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Letter: Greetings,

STOP Scottish Borders Council Closing Playparks

Name	Location	Date	Comment
David Cross	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Absolutely disgraceful decision by this totally inept Tory led council who have had my last vote on the back of their shambolic handling of almost everything they touch ."
Gabrielle murray	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"The playparks encourage outdoor play in a life now full of iPads and computer consoles"
Alison Clarkson	Gateshead, UK	2019-06-25	"It's a disgrace!!!"
allan moffst	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"We need our parks"
brian warnock	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"SBC Are not fit for Purpose. First they target the elderly now the young while paying huge amounts to ex employees"
Kathleen Pringle	North Shields, England, UK	2019-06-25	"I have grandchildren who use these play parks and we are doing all we, can to get kids outside to play and closing play parks are not going to help this matter."
Amy Vosper	Westminster, UK	2019-06-25	"There is very little for young kids to do in Hawick without taking away play parks, absolute disgrace"
D Anderson	carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, UK	2019-06-25	"Kids need to be kids, they need to PLAY , not confined in 'organised' group activities or fantasy electronic games."
Anne Adams	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"We need all the play parks we have"
kathryn Walsh	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Kids need parks!!!"
Paul Waumsley	Morton, England, UK	2019-06-25	"Kids need play areas."
Jean Newman	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Children need these play areas both for exercise and fun"
Lesley Hogg	Walsall, UK	2019-06-25	"My grandkids n their friends need the fairhurst drive/Wilson drive park made safe to at. Its derelict. Scrap the ipads n other things council waste money on xxx"
linda corcoran	MELROSE, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Because i think play parks are more important to kids than ipads!!!!"
Julie Herbert	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Kids need somewhere to play and let off steam"
Elizabeth Reid	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Children already spend too much time indoors, without play parks where will they go to spend time outdoors?"
Jane Henderson	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Safe areas for them to play in this day and age....."

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Julie Hmamly	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Against closer of the smaller parks"
Karen Readhead	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Children need somewhere safe to play. If they close smaller parks it may be deemed dangerous for children to go further afield by crossing busy roads to get to an available park."
Bob Brown	Kinlochewe, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Health being a major issue, playparks are often the only outdoor activity kids get."
Susan Darcy	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Get voting, kids need space to play and be kids!"
Laura Melville	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Kids need to have safe space to play, how can it be good for them to take away parks??"
Claire Lawton	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Play parks are vitally important for children and access to them on the estates are much needed, not everyone can get to the other side of town to go to Wilton park. Sleepy valley park and other parks around Hawick are just as vital."
Gill Francombe	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"We should be encouraging our young children to be outside playing in the fresh air instead of being stuck indoors watching TV, or playing computer games as is the case nowadays. Playparks teach children social skills as well as being beneficial to their health and well-being."
Jacqueline Riddell	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Because children and parents need these small local parks. They say that children don't get enough exercise what better way than to play and have fun with other children you're taking everything away from the young and older people.."
Tracy Wood	Leighton Buzzard, England, UK	2019-06-25	"I used to live in Hawick and have cousins there. The parks are wonderful places to go and play. I loved them when I was there. Don't close them!"
Lesley Fraser	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Children should be encouraged to play outside in a safe place. Closing these parks takes these safe places, close to their homes away. By closing these parks you increase the risk of children getting knocked over as they will need to cross busy roads to get to the alternatives. Also it is likely to increase anti social behaviour, with kids wandering further away from home, and supervision, and running the risk of getting caught up with groups who cause trouble or bully."
Roy Cook	Hawick, UK	2019-06-25	"Disgusted at the thought of the council taking away anything for the youngsters of the town as there is very little for them as it is and should not have to travel to enjoy playing outside. There are so many people complaining about youngsters being on xbox machines etc... are they seriously thinking of taking away an outside leisure facility to force kids into their bedrooms."
Amanda Hamilton	Hawick, UK	2019-06-25	"Kids need outdoor safe places to play.. And we have a childhood obesity crisis 廊"

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Lynn Ramage	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Find this a ridiculous idea to get rid of so many playparks when we should be encouraging children outside to explore and play while building confidence and learn to cope with risks and make friendships."
jordan manning	HAWick, UK	2019-06-25	"Our wee street play ground is so well used, i cant believe they are considering this when we do all the maintenance, disgusted by this decision when we are battling against the screens."
Kevin Elliot	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Outraged how are young kids ment to get to the parks that are further away if their local park is closed. Oh I forgot they will just have to get fat and play x boxes or sit on I pads"
Karen Lammie	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"I use the parks every day with my kids, rain hail or shine, keep the parks!"
Paul Chetwynd	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"The poor kids have supposedly nothing to do already in the Scottish Borders, so don't take the parks away,.If they were maintained to a good standard in the first place, they would not end up in the sorry state they are in."
Siobhon Walby	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Getting rid of children's playparks is a joke. There's already not very much for them in this town and they wonder why kids just hang about the streets causing mayhem"
Ruth Murray	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Our play parks are essential to the well being of our young people. They must be saved."
Kym Mackenzie	Hawick, UK	2019-06-25	"If the Borders have the highest rate of obese children in the UK we need to promote active play, outdoor exploration and give kids freedom locally not across the busy roads...iPads will not do this. Sort out the budgets, increase staffing to share the heavy workloads to maintain these parks & sort out priorities... to invest in the future of this awesome region! Learning starts with play!"
Vanessa McClure	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"I just don't understand why they'd do this!! There's not enough for young kids to do without taking away parks that are already there. There parks are a necessity. I wouldn't be able to cope with my children and their energy levels if we did not have our parks to let them run and play off some steam! Please don't do it!!!"
Eileen Davies	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-26	"I actually find this hard to believe. Closing children's playparks?? When we're trying to encourage outdoor play for so many reasons??"
Lesley Johnston	Edinburgh, Scotland, UK	2019-06-26	"We have an obesity crisis, children are failing to develop physicall, they can't take risks or learn resilience. It's time to invest in our young people."
barry armstrong	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-26	"If they can waste money on a tapestry that we don,t want they can find money to keep play parks open ,what's kids gan to do during school holidays ,cause bother?"

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Lynsey Neilson	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-26	"I think it would be a total shame to close parks for our kids as there isn't much more in Hawick for kids to do on a lovely summers day. My kids love going to the park and I know they would Defo be upset in the parks were to close."
Elaine Smith	Edinburgh, UK	2019-06-26	"Every child loves a play park, every adult has great memories of play parks. Play parks are essential. (I'm originally from Hawick and still have family there)"
Suzanne dalglish	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-26	"Utter disgrace, our family regularly use 3 of the play parks that risk possible closure. At anyone time we have children's and adults of all ages gaining a positive experience using these facilities, please save!"
ger hunter	hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-26	"They are well used and needed"
Ann Gallagher	UK	2019-06-26	"We want to keep the play parks so that the children can enjoy outside play"
Greg Fordyce	UK	2019-06-26	"Kids should have more places to play, not less."
David Lauder	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-26	"All kids need a playpark local to where they stay. The larger parks are great but are in some cases miles from home and kids have to be accompanied in most cases. Keep parks local and get kids outside."
Susan Heatley	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-26	"All children deserve to have a safe environment to play in close to theirhome."
Elizabeth Robertson	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-26	"When are these crucial cutbacks going to end, and that's typical on these Scottish Borders when the person that's working from the top is conservative and people whom voted for this nasty political party has to reap what they sow by voting for these cutbacks and who does it affect once again the poor, vulnerable and this country's future Generation our children. 💎"
Joe Fox	Grantham, England, UK	2019-06-26	"Fit and clever kids are our investment in their future which must be preserved!"
s gillespie	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-26	"It's absolutely ridiculous! These play parks are the ONLY places that some kids can go to. Nevermind though, they'll just have to wander the streets eh?!"
Caroline Smith	Chesters, Scotland, UK	2019-06-26	"Play parks give children a communal play space to exercise and interact socially and safely."
james colin molloy	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-26	"These Parks are part of our heritage"
Julia Templeman	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-26	"Kids need space to play SAVE OUR PARKS!! Scrap the tapestry....."

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MICHELLE RABBITT	Scottish borders, UK	2019-06-26	"Kids today need parks to play how dare the council take thwm away"
Fiona Macpherson	Newtown Saint Boswells, Scotland, UK	2019-06-26	"We have the same issue in Newtown....we need to join together and fight for our kids playtime"
enid watson	Rotherham, England, UK	2019-06-27	"My relatives little girl uses one of these parks almost every day"
Miranda Whellans	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-27	"I am signing because I take my kids to play parks as I live in a flat with no grass area at my flat and when I take my kids to the park it gives them a chance to run around and burn off steam"
Russell Bouglas	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-27	"It's a very long time since I used the play parks, but seriously SBC the next generation need places to go exercise and have so fun. Some of my happiest childhood memories are of pl"
Chris Atkin	Spennymoor, England, UK	2019-06-27	"Kids need play parks"
Christine Kyle	UK	2019-06-27	"Children need to play outside to stay healthy and to socialise with other children. They should NOT be indoors on iPads!"
John Paton Day	Gordon, Scotland, UK	2019-06-27	"Its a no brainer."
Hazel Cameron	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-27	"We need to keep our children active, there is already far too great a sedentary lifestyle among our younger generations. What signal are we giving out, every child to be given an iPad but we can't afford to maintain our play parks. There has to be a way found to keep these playareas."
Margot Montgomerie	Galashiels, Scotland, UK	2019-06-27	"I grew up in Earlston & used the playparks that are to close . Now my friends kids use them. The new fancy playparks are good but the small ones need to stay too. What if you don't drive / cannot afford to travel to harestanes etc? The small ones encourage kids to gain independence and getting outdoors supports them (and their parents) mental & physical health. Please keep them ."
Keith Douglas-Hogg	Scottish Borders, UK	2019-06-27	"Play parks have been a huge part in many a child's journey in life, they build outdoor skills, confidence and social skills, fundamental to kids. I have no idea why the authority would want to dispose of these, a sad day for many generations to come if these facilities are removed."
Jane Smith	Chesham, England, UK	2019-06-27	"Play areas should be extended. They are great for mums and kids."
Angela Reid	Hawick, UK	2019-06-27	"Can't believe how wrong the council have this, swapping play parks for iPads!! We need to keep kids outside playing in a safe place.... like a play park!"

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John Stewart	Tranent, Scotland, UK	2019-06-27	"Play parks are essential to our children's health and well being"
Adrian Randles	London, UK	2019-06-27	"It important kid have some where to play"
cheryl taylor	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-28	"It's important to be able to get our kids outside to play. Not everyone can get to wilton Lodge Park with ease and it seems that it is being over run by teenagers anyway. The last time I was at the big park it was mobbed with big kids our local park is a safe area where we can play and have never had an issue with antisocial behaviour."
Laura McMichan	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-28	"We should be encouraging children to play outside. What message is this sending to our children if we take all the small parks away. Money constantly spent in all the wrong places."
Wilma Rule	Scotland, Scotland, UK	2019-06-28	"I disagree with taking money from the bairns' playparks whilst wasting money on a tapestry and tablets for schools."
sandra Brown	Edinburgh, Scotland, UK	2019-06-28	"Omg what next. It all the kids have left. Let them be"
Frances Russell	Hawick, UK	2019-06-28	"We're trying to encourage children to play outside and keep fit and healthy"
Linda Henderson	Denholm, Scotland, UK	2019-06-28	"I grew up with this playpark my children grew up with this playpark it has always been a part of ashloaning and should remain so for the children of today."
June Wilson	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-29	"The money would be better spent on playparks than on iPads, kids need somewhere to play and use their imagination rather than look a screens all day."
Caroline Hamilton	Hawick, UK	2019-06-30	"Children need somewhere safe to play if that means running about or at swing park. More importantly it is not safe to cross busy roads to get to one swing park from your home, the distances involved are unreasonable. The council should do proper risk assessments ask people children and parents what they would like. We need to get moving increasing physical activity is one of fairer Scotland's goals"
lynsey bouglas	HAWICK, Scotland, UK	2019-06-30	"Think its ridiculous that because we got a new playpark at wilton lodge park all the other parks in hawick have to shut that wasnt pointed out at the time 💎💎💎💎"
Kerry Mcelrath	Luton, UK	2019-06-30	"My daughter uses this park. I really think this is rediculace!! You waste all our money on a bloody tapestry!! Take away thinks that kids and family actually use!!!!!! 💎郎"
moira birney	scotland, Scotland, UK	2019-06-30	"how about getting rid of the ipads and getting children outside in the fresh air instead of sitting on there ipads or computers , if you get rid of parks our children wont want to go outside , children need somewhere safe to play"

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Lorna Davies	Hawick, UK	2019-07-03	"This is ridiculous! Kids should be encouraged to play outside! That's where I had the most fun and made the best memories!"
Elaine Lunn	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-07-05	"In this digital age we need to do all we can to encourage children to play outdoors!"
Ruth Reynolds	Invercargill, New Zealand	2019-07-06	"Ruth Reynolds"
Sandra Huffadine	Invercargill, New Zealand	2019-07-06	"Children learn by playing. You can't play if there's no playgrounds."
George Thomson	Wilton Dean, Scotland, UK	2019-07-06	"It is a total disgrace and a nonsense.. SBC priorities are sadly misguided!"
Annette Veitch	Jedburgh, Scotland, UK	2019-07-09	"Many parents do not have cars to take children to the big parks and the end of the small play parks will disadvantage these children."
Lawrence Marshall	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-08-13	"Its simply wrong to deny kids of their playparks"

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Stuart Oliver	Hawick, UK	2019-06-25	"Mind boggling this is even a consideration. Vintage SBC."
Cathy Courtney	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"This is not right!"
Ruth thornburn	Galashiels, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"There's not enough to do in the region as is don't take away a simple park too"
Pearl Lauder	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Our play park is well used ~ there has never been so many kids in the street ~ SBC have never cut the grass this is always been cut by the residents"
Lynne Cook	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"The council should have outlined that these plans were a direct result of the redevelopment of bigger playparks. There's no debate that the work done has benefitted bigger parks greatly, but there is also a need in the local community for smaller Play parks. The decision to close them was not made clear from the beginning!!!!"
Shaunna Read	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"We need these playparks kept up to date or even revamped not condemned. Kids should have plenty safe outdoor spaces to play & we should be encouraging them to do so. Too many kids sit indoors watching tv, playing xbox or hunched over ipads. If these play parks are taken away more kids will spend more time indoors potentially becoming lonely, isolated & in some cases overweight through lack of active play. Save our play parks!!!"
morven brown	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Local play parks allow kids to be out playing independently. It's n8y always possible to take them to the bigger parks."
shona dickson dickson	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Bairns don't participate enough in outdoor activity, hence a ride in juvenile obesity, so why take play parks , away council should be encouraging kids to go"
Lesley Birney	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"we need to protect outside spaces for children , one minute it's in the planning of new developments that they have to be there then next minute we can't afford them. i'd like to see the costings and know what they are going to do with the land if they can't afford the up keep."
dale greenlees	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Council is a jokePlayparks are the Best thing for kidsOutside in the fresh air"
David Chapman	Hawick, UK	2019-06-25	"The council need to be challenged on matters like this !"
Rebecca Anderson	Hawick, Scotland, UK	2019-06-25	"Play parks are an essential part of every community and important for kids social skills and physical fitness!!Improve them don't remove them!!!"