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FOR CROYDON CENTRAL

Cllr Toni Letts
Chair of the Planning Committee
c/o Town Hall
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Ref 19/01818/FUL: 20-28 George Street Croydon CR0 1PA

Dear Cllr Letts,

I am writing to you out of serious concern for an application that has been submitted to Croydon Council to redevelop the first floor of the Carers Support Centre on George Street.

The proposed changes would mean that the Carers Information Service staff who work on the first floor, including two advice workers, two Carer's Assessment Workers and four other members of staff, would need to relocate to the existing meeting room space downstairs, where they currently run wellbeing events and workshops. A number of local charities supporting carers and vulnerable people would also need to find new offices elsewhere.

What would the changes mean for carers?

- There would no longer be enough space to run many of the carer wellbeing activities
- They could no longer run information sessions, such as their Education, Health and Care Plan Workshops for parents and carers of a child with special educational needs
- They could no longer run self-development and wellbeing skills workshops for carers, such as Managing Stress and Managing Sleep
- There would be no space for carer support groups, such as the Learning From Loss bereavement group and other carer support groups that meet there
- There would be more limited space for Carer's Assessments and advice surgeries.

Such drastic changes would mean less support for Croydon's carers, who already contribute £654 million each year to the local economy. The Carers Support Centre would no longer be a central hub carer services, as it was set up to be by Croydon Council and the Whitgift Foundation – of which you are a former trustee.

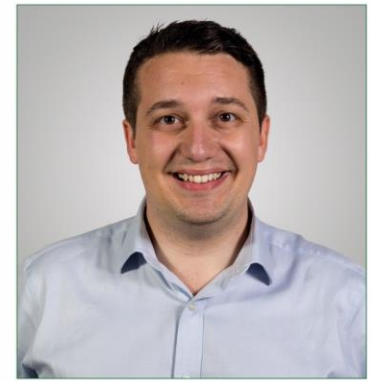
If this application goes ahead Croydon would be losing a valuable community facility, benefiting the health and wellbeing of Croydon's 33,000 carers.

Please do everything in your power to halt this deeply damaging planning application in the heart of our borough.

Kind Regards,

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