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Recipient: Scottish Borders Council

Letter: Greetings,

Save Kelso's playparks!

# Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Amanda Middlemiss	UK	2019-06-21	"The children need these play parks. They are well used x"
Laura Whellans	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Most of these parks give younger kids somewhere to play right at their front doors, safely in view of their parents, without having to cross any of the very busy roads in town. If decommissioned, children would only have access to a play park if and when parents could take them to the town centre."
Wendy richardson	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"I disagree with this decision, you all had them growing up, the new kids need the same pleasure."
Jennifer Fairbairn	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"My kids access at least 2 of these parks on a weekly basis. Kids need parks and especially parks near their homes."
Heather Freeland cook	Yetholm, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Children need safe, outside parks to play, not iPads!"
K Stuart	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"One of the parks affected by this my little boy and his cousin regularly use as well as many other children around about it in the housing scheme's, as well as all the other parks that are affected they could be all some children have around them and cant get down to shedden park or another one, such a shame that the children have to have to miss out and be penalised when the majority of the parks listed are used all the time by kids"
Catherine Bauer	Grennlaw, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"When sbc claim to encourage children to spend more time active and outdoors - this makes sense at all!"
Samantha Douglas	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"We need our parks to keep children from indoors, iPads, screens and computers!! We should be encouraging outdoor play!! Losing these amenities is unacceptable when the council are investing thousands on iPads!!"
David Kilpatrick	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Please don't decommission these. Look at Ali Hay's initiative with the skate park, think of your responsibilities and resources, and compare it with voluntary work. You should be committed to maintaining play parks and expanding all kinds of play and sport, or cultural, activities for children and families. Ultimately these producing a net saving for the council in many other areas, through improved physical and mental health, family relationships and appreciation of the town environment and the services the council provides."
Sue Guthrie	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Small children need local play parks near their houses where they can safely play and parents can keep an eye on them."
Susan Molyneux	Duns, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Children need playparks ..always have, always will, and near to home"

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Diane Hogarth	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"It's disgusting"
jacqueline anderson	Gordon, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"I have Grandchildren in Kelso they play at the parks all the time!"
steph canning	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Not much for kinds these days unreal what they thinking"
Jane Jackson	Edinburgh, UK	2019-06-21	"My kids use the ones close to our home."
Karen Young	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"My kids use the one at orchard park when they are at their granny's also the one at meadow court as it's close to home!!"
Brieghe Walker	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Kids need a nice place to play and safe place x"
Kayleigh Davidson	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"My kids love the park where we live in orchard park it's the heart of the community!!! The council clearly don't have kids or sense to be taking playparks away! And why? To save money!!! Bunch o t***s!!!"
Hollie Hogarth	Kelso, UK	2019-06-21	"It would be such a shame to get rid of any of theses parks. As most of them are well used by kids."
Michelle Louise Pratley	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"I'm signing this because kids need small parks near there homes to play in, instead of being attached to phones, ipads and TV etc. Kids need to be kids and parks are the way!"
Val Dunn	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Kids need play parks so please reconsider."
Sara Boulton	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Smaller children should have access to areas to play close to their homes"
Veronica Sullivan	Kelso, England, UK	2019-06-21	"These little parks are great for the little ones near by you can't take that away from them"
Helen Sewell	Perth, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"It is important that small children can safely play near their homes"
Harriet Manning	Blairgowrie, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"It takes too long to walk to Shedden Park for a quick play before dinner. The small ones are quick and easy to get to for 10 mins on the swings. I thought we were trying to encourage kids to play outdoors- how can taking their parks away be a good idea?!"
Peter gillespie	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Because I grew up, in Kelso and know that the 'smaller' ( less fancy ) green spaces - near to where you live are more important and safer places to play ( often within calling distance of the family - hugely important in todays age)"
Lesley Riseam	Kirk Yetholm, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Local play parks are more important than one centralised one far from where families live . Council should look at the

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			School roles information re the distribution of the youngest children and family housing ."
KERRIE GRANT	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"These parks are still used by younger children as close to there homes !! Not fair to deprive them of there play park"
Matthew Storey	Edinburgh, UK	2019-06-21	"I have toddlers who use these small parks already with supervision and in a few years will hopefully play there with there friends, like other younger children do now"
Matthew Storey	Edinburgh, UK	2019-06-21	"What will happen to these areas if they are decommissioned? My guess is they will become waste ground and eyesores, potentially being used by fly tippers and causing a health hazard"
Margaret hill	Roxburgh, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Removing play parks and forcing children to play on the street is not in the best interests of the child. Shame on you 💎"
Sandra Turnbull	Scottish Borders, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"S Turnbull"
Russet Turnbull	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Kids enjoy parks and they are great fun for them. They should not be taken away."
fiona black	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"I regularly take my grandchildren to 3 of the parks that's facing closure. they're all within walking distance of there homes and will be a big blow to us if closed. one park is not big enough to accommodate all the kids in the town. we need all the smaller local parks so our kids can play safely near their homes. whoever came up with this ridiculous idea needs their P45"
June Regulski	Kelso, UK	2019-06-21	"Not all children can go to Shedden park to play as they are not old enough. !!"
Shona McCreddie	Galashiels, UK	2019-06-21	"My granddaughters love to play in the park and we should do all we can to encourage outdoor play."
Heather Waddell	Kelso, UK	2019-06-21	"These small play parks are used and loved daily by many of the children in Kelso. It's not always feasible for children to travel further afield to Sheddon Park. We should be continuing to encourage our children outside and playing and away from screens as much as possible, taking away parks which are still in use daily is absurd in a country with growing child obesity rates."
Robin Patterson	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"I have a grandson who uses some of these parks"
Debby Brotherston	Falkirk, UK	2019-06-21	"My children use these parks. Where are they meant to play?!"
Daniel Basak	Galashiels, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Children need a safe place to play."

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naomi johnston	Newtownards, Northern Ireland, UK	2019-06-21	"My children love going to one of these parks every time they are at their grandparents. It's far safer for younger children than having to go all the way down to Shedden Park, which they would not be allowed to do alone."
JOYCE LYALL	Edinburgh, UK	2019-06-21	"kids need little playparks"
Anne Howieson	Scottish Borders, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Please reconsider children need a safe place to play ."
Moirra Henderson	Kelso, UK	2019-06-21	"Bloody ridiculous, closing then will cause more problems in the long run 💎💎"
Lee Pettitt	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"These small parks in kelso should be revamped and improved not decommissioned by the constantly failing SBC. Surely the council should be encouraging young children to use the already minimal facilities on their doorsteps not taking them away. Advice to SBC: STOP DEMINISHING PUBLIC AMENITIES TO FUND THE IPAD FOR EVERY CHILD PROJECT, SO THEY CAN BECOME TECH SAVVY. WE LIVE IN THE LEAST TECH SAVVY AREA IN THE UK! TELL ME, AT WHAT COMPANY IN THE BORDERS WILL OUR CHILDREN USE THEIR NEW TECH SAVVY SKILLS???"
Patrick Carrick	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"It's a disgrace that councils can consider closing playgrounds when the parents need to keep their children active."
julie mclean	Galashiels, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Our play parks are very important, our children need access to outdoor facilities and they should not be taken away to save money. I am a childminder and use play parks everyday, they are important to children for accessing their community and for socialising and having exercise."
Fiona Chippendale	Kinross, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"I may not have young children now but they loved these play parks"
Celia Whellans	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"We need those play parks so that kids have some where safe and that it's closer to home so that we no where they are too"
tom davidson	Coldstream, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Totally disgusts me the way this tory council is penny pinching these days"
Simon Potter	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Cutting childhood obesity is perhaps a tad more important than money spent by SBC subsidising Apples corporate greed!"
Andrew Brunton	Kelso, UK	2019-06-21	"We should refuse to pay council tax"
Debbie Marie Thomson	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"All 3 of my daughters use the play park right opposite my house daily and so do all the children in our court. Shame on you for wanting to take them away... All because you would rather spend money on things that kids can't enjoy and take away their happiness and safety."

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Megan Mcneish	Glasgow, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"Im signing this petition because the kelso parks have hundreds of memories and shouldnt be took away and kids need psrks aswell"
Gillian Shapley	Rotorua, New Zealand	2019-06-22	"Kids playing outside is SO important for their development"
Carra williamson	Glasgow, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"I think that child should be able to go to parks to play and meet other children this is how they learn and are able to share with others plus they are not stuck in doors and playing computer games all the time. Think it's awful that the parks are getting taken away from these young children."
Louise Lodge	Kelso, UK	2019-06-22	"My children love our local play parks as do so many others we know. Its the first steps to young children enjoying the outdoors and is exercise while having fun!"
Elaine Dawson	Canada	2019-06-22	"Played in many o these parks when growing up, we are supposed be encouraging keep fit not discouraging with kids 💎💎💎"
Steve Onley	Kelso, UK	2019-06-23	"Kids need to be outside playing"
Stephen Smith	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-23	"Children need to be safe and these play parks are essential."
Karen Little	Cumnock, Scotland, UK	2019-06-23	"Absolutely ridiculous this would even be considered. We are trying to encourage our children to engage in outdoor play with less screen time to improve health and wellbeing. Sometimes I wonder who on earth makes these things up!!!!"
Patricia Grierson	Gattonside, Scotland, UK	2019-06-23	"SBC are completely hopeless at managing our money."
Eilidh Porrelli	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-23	"SBC can afford to give £16 million of public money to Apple for Ipads and classroom tv's but there's no money for the upkeep of outdoor spaces for children? Flies against all policy of encouraging greater levels of activity in our children."
Shirley Smith	Earlston, Scotland, UK	2019-06-23	"Children should be encouraged to play outdoors, these play parks are beneficial especially to younger children."
John Weierter	Haddington, Scotland, UK	2019-06-23	"My kids enjoyed the Kelso playparks and so have my grandchildren. Often they changed a dull day into a day of delight. I would be dismayed if the next generation could not enjoy the same delight while developing their confidence and motor skills."
steve turnbull	jedburgh, Scotland, UK	2019-06-23	"We need these parks for the kids"

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			memories of my childhood and if there is park where the kids going to play"
Jonathan Dryden	Falkirk, UK	2019-06-22	"O"
Mary Gammie	Galashiels, UK	2019-06-22	"Kids should have access to the outdoors. Why are they trying to stop kids having fun. Should be promoting play parks."
Kathleen Kerr	earlston, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"I'm just gobsmacked that they can take these parks away from the bairns"
Katie Warnock	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"My child uses the park at Springwood Rise every day. In the current climate of trying to encourage children to move more and be attached to electronics less, this proposal sounds ludicrous. Please don't decommission the parks."
elspeth neal	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"I live in Kelso and the parks are such an important part of the local childrens life. With polititions going on about childhood obesity its a bit of a cheek to then shut the parks down!"
JO Kemp	Edinburgh, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"Children's play parks are part of childhood. It is a reason to go out for a walk, especially these days when children want to stay indoors to play - a trip to the park is a fun treat and a motivation to play outdoors."
craig Hogarth	kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"Scottish borders council have a nerve ."
Stuart Mackenzie	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"Kids need as many opportunities as possible to use their imagination in play. These play parks provide something different than what they have in their garden (if they have a garden) and they are within easy reach of home."
Sean Connor	Croydon, UK	2019-06-22	"It's not the kids fault the government spends all our tax money irresponsibly."
Zeth Gardner	Galashiels, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"My young daughter lives in the borders and shutting down the parks will negatively affect her and her friends development"
Jason Ramage	Grantham, England, UK	2019-06-22	"I used to live in Kelso and I know how important the parks are. We should be encouraging the kids to play outside before they become the PlayStation generation."
David Cross	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"It's an absolute disgrace on all levels..preaching about obesity and health care then removing these parks is diabolical..this Tory led council which I myself voted for is a complete and utter farce ..never again."
Lorna Smith	South Queensferry, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"I'm signing this because your intending to shut two parks used by my 6 year old granddaughter and it's a disgrace"

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Simon Beeley	Huddersfield, England, UK	2019-06-21	"Children need good places to play outdoors"
Danielle Marr	Galashiels, Scotland, UK	2019-06-21	"Kids need a safe environment to play and interact with others."
Lisa Wakenshaw	Berwick-upon-Tweed, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"Children need playparks it's a safe place to get rid of their energy."
pattie allan	Coldstream, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"The kids have very little to do as it is and all kids need a swing park"
Joanna Stewart	Stichill, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"Play parks are what child hood memories are made of. Fun, exciting, discovery, exercise and where friendships are made. Getting rid of play parks would be detrimental to communities in so many ways."
Alexandra Bartram	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"I am signing because I have 2 children who visit kelso's parks regularly"
Morag Higgins	Eyemouth, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"Children need play areas"
Debbie Forster	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"We need more opportunities not less for children to get outside and play."
Louise Cleminson	Penrith, England, UK	2019-06-22	"I'm signing because, we use Kelso park when we visit my family. The kids, and their cousins love it. Parks are a wonderful place for children to run about, have fun and feel free especially if they dont have a garden at home."
Ann Stephen	Duns, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"Children must have somewhere to play other than the street."
Steven David Patterson	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"My kids love a trip to a park of any size, stop taking and start giving."
Helen Cuthers	Camberwell, UK	2019-06-22	"These are still a very valuable resource - leave them be..."
Eva Douglas	Galashiels, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"It is essential that we encourage children to spend time playing and exploring outside and provide safe facilities and areas, close to their homes in order to do this."
Paula Graham	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"We need to invest in our children, give them the best start we can. They are the future after all."
Lynsey Mcharg	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-22	"play is essential for a child's development, limiting opportunities for our children will be detrimental to overall wellbeing"
Nick Whiteley	UK	2019-06-22	"We regularly use these parks"
samarah davidson	Nantwich, UK	2019-06-22	"I'm signing this because I have a park in my neighbourhood And it's getting knocked down and I am really sad about it because in the park are so many



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Mark Dodyk	Edinburgh, Scotland, UK	2019-06-23	"Free play is vitally important to the healthy physical and mental development of children and young people. Denying children the right to play is cruel."
Karen Loch	Galashiels, Scotland, UK	2019-06-23	"So where are all the children supposed to go?"
Emma baxter	Berwick-upon-Tweed, Scotland, UK	2019-06-24	"I travel all over the Scottish Borders to let my 3 children play in all our beautiful towns playpark a!"
Stephen Tees	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-24	"This is NOT how to save money SBC. Children's physical and mental health is so important. The larger parks are great but we don't want parents to drive there. A small local park is great for meeting friends who live nearby."
David Payne	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-24	"Playparks are a key element in children's development; from physical development, to exploration and even social interaction. Don't get rid of them!"
Nancy McAulay	Glasgow, Scotland, UK	2019-06-24	"These parks are the start for many younger children to experience fun outside instead of being entertained by a television. It's also a good start to be able to make friends through play learning them good social skills."
Gail Chandler	Jedburgh, UK	2019-06-24	"We need to keep play areas close to where wee ones live, so Mums and Dads, Nanas and Papas can walk with them to their park and not use a car!"
Christine Dodge	Brentwood, England, UK	2019-06-24	"Play is central to emotional and physical well being. Children need safe spaces to explore, take risks and develop physical skills and emotional wellbeing. Restricting access to play parks is storing up problems for the future. This is an extremely short sighted response putting finances ahead of the well being of the new generation."
Eric Falconer	Galashiels, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"We have a Council with a very bizarre set of priorities."
Sandy Watson	Coldstream, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Playparks provide an opportunity for parents and children to be outdoors together in, hopefully, a safe environment and one that is close to where they live. It is something they can do together to release energy and perhaps relieve some of the pressures of the often humdrum and busy life of work and school. So, benefits in health and well-being."
Izabella Taylor	Glasgow, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Families need spaces"
Cheryl Shoemaker	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-26	"Our park is under threat and my kids love that park..."
Gillian Jackson	Kelso Roxburghshire, Scotland, UK	2019-06-26	"Please keep your parks and maintain them for the children"

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Jenny Coombs	Saint Boswells, Scotland, UK	2019-06-27	"Play parks are essential for young children"
Marie Thomson	Eyemouth, Scotland, UK	2019-06-27	"I'm signing because my grandchildren love playing in their local playpark and they are safe and happy playing there away from traffic"
Danielle Bodkin	Kelso, UK	2019-06-28	"Smaller kids cant get to the bigger parks safely alone without crossing major busy roads. These smaller parks are essential and very much used and loved."
Lisa Smith	Galashiels, Scotland, UK	2019-06-28	"Because kids need place to play"
Sarah Dickson	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-28	"These parks encourage children to play outside somewhere safe."
Craig Dickson	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-28	"I think play parks are vital to get children outside and playing, a great social and physical benefit. The council could cut back in many other ways rather than this."
Deana Thackeray	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-06-29	"Ali Hay raised money for a skate park for the kids of Kelso to have somewhere safe to play Then the council want to shut all the little parks It's disgusting"
norma wood	borders, Scotland, UK	2019-07-01	"I'm signing this petition because play parks, large and small are very important to all the townspeople and beyond. There are so many other areas where savings can be made I.e. upper management within the council. They clearly haven't a clue what they're doing. Middle management are every bit as bad, having no integrity by being 'yes' people to those already mentioned. I'm bloody sick of all the corruption that goes on these days. DO NOT CLOSE THE PLAY PARKS."
JULie Seymour	Kelso, Scotland, UK	2019-07-05	"Kids need safe spaces. Angers me!"