob Lawrence Library – Petition Against Closure

Angela Hook presented an ‘Open Letter’ from the Bob Lawrence Library Campaign Team, signed by 24 people representing schools, community and charity organisations, authors and elected community leaders, outlining the community values of the Library by making specific reference to educational values and its provision as a Community Centre and Social Hub.

RESOLVED: That the ‘Open Letter’ be received and assimilated with the petition at (1) above which was being referred to Council.

(5) Save Bob Lawrence Library – Safe Learning Zone

On behalf of the children of Stag Lane Junior School, Nikhil Dev, a Year 2 pupil, presented a petition consisting of 140 letters in the form of drawings, including posters, explaining why the Bob Lawrence Library should be saved and kept open, including the learning values that the library provided.

RESOLVED: That the petition be received and be received and assimilated with the petition at (1) above which was being referred to Council.