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Positive impacts on children
I am neurodivergent. Haringey pays scant regards to the delivery of the Equality Act . The phrase reasonable adjustments is hardly ever stated or acted upon !
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Given tough circumstances, it is expected that housing will become a bigger challenge for most, as will mental health. So those most vulnerable will suffer the most, although it is hard to know how to do differently given lack of funding.
The proposed shift to self-service technology and volunteer run libraries means digital exclusion for sections of the population. I see no evidence of equality impact assessment in these proposals. Also, as I understand it, there will be no toilet facilities in the proposed set-up. Again this is an exclusionary proposal which will have a negative impact across the age range and for disabled people.
Cutting libraries negatively impacts on a wide spectrum of residents especially those who are poorer, vulnerable and/or socially isolated. I assume you will be carrying out full EQIA's in conjunction with a proper consultation process not one that was hastily thrown together deliberately to clash with xmas and new year?
Closing the library in the morning will have a disproportionate impact on (parents with) young children
NEGATIVE IMPACT Library cuts/closures will affect the poorest, the youngest, parents and young children school children, old people, pregnant women, people with mental health issues, students, ethnic minorities and women the most. Low income/zero hours library workers.
n/a
Your proposal to cut library resources will impact the elderly, ethnic minority groups and those on maternity.
Reduction in library hours and staff will affect parents , old people and the people with unsafe or no homes who need a safe space during the day.
They will clearly have a negative impact on specific groups in greatest need. That would be expected to be the elderly and those with disabilities who tend to be of lower incomes in London so more reliant on these services.
Your proposals to reduce library hours and remove librarians disproportionately affect and have a negative impact on elderly people (age discrimination) who are more likely to use the library during the day (retired / feel more vulnerable being out in the evening if its dark). Also, your proposals to cut library staff and introduce more self service again disproportionately affect and have a negative impact on elderly people (age discrimination) as they are less likely to be able to use self service machines.
S11 will be most negative on elderly with dementia. S12 with be most negative on elderly with disabilities. And those with dementia or mental health problems without a relative to manage their budget. Others all discriminate but no space on this form. S19 and 20 will discriminate on age. Libraries are most used by children and elderly. S21 will most affect elderly as group most likely to read paper newspapers. S26 will discriminate against those with children or living on those streets affected. S28 will discriminate against elderly and children who most need these leisure facilities to keep healthy.

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S10 will discriminate against men who sleep with men due to a higher STI incidence in this group S17 will discriminate against those with mental health problems who cannot represent themselves.
As zbove re libraries, you simply must not cut public toilet access - most important for older people. No toilets, they can't go out for long, won't exercise enough, won't manage continenence well, will everntually get sick and need more social care.
Cutting back on community services and resources is having a negative impact on all disadvantaged people
NA
Libraries are the only community resource open to all, e.g. to provide people with a warm place to g in winter, and for mothers with small children.
Cuts to the library service, especially devolving spaces for quiet contemplative moments will have a bigger, negative, impact on a specific group of or groups of residents including those who are unsure of where they can go for shelter and respite.
I feel that S19,20 & 21 will have a negative impact on people protected under age and disability. The library is a place that people go to not just for books, or to use the computer but also for interaction with other people Those with disabilities may find it difficult to use an online service to read a paper, or use a self-issue/return machine, the same with people from an older generation. It is also not fair on these members of the community to restrict the opening hours to later in the day, especially for those who have established routines.
I believe the proposed budget cuts will disproportionately impact those who are more vulnerable to social isolation and economically disadvantaged. Although these aren't listed protected characteristics, we know that those who are disabled, older people, people who are on parental leave are more vulnerable to social isolation.
Have a bigger negative impact on older people. Reduction in library opening hours and proposed introduction of digital by default offer (and upto 40% cut in library staffing) alongside opening hours changing to demographics more likely to benefit from library evening opening.
can't think of any
The Self Service kiosks are creating more harm than help, re: i) bugs in the system causing more people to seek the staff members. The amount of staff computers have been fazed out in favour of said self-service machines and tablets (which pale in comparison to the range of help that computers allow us), it is causing problems in wait lines which have the result of people giving up and leaving with a bad memory of library usage in their wake. ii) the LED screen can be difficult for people with different needs iii) not all books are connected to the tag reader, and even the ones that are, don't always get read on the machines Cutting Staff makes the library less interpersonal. Libraries are not just book hubs, but places where children come to play and learn social skills, teens study and also get taught social skills. Older people that are isolated can have someone to talk to, we are also a warm place, friendly faces.

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Staff can recommend books and genres, they can discuss books with budding readers and writers. The refurbishment of libraries can just be fixing leaking roofs. It doesn't have to be LED lights, hospital like sterilisation and less comfortable seating. Alexandra Park Library's Youth area has been dismantled leaving 4 computers in its wake and no room for teenagers to study. Reducing hours will make it more difficult for people who like coming into libraries when there are less people around. Anxieties about large groups and loud noises. People who struggle with English may prefer the quiet hours to stalk to the staff.
Limiting library hours will have a negative impact on disabled and elderly who generally use libraries in the mornings.
The Library proposals affect children and older people disproportionately. IT also affects single people living on their own who cannot afford wifi.
Overall , the proposed changes would highly favour all members of the borough by reducing expending and ensuring that all members of it can have a job to support themselves, raising taxes for the working people to support parasitic entities that live off the state is not the solution because that will only lead to just quit their job and just claim benefits to live off the state just like others killing all productivity and wealth contribution to society.
Closing smaller libraries or restricting their hours has an impact on elderly people who cannot travel for and also on parents with young children who do not have the money all the time to travel either
N/A
None
No matter what happens, the residents in the east of the borough should be spared from the reduced library hours etc.
reducing library provision will have a negative effect on those residents using the library as a place to go during the day to be warm and dry, these people include parents with young children and older people.
Libraries proposals are more likely to affect young children
I think cuts to the library will have a disproportionate impact on those with disabilities as well as women given the higher proportion of both groups so use the facility.
Your library proposals will almost certainly impact those who lack internet access, and poorer members of the community who use this service and others provided by the library. In many cases these will be people from minority backgrounds including recent arrivals to this country . Women with children and older people will almost certainly lose decent access to an amenity that doesn't expect them to spend money to stay. Having to swipe cards and limited times of opening will further diminish footfall and create less faith in what has, until now, been an excellent service. Losing the expertise and relationships that professional librarians bring to a library will be a disaster for the service and will again impact those from less privileged backgrounds. Volunteer run libraries become little more than book exchange services and often run into difficulties recruiting staff to work the same hours as a professional library service. It is not a sustainable way to run an important service and will almost certainly lead to a running in down in libraries and a subsequent loss of faith in all but the most dedicated users.

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Closing of libraries disproportionately affect the economically disadvantaged and puts them at risk of not being able to afford access to books, Internet etc.
Libray changes will hve aa negative impact on children, elrderly people, people with visual imparemnt and lonely individuals
Cut in library service will negatively effect school children who need to use WiFi for studying
If you reduce the library hours, making them later, the. The pensioners, parents/carers of young children, and disabled will be affected negatively as they often prefer not to come out in the dark.
Reducing library hours etc - libraries are designated “warm places”. Reducing services will negatively impact the poorest in our community. Reducing toilet services in libraries will stop some people (eg elderly or disabled) from being able to use the library
Cuts to library services will disproportionately impact on the elderly and those with disabilities who may struggle to use self-service libraries
Bigger negative impact on children, women, disabled people and young people as libraries will be unsafe and have no open toilets. Bigger negative impact on parents and children as will lose free children's activities in libraries. Big impact on older people who will not have safe warm free to access space with toilets to visit during the day.
Library cuts will have a negative impact on children and unemployed adults
Cuts to library services will impact vulnerable people and those with insecure/ inadequate/ cold homes more than others.
As per my previous answer, unstaffed libraries will be inaccessible to members of vulnerable groups including disabled and elderly people, small children and their parents, and anyone who may feel threatened by an unstaffed and unwelcoming space including those who may be subject to harassment based on race, religion, gender, sexuality or gender reassignment.
The cuts to library services will affect all those groups with protected characteristics.
See above comments which refer to specific groups of people
As mentioned, cutting funding to libraries, reducing opening hours and cutting professionally librarian trained staff will have a negative impact on poorer populations, both adults and children.
Bigger negative impact on poorer families as library access is reduced.
S19 and S20 will have negative impacts, esp.vulnerable groups
Making the libraries self-service and run by volunteers will negatively affect older people, children and those with limited English.
Shutting or reducing the library toilets will affect the ability of children and disabled people to access the education, joy and warmth of the library because they will be unable to stay, and perhaps even unable to visit if they will need the facilities before they go. Cutting the staff will also impact their ability to access services which they need support with.
Reducing the staffed hours in libraries will have a negative impact on all the above groups. It will reduce all the groups and activities that are currently enabled to run in libraries while they are present. It will reduce support to all groups for accessing information, books, IT they need.
The library proposal to make cuts of 31% will have a negative impact on many residents, elderly, vulnerable and disabled people who use the library. Why can't some council services such as social and housing advice centres be held at libraries?
Negative on everyone

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how about a bullet point on negatively impacting on hard working residents who pay your wages
I'm very concerned about the idea of people needing to swipe into libraries. I think this raises issues for a lot of people above including disability groups.
I think closure of libraries will disproportionately affect lower income groups where this is a primary way to access resources such as computers/internet, as well as elderly groups.
Yes - library changes will disproportionately affect young people
I worry that cuts to the library provision will have a greater effect on children and the elderly. The library is a vital way that children access books, and librarians are critical to that. Librarians can also broaden the cultural understanding of the community by ensuring certain books are showcased, ensuring it's not just the same old authors that are accessed. A staffed library is important for women and other protected characteristics who might not feel safe in an unstaffed library.
Libraries support the young, the poor and the lonely (often the elderly) please do not kill them
Libraries are at the heart of the community and provide vital resources for many of the most vulnerable and isolated people. It is impossible to quantify the benefits of a well-run, well-stocked library. Staffing a library with volunteers who don't have the breadth of knowledge and understanding as a well trained librarian is a false economy and having an unstaffed library would be a disaster for so many who rely on that human contact. Please reconsider.
These groups would be negatively impacted by a reduction in library services. Libraries offer a community, support and a source of knowledge and information that people from these groups will need to understand their position in society. The library services are already quite minimal, and further reduction would make these traditionally safe spaces far less safe, especially if the proposal is to have the libraries staff resource withdrawn or reduced.
The proposal to cut library budgets will have a disproportional impact on poorer residents
A good library service will improve the lives of all in these categories
Parents with young children love the local libraries and any closure or restriction of services would negatively impact both parents and children
Yes, the cuts of the LIBRARY SERVICES will have a disproportionate negative impact on the poorest members of society who cannot afford to buy costly books and newspapers. (I understand newspapers are to be cut completely from the library services. Well done, Haringey!) Such people gain an immense amount from access to a wide range of literature. I hope the Councils plans will be highlighted if put into efffect at the next local elections. I for one will be reminding Haringey People - though not through Haringey People as this journal never prints anything negative which might reflect poorly on the Council - possibly because it is a Council reun propaganda sheet.
Leisure and fitness centres and libraries are used by elderly residents not only for fitness and information centres, but also for socialising.
impact on everyone
Library cuts will have a bigger and negative impact on older and disabled residents who may rely on libraries more for reading material, social activity, a warm place etc
Be careful that people with a learning disability are allowed to have their own say in the changes proposed for them. They are so often ignored, and only their carers are asked. They need to like the day centre, or housing, or activity, or care person, that is proposed for them.

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Having less opening hours and unmanned libraries will be detrimental to users of these valuable public space. We should be investing in them rather than running them down.
Maintaining library hours will help all these groups
Library cuts will especially impact people (of any age from pre-school to retired) who need a warm quiet place to study, learn or meet, because their housing is unable to provide this. The library cuts will impact disproportionately people who do not have access to IT at home (or who need help to use it).
The proposed library budget costs will have a bigger negative impact on disabled residents and those residents on low incomes. The libraries are a warm & safe environment which is accessible and welcoming to all people. Reducing access hours will have a disproportionately large impact on those that need it most
I think reduced library hours will have a negative impact on mothers with infants, on the older members of the community and on the unemployed.
The library cuts will directly and disproportionately have a negative impact on the elderly, those with a disability. They will also affect those of low or no income and children.
As I mentioned the selection of books and entertainment classes available at the library are amazing and really made a difference during my maternity leave. It was a great way to access support and meet other mums going through similar things
clearly cutting budgets will have an impact on mothers (maternity) as we were among those that benefited from the library when our children were younger. It'll also disproportionaltely effect the elderly (age) and disabled.
Closing libraries is to the detriment of everyone. Often they have local archives, notice boards that advertise meeting groups. They are places for the lonely. And a warm hub in winter. Not everyone can sit in cafes drinking lattes.
Reducing library functions will disproportionately affect * the young * the poor * those from ethnic minorities as they are likely to be both younger and poorer
I haven't seen the proposals. The link to budget proposals simply takes people to this form! Where's the link to the propsals?
Library cuts will impact negatively on young/old/disabled and nearly all community members.
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I believe reducing hours (depending on the hours) and potentially closing a library will have impact on all but mostly older and younger resident. Elderly use it to read not in insulation and youth uses it to sturdy on groups after school. Children will also be impacted if closed on weekends
I have already criticised the proposals on social needs and on libraries because they will have a bigger negative impact on people with protected characteristics
This is a loaded question. If you want to remove all or any of these services, there is an argument that they have no place in a local council's remit, so remove them and those to whom they apply, will have to look somewhere else. It's agenda laden. If central government is strangling you, then lie down and see what happens.

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Provision of library facilities should target disadvantaged communities most. Safe and quiet places for young people to study; access to the Internet for those who don't have access at home and more
Cutting library finance will impact on young people (students) eg Alexandra park library and older people eg Muswell Hill library
A bigger negative impact
The poor are motlsy affected and could be within any of these groups.
See above
The reduction of library services will impact on younger people, families, older people - all with lower incomes
Reduction of library services funding disproportionately and negatively affects the young. It reduces their access to learning spaces and free resources
Your proposals regarding cutbacks to library opening hours and staffing will disproportionately impact the young and the old, who need the assistance of trained librarians, and who need to have longer access times to the buildings. They would also impact those with disabilities who also require greater assistance and time.
reduction of library services will have a bigger, negative, impact on the elderly, parents with and small children, and those who cannot afford internet access or reading matter independently.
Not sure
Reducing library access, library qualified staff etc. will impact negatively on children, students, immigrants,elderly and low income residents
Older and vulnerable people find safe haven and warmth in libraries. Reducing hours could have a very negative impact on them.
Cutting library funding will impact CHILDREN in poorer families who do not buy books. I speak as someone who used to teach reading-impaired children on the Beanstalk scheme
Negative impact on the elderly pensioners accessing the library, operating the computers, finding the book or tape wanted if no trained staff there. Negative impact on young families and activities that will be stifled without known staff to lead them. This will not encourage diversity, but provide no benefits to anyone. These proposals negate the whole principle of universal access enshrined in the Museums and Libraries Act of 1964 to provide 'a comprehensive and efficient library service'.
Libraries are an essential service and reduction in service will negatively impact groups with fixed and/or low income
S19, S20 and S21 will impact negatively on older people and people with a disability, who rely on the library service and especially the staff to meet their needs.
No
A positive impact
I am not aware of any
do not know
My interest here is in the libraries. Given the dearth of information on the budget cuts needed here, it is difficult to know what the impact might be on vulnerable groups. From my experience as a regular user of several libraries across the borough, I am sure that there is a strong risk that the

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lives of the following groups could be impoverished given certain interpretations of these proposals. First are small children who love the libraries and the many activities organised for them. This is now crucially important given the impoverishing effects on poorer children of the pandemic-related lock-down. Next are older children and young people who lack study space at home and who flock to libraries for this purpose, particularly in the run-up to examinations. Next would be older and poorer adults who benefit from having a warm space in winter, particularly important given the unaffordability of energy at present and perhaps into the future. There are also the many activities, from reading and knitting groups, to the availability of keyboards for piano practice, film-shows etc, that make the difference between a civilised and uncivilised life. Please remember that our libraries are often the only publicly-accessible buildings in parts of the borough.
I think the library proposals are likely to hit poorer families harder. If you want to pretend this only matters because of indirect discrimination then sure, but that's obviously a bit silly.
Reduction of Library times at Stround Green and Harringey Library would impact negatively on the young, local elderly, school children, music students, local parents groups, people working from home who don't have a home office,
Reduction in library services will have a disproportionate negative impact on mothers of young children, and older people who will make use of libraries during the school day.
Not aware of any impact
Library cuts disproportionately affect adversely the socially disadvantaged.
reducing library staffing will have a significant negative impact on older people, homeless at risk people, people with mental and physical disabilities (they saved me after breaking my ankle and needing to print), children and young families, young people from low income households.
No
Taxpayers seem to be unduly losing out from council largesse
See above re. library use by children, students, pensioners
no access to libraries would make a negative impact for poor residents
I don't know
Cut to library budget will disproportionately impact the elderly and the disabled
Library cuts will have a disproportionate effect on low-income young and old people. The move to greater online services will disproportionately affect older people with limited knowledge or access to computers.
Have a bigger negative impact
This will have a negative impact on lower income groups who rely on the libraries for free place to go for warmth, child entertainment and education
This will have a negative impact on people on maternity leave, as the library provides a invaluable space for mothers to take their babies and meet other mothers in the children's library and at baby groups run by the library. These happen during the mornings, which help start the day off positively and work best with the nap times and around winter when being outside in the dark can feel unsafe for a woman. It helps expose babies to other children and helps mothers socialise and feel less lonely, at a time that can feel quite isolating. Having staff available to run these groups is so important.

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Parents/ carers of all ages and backgrounds appreciate the easy access to the early morning late afternoon access to the library and its amenities. We also appreciate the safe environment that is provided there currently.
No
Cuts always hit poor people with no IT access worst. Its not their fault they cant afford laptops to do their benefit claims and other key tasks.
Taking away the library will affect those with mental health disabilities who find it easy to work in library spaces
Of course cutting back libraries will affect ethnic minorities, poorer people, the old and disabled. These proposals are unacceptable
I don't think so
People on lower incomes will be impacted by council tax rises if they do not access reductions. People on lower incomes and with small social networks will suffer if library access is reduced (including if this is reduced earlier in the day to provide later access)
Equality has to be won not given - these laws should be down played
Young residents look to benefit, but poorer residents will suffer especially from the library cuts
Cuts will Have a bigger negative impact on ethnic minority groups especially young black boys
Cutting back on library opening hours and staff will have a negative input on all communities and especially older people.
Yes, elderly, vulnerable people in the community - need a staffed space to enter. If there are no staff, and you want to open in the evenings for young students - strikes me as a very irresponsible combination of actions. Local people using the facility need the use of a toilet - which cannot open if you have no staff (I am nearly 60 and can't stay long in the library if I have no access to facilities). I also play the piano there because I don't have the room to have one at home. But I suspect that wonderful instrument would be damaged without staff their watching over it.
Cutting the library budget will particularly have a negative impact on the elderly, families and students.
Limiting the funds available for Haringey libraries will harm most of these protected characteristics. Older people need libraries to be open and staffed by helpful staff. Families with young children on maternity leave need to use the activities currently provided. Cutting library services as proposed will damage the whole community.
I think it is high time that everyone made the effort to live together as a community, and that those who seek to tout their 'protected characteristics' as justifying their claims to a higher worth and entitlement over everyone else should reflect upon how this may appear to others.
the funding cut for libraries will disproportionately impact vulnerable groups such as the elderly, children, and homeless people in our community.
If the government decided to make everything self service then this will deter the elderly and people who need additional support from using the service. There are people who attend the library for a social interaction as they may not have people interacting with them on a daily Basis if there are little to no staff then this could impact on their well being as well as mental health.
Age: Cuts to libraries will have a particularly detrimental effect on young children, who rely on them for activities and books, and the elderly, who are more likely to need help in a library with

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activities such as accessing the internet. Sex: cuts to libraries are likely to have a disproportionate negative effect on women as they tend to be the primary carers for young children who rely on libraries for activities and book access.
Reducing library hours and reducing staff and replacing staff with CCTV and automated check in would see the whole virtue of library care and community reduced to poverty in the service. Human help and comfort is being marginalised for the elderly and most disadvantaged in our society. I know other issues are of great importance,but please find something that wouldn't axe the library budget.
Library cuts are likely to have a bigger impact on POC, due to the lower socioeconomic status of this group on average in the Borough. Families in particular who won't as easily be able to get books for their children.
Haringey council will have a negative impact on residents struggling to cope with increased above inflation costs in their weekly budgets.
Stopping staffing at the library will mean women cannot safely go there. Changing opening hours will affect primary carers - mainly women.
I do think not getting newspapers in libraries impacts older people. The budget says staff will help people access press reader… but then what about the plans to go self service? Where will the staff be? People on maternity leave and women are disproportionately affected by having fewer free and safe places to take children, especially in the winter months. Children's activities are expensive and children go mad in the four walls of their own homes!
Library cuts will impact children - it's good for them to have a safe space
Library cuts will affect the poorer residents adversely
Library cuts will disproportionately affect people with disabilities, younger and older residents and those in overcrowded accommodation. This is unfair and discriminatory.
Not aware of anything specific
I am concerned that changes to libraries, social housing rents, and temporary housing provision will negatively impact on those most vulnerable in the borough.
I feel many proposals will impact more greatly on low income families, many of whom are lone female parent and so I think women, particularly black women, are likely to bear the brunt of this again. In particular if they have SEND children, who will also suffer
Specifically with respect to the characteristic of being a parent to young child/ren: access to an open and staffed library is a massive help, both in terms of accessing important information and literature, children's books, and social support during the difficult early months. Therefore reduction here would disproportionately impact this group
Cutting library provision in any part of the borough harms the elderly and the young who need and rely on them the most
No
Negative. Older population & disabled
Council resources typically benefit in greater measure any disadvantaged group, typically providing access to resources that would otherwise be unaffordable. Any cuts to front-line services will inevitably affect these first.

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Not that i can see
Older and poorer people will suffer most form the changes to Library opening hours.
The variation of library opening hours, the reduction of staff in libraries as a result of introducing self-service technology and ending provision of hardcopy magazines and newspapers in libraries will have a bigger, negative impact on the more vulnerable groups of residents, for example: older people, those with special needs or disabilities, those looking for work, those not being able to heat their households, children, childminders, lone parents, young adults, those needing access to computers and internet, local community groups, etc.
Support for mothers: could a supervised use of volunteers be useful here?
Yes. I believe the cuts to the library services will have a disproportionalte negative effect on the most vulnerable groups in the community. specifically library cuts will impact families with young children, school age children and students, community members for whom English is not their first language or who are mature students, old people, unemployed people, people who have mental health issues. Closure and or reduction of branch library services will impact the whole community by reducing the availabily of warm safe space for individual or groups to enrich their lives.
Yes, reductions to library services are particularly unfair to children who do not otherwise have access to books, computers and quiet spaces to study. They also affect adults who don't have access to the internet at home, which is increasingly disadvantaging key groups of vulnerable adults. Professional librarians are vital to supporting access to information and thus to democracy. The proposal to drastically reduce the availability of library services should be viewed as an equal opportunities issue and potentially a health and welfare issue for children and vulnerable adults.
Reduced library hours and staffing will disproportionately affect children, the elderly and those on low incomes
n/a
the limitation of library services will impact those who cant afford internet access etc at home, this will have a worse effect on those of lower income increased use of volunteers will affect those with disabilities, the elderly, those with mental illness as they will be receiving a poorer quality of care
I answered this earlier, but to say again, cutting library opening hours will badly affect the homeless and those who can't afford to heat their homes e.g. the elderly. And not having staff there will make the library feel too unsafe for the vulnerable, e.g. ethnic minorities at increased risk, and the elderly.
I believe many of the library proposals will disproportionately impact older persons in particular and also eg mothers with young children.
Women in particular are less likely to cycle due to safety and harassment considerations. Segregated travel will help with this.
The elderly will be more affected by your proposed cuts, particularly re libraries as per previously outlined.
The changes to the library would negatively impact the elderly, disabled and socially isolated. The use of volunteers could make socially isolated people feel included and save money.

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Negative impact On people with special needs, the young, the old and vulnerable A library needs librarians, they are the heart of the library. It won't be safe especially for children, women and girls could feel unsafe. Toilets are a human right and necessary for many (pregnant, old, disabled etc). Newspapers and computers are necessary for many to apply for jobs, benefits etc Many elderly go especially to keep warm and have company (this was a council initiative) Libraries for me as a young girl were a place I could go, be safe, be encouraged by knowledgeable Librarians and gave me a lifelong love of books. Which to me is priceless!
See previous answer. Huge negative impact on children, young people women, elderly people and disabled people. Maybe if you're an able bodied young man you might feel okay going into an unstaffed library prepared to cope with whatever anti-social behavior, drugs, drinking etc might be going on there, but that is not the reality for most people and that is not who makes up most library users. Proposals absolutely terrible idea. Libraries will end up becoming daytime homeless shelters. CCTV makes no difference because by the time whoever is watching the CTV comes to apprehend troublemakers, they would have left
The cuts to the library services will impact those who still read hard copies of papers and magazines specifically older people. It will reduce the hours people can use a warm space. Reduced hours will make it harder for working people to access the libraries on behalf of children. Library toilets are essential to those with disabilities or small children visiting the library.
Proposals to introduce self service technologies will have a bigger negative impact on older and disabled people.
The proposals affecting library opening times, self service technology and the discontinuation of hardcopies of newspapers and magazines will have a bigger, negative impact on specific groups of residents; Age (Early Years aged children and their carers Maternity and Older Aged adults), Vulnerable adults, Job Seekers
No
So many people rely on the library as a place of safety and sanctuary you are cutting many peoples social lifeline by your proposed cuts
S7 - you make no reference to what the savings are? You're recruiting someone which is a cost, so you're clearly proposing to save on other roles. Which ones? You can say, without triggering consultation processes. S19 - it sounds like the library will be hard to use and potentially unsafe for the public with that much of a drastic cut in budget.
The library plans affect residents who use the library. It is a place for old vulnerable people, special needs people and families with young children, children in general. The library has been a haven for me and my very young children. It offered me a way into the community through the Rhyme time sessions which I have not experienced in any other activity I do with my children. Via this I have felt much more connected to Haringey and the residents. We visit every week often more than once. I don't have money to take my children to paying activities and so this is ideal for me. They learn about being part of a community and how to behave around other children and adults. They learn about the culture of their neighbourhood and what it means to live in Tottenham. I would be very sad if things were to change in the library.

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The cuts to library services will disproportionately impact the elderly and disabled as they are much more likely to need assistance to access library services and to feel safe and welcome in a particular space.
n/a
It would be good to have a properly negotiated commitment to an age-friendly Haringey.
N/A
None. Disability and social care needs cut across all groups.
I think libraries are important for age and a drive towards more digitalisation and no more hardcopies might have a big impact. Also having people to help for disabled people.
The proposed cuts to the library service seem likely to affect young children, students and retired people more than working age groups.
I don't understand the question
Digital exclusion for older people - especially in libraries
I think new mothers may be hit by reducing morning opening hours.
The library cuts will disproportionately affect low income families who rely on the provision of free educational/community activities - as well as free books and instruments. Removing access to toilets is also terrible for pregnant women, children, older and disabled people who need those facilities most often
Reducing library provision will negatively impact the following groups: the economically disadvantaged of all ages - many people, visit the library because it is a safe, warm place (children and older school students doing homework); a social space for parents/carers and small children living in cramped conditions; older people who suffer disproportionately from loneliness; people seeking employment who use library facilities to apply for jobs; people who cannot afford to buy books or subscribe to online newspapers and magazines
It does seem that the service users cuts would most impact are those who are vulnerable. Pregnant women and caregivers make use of this space with very young children- also needing regular access to the toilet. The elder members of the community read the newspapers there, an important resource to reduce social isolation. Older people who don't have access to computers, and those with disabilities who may need additional support filling in forms are able to do this in the library with the help of the staff. I personally directed a very distressed older man who was having problems with his pension form in the post office and the only place he could go for help with what he needed to do online was the library. Also my primary school age children and many in their age group will be less safe, visiting the library alone. You do have vulnerable people there and just having CCTV does not give the safety and accessibly that young people so benefit from being able to visit the library themselves.
Everyone should have access to books, especially children. Plus Libraries perform an important role in the community - they are safe, warm, welcoming free spaces for people who need it (particularly important given there are so few of these kinds of spaces left, due to closures to youth clubs, community centres, etc). So these cuts will impact children, elderly, disabled and low income families in particular. The librarians are the heart of Stroud Green library. They know my children by name, are

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incredibly knowledgable and welcoming to all who walk through the door. To lose them, and replace them with an automated service, would be a huge loss.
Cutting library hours and staff will disproportionately affect those who cannot afford alternative activities, who are much more likely to be BME, older people, pregnant women and single mothers. Those who can afford it will just go to the bookshop or pay for kids activities
I think unstaffed libraries would be massively detrimental to isolated groups which can include those with disabilities as well as older adults
There's very little doubt the proposed cuts to opening hours, staff (replacing these with volunteers and self-service), reduced lack of facilities (toilets unavailable) will impact those who are vulnerable, disabled, for those that are from disadvantaged backgrounds and who may not have access to safe spaces to read and learn or the means to afford books and periodicals. A space which is no longer safe and welcoming will deter families, children and the elderly disproportionately. The only group that stands to benefit from this are potential clients for venue hire, as these spaces will be increasingly unusable as libraries.
Cutting library staff will have an impact on the groups listed above, particularly those with physical and learning disabilities. It's essential to maintain a staffing at the various libraries to maintain safety and provide support. Also cutting staff adds to the burden of unemployment and can cause emotional and financial difficulties which will impact on the council resources.
Yes, these proposed budget cuts and changes to libraries will have a negative effect on the following groups of people: Old people who come for warmth, low cost / no cost books to read or to use computers etc in the library Families who want to encourage their children to read. I bring my children almost every week to get books Teenagers who need a safe and secure place to study, especially those who might not have a good home environment The proposal to no longer have staff is a big concern safety wise for young people and old. I would not feel comfortable letting my teenager go there when dark especially. It also makes it a cold, unwelcoming atmosphere for all ages.
Library proposals may affect older residents adversely.
Pregnancy and maternity by closing library hours
These proposals will have a disproportionate effect on young and old people. It will also make it harder for disabled people to access library services. The closure of toilets will affect all those with a medical condition that requires frequent access to a toilet including myself. Access to newspapers & current affairs generally are essential for our democracy and this will make that much harder.
no
See point 2 above.
Yes. The library is one of very few remaining free to access community hubs which aids community cohesion. When the children's centre closed down it became even more valuable as

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it hosts children's events (singing, craft, stay and play, a space to read books), events for women and is a warm place for people. The staff make it a safe and welcoming space for all and local secondary schools recommend the library as somewhere safe for children to.complete homework. I would not be happy for my 12/13 year old daughter to do so if it was wholly unstaffed. Nor would I consider it a welcoming community hub. It. provides computer access, printer access and educational facilities for all, which helps to redress the imbalance between people who fall within disadvantaged groups and those who do not. Staff enable these facilities to be used as assistance is often needed. It houses one of few publicly accessible toilets and is wheelchair accessible. This helps disabled members of the community. Without this facility local businesses will also suffer as the parade of shop has a cafe and hosts community events but has no toilet facilities.
Negative impact
Library curtailment times will have a bigger negative impact on families with young children, job seekers, homeless or hostel dwelling families.
N/A
S19 and S20 will have a bigger negative impact on all AGE groups, especially those who are older and use the library to develop new interests, and young people who use the library as a resource for education and leisure. Disability - lack of library staff expertise may make access to resources difficult.
No
Older people are stigmatised by your library proposals. Society needs interaction and care. The library is a cornerstone of the community
I used the library a lot when my children were small. If it does not have a toilet it won't be accessible to pregnant women or those with babies and small children. Also an unmanned library does not seem like it would be safe for children to use. Also I worry that elderly and disabled people wouldn't be able to access it properly without a toilet.
Negative consequences: The SG&H Library is the only communal building in the area. Cutting its opening hours and/or accessibility will reduce communal engagement in what has hitherto been a vibrant space offering a wide range of activities to pre-school children, school pupils, plus exhibitions and lectures to the general public. It is also a warm hub for those in need. For older and/or infirm people needing access to books at times that are convenient for them, the nearest alternative library under your plans would be Hornsey Library, which is a mile away via a faltering bus service. With a cut of 31% the Library Service seems to be viewed as an easy target. It is not clear whether similar cuts are being planned in other areas.
I think the library service has does have a supporting role for many people who are older and have a disability. But it is also true that they are safe spaces for young people.
Would have negative impact on lower income group, people with disabilities and families with babies and young children.
The library cuts would impact older, vulnerable and poorer residents disproportionately
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Libraries are a FREE oasis of calm when on maternity leave and with young children - please don't cut them
None
removal of staff and leaving libraries to be run by technology greatly impacts the very people who use them. All libraries should be available to everyone not just people who can navigate self service units.
Many local elderly people - retired and often living alone - depend on visits to the library for socialising. Intermittent library opening hours will leave these people deprived of this facility, and more isolated. Young families visit and use the children's library, often in the morning and on Saturdays. Intermittent opening hours will mean that the library will attract fewer users and deprive at least two age groups of contact with a vital community hub. Library staff are crucial to welcoming and helping these age groups. Every time I visit I see them helping older or very young visitors.
The reduction in library opening hours during mornings will have a disproportionate impact on the elderly and parents with young children, including pregnant women. The closure of toilet facilities will also disproportionately affect these groups. With no alternative facilities, they may be unable to confidently visit the libraries and make use of them.
Library closure/de-staffing (Stroud green)
This would be a terrible shame my children love our local library we go to various different libraries throughout the week take part in craft sessions, borrow books and dvds. It is our favourite thing to do in the local community especially of a weekend. My partner uses it at all times for coursework and it's fundamental to the elderly and the young.
I think your library opening hours proposition would disproportionately affect women whom have taken off work to take care of their babies
This reduced hours have a bigger impact on the mental health of those on maternity leave
The reduction in library hours and staffing of the library would have a disproportionate impact on vulnerable members of the community who would otherwise be isolated. It also impacts on disabled and elderly users who might not feel confident using the library alone, and who need access to toilet facilities. The library is used by local schools and nurseries, who similarly need access to toilet facilities for the small children they care for - this won't be possible when it is unstaffed. The library is also used by new mums for play groups and socialising. The proposals will therefore disproportionately impact women.
Children and people with disabilities will ne impacted by lack of toilet facilities
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Change in opening times e.g morning closures likely to impact elderly and very young (pre-school). Not having librarians or staff for assistance could impact the disabled and those feeling less safe unstaffed spaces eg women
no opinion
My grandmother used to take me to this library- she was born in Tollington Park in 1910. I am a mother, queer, of white and Asian ethnicity and visually impaired. There are not many civic places I feel part of, but this library is one of them. Due to my visual impairment I require a librarian present in order to use the library. Yes. This is very unfair for residents with disabilities, for the young, the old, and the vulnerable. For queer families, for dual ethnicity families, or any family which doesn't have lots of representation, a library is a place where resources can be found which enable such families to see themselves reflected and to access vital, specific information. A library without librarians has no heart and no soul. Is it even safe? I would be very uncertain about my children entering an unstaffed library. For visually impaired people the library will be much harder to use. I'm a mother to a young child. We need a toilet! I think newspapers and current affairs are an essential part of a local library. Will we have more digital terminals and tablets for library users? My family love our local library and it is one reason we came to live in this neighbourhood. This is very disappointing. Please reconsider these cuts. My child's education has been immeasurably enriched by events- book readings, book parties. We have been to Christmas events, a jubilee party, an Easter event- it provides a great focus for the community, and gives my child access to culture he would not otherwise be able to access.
N/A
Sieghart's library report explains the impact libraries have. It really protects all the residents. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-library-report-for-england Keeping libraries not just open but well run helps especially with the elderly, children, homeless, and other vulnerable groups. Eg access to the toilets is being limited when urinating and defecating in urban areas especially can be considered public health issue.
Yes I think pregnant women or those with young children will be badly affected by any library cuts
Have a negative impact
Library closures will negatively impact children in the local area.
Corporate budget only impacts a specific group of people only that most aren't even residents or even know the communities they are actually serving.
No
Yes. This is very unfair for residents with disabilities, for the young, the old, and the vulnerable. For queer families, for dual ethnicity families, or any family which doesn't have lots of representation in media or mainstream literature, a library is a place where resources can be found which enable such families to see themselves reflected and to access vital, specific information. A library without librarians has no heart and no soul. Is it even safe? I would be very uncertain

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The proposed cuts will impact more on older and disabled residents. Also on the poorer residents who rely on a warm space to go to in cold weather
I believe that S19 and S20 will deeply affect those with the protected characteristics of Age and Disability, plus those in economically challenging circumstances.
Libraries allow those who may not be able to afford books to have access to all sorts of literature and reference books they might otherwise miss out on. They also offer a place of quiet refuge from the streets for those who can't afford cafes or restaurants.
Positive impact for all groups
Replacing staff with technology in our local library which is our community's gem might have a bigger negative impact on residents with disabilities or those who may face challenges with using technology. Individuals who rely on personalized assistance or benefit from human interaction could experience difficulties accessing services. On the positive side, if the proposals prioritize accessibility and inclusivity in the use of technology, it could have a positive impact by providing more convenience for certain groups. However, digital interfaces could co exist with librarians who provide the most important services and give that community feel in our neighbourhood.
Our children use the library every week - often in groups. They come and read and draw and enhance their learning. It's a favourite activity for after school. I see a large number of parents at the rhyme time events with younger children - my toddler and baby love these events. This free space makes it accessible for all to equally benefit from the library and benefits children equally.
Reducing hours disproportionally affects families, young people and the elderly. Pregnant women, older people need a toilet! If it's not staffed then I would not feel comfortable allowing my 11 year old to visit in her own.
Yes there will be a negative impact on the elderly , school children , people with special needs , people who are isolated or lonely , parents with babies and toddlers as our local library is a warm welcoming place with a sense of community provided by the librarians who are there to help , advise and run groups for all ages . I do not feel it would be either welcoming or safe to be there on my own or with young children . The library is also one of the few public places with access to a free toilet which is very important to families with children , the disabled , women who are pregnant but also to everyone .

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I am an elderly person fairly new to the area and have found a sense of community and welcome at Stroud Green library . My young grandchildren love to go there and it is developing their love of books and reading through all the nursery and story groups the librarians run . A library without our librarians would be an arid soulless place . I definitely think that reducing and undermining the libraries is a misguided approach
As mentioned in my previous answer, I believe that the library closures will disproportionately affect the activities offered at the labraries for families, which in turn will disproportionately affect very young children (age) and their caregivers (pregnancy and maternity).
I have 3 children underneath 11years old and will be concerned for their safety in an unmanned library. When we moved into the area over 10 years ago, the library served as a life-line for us to get to know the community, find activities for the kids, it helped with our mental well-being and made us feel good about the area where we lived.
Closing libraries for shorter hours will impact on pupils attending tutor in the community through hlp. It is discriminating a highly vulnerable group.
Library closures / automations / fewer staff present will have a negative impact on vulnerable, lonely and elderly community members, if there are fewer warm places they can go to and spend time in for free. The new transition service for SEND youth will hopefully have a positive impact on their futures.
The library cuts will adversely affect all of the more vulnerable groups in our community. Without full-time staff, it will not be a safe or friendly place (with a bit of company / social interaction) for the young, young families, the elderly, people with SEN or any additional need. Currently, my 10-year-old can come to the library unaccompanied (the perfect first step to greater independence) but I would not let her come if there were no librarian present. If the toilets are closed due to lack of staff, young families and the elderly will not be able to access the premises as this most basic provision will inadequate. The Stroud Green library is a jewel in the crown of community provision, and should be protected and cherished, NOT CUT! Reducing the access to free reading materials in this way can only hurt the quality of life and developmental opportunities for all library users.
Vehicle access for people with disabilities - encourage them to use dedicated shared transport schemes
Reducing the libraries will have a negative impact on a wide range of people in the community. Libraries are the heart and soul of the borough. They are safe places for everyone to use. We go to the lirbrary every week. They are important on so many levels. Please reconsider making changes to our libraries!
It will severely impact those with young children who need use of a toilet. I will not bring my child to a space for a class or significant period of time if there is no toilet.
The proposals that would undermine the library service are cast as trimming, but if were carried out would exacerbate falling patronage and would likely lead to closure. Which appears to be the intention. The council has repeatedly tried to shut libraries: Highgate c.1989, c.2016 and both Highgate and Stroud Green in 1999 as part of a misguided plan to shut all the branch libraries, leaving two or three "super" libraries. In the 1990s, libraries were regularly shut on certain days. The negative effect of library cuts impacts the young and school pupils, not all of whom have a

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quiet or conducive home environment in which to read or to study. A trim in opening hours of say, 10% is likely to lead to a fall in number of *more* than 10% (see: economic elasticity). An outpost of the council is diminished and eventually, lost.
Negative for reductions of libraries as one gender may not feel safe to attend the library without someone being present to help
Yes the library is a key part of our community. Removing the staff from this will have a huge impact on our community.
Your descriptions are too general to make a real opinion possible. They seem even-handed but keep listening to users and residents.
Reducing library opening hours has a bigger negative impact on young people particularly if they have no quiet space at home to study. My wife and I took our children to the libraries when our children were small and when they were growing up they used the libraries to study. We now take our grandchildren there.
CCTV security, self-service, no librarian, no toilet libraries,... let me think.... ummmm. Well I think its pretty! clear! that this affects ALL library users and disadvantages EVERYONE. This is a bigger/negative impact for the old, young, vulnerable, pregnant, disabled.
Negative impact on the poor. the elderly and those with limited education
Obviously, a 31% cut to library services will have an impact on the elderly
As previous answer.
All of the categories mentioned could be disadvantaged by reduced access to libraries. Libraries form an important community hub
Reducing operational hours in our library will negatively impact the young, the aged, the disabled and the pregnant. The library is a hub for our community, open to everyone to access information and to create a nicer borough for us all to live in.
Ensure that non-techie people, especially the elderly, are able to access services etc.
None identified
I think that the response to this consultation is likely to find that the above groups are underrepresented in their views.
The strength of good libraries is to compensate for discrimination based on any protected characteristic as well as income inequality more generally.
Concentrating on S19, S20 and S21 - there will be a bigger negative impact here.
Reducing the opening hours of local libraries will have an immediate impact on more vulnerable residents, particularly old people and individuals with special needs or disabilities, as well as caring parents (usually women).
None that I can currently identify
This will have a hugely negative impact on the young, old and vulnerable. Particularly infants and toddlers who rely on local libraries for development, socialising and learning. More than 85 % of brain development happens before the age of 3. We live in a country who invests no funds or resources into early learning. In fact most of it is privatised and extremely expensive. The library and those who staff it are contributing greatly to an important time in a young persons life. It would be a terrible shame to cut this too.

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The library proposals will have a negative impact on the elderly and the youth (school-children) because these people have a clear need for libraries to be open and accessible. Also, not having trained librarians will mean these people will not receive the assistance they need.
The proposed cuts to hours and staffing in the library would disproportionately impact the elderly and those with children who use the library throughout the day and are frequently helped by the staff. It is also my understanding that the reduction in staff would mean the toilet facilities would be closed at the library when unmanned. This would make it an impossible destination for the afore mentioned groups.
Stop cuts to our libraries which are exactly type of places needed for minorities
Ruining the libraries will have more impact on the most vulnerable. Support people and they're more likely to stay independent, get work and cost the council nothing.
Deprived people always lose out in schooling, housing, well being and leisure
Library cutbacks will negatively impact older people
Less access to libraries will affect both older people and also parents and children
Cuts to library provision will affect older people who use the library to read newspapers and magazines and keep warm as well as other vulnerable people if libraries are not well supervised
Unemployed, students, parents will suffer if the library service is cut. Even those starting new jobs can get valuable advice from librarians e.g. books on management or career advice. Those that are anxious or depressed or have relationship issues ie. mental health, need a service with real people there. Older people also are more vulnerable.
Cutting down library hours will have a negative impact on older residents particularly those on their own who rely on the library as a place to read, find out vital information and make contact. The libraries also provide a warm, safe place for those who are too poor to properly heat their homes.
I think you proposals regarding the libraries will impact on the elderly and also families with children
The restricting the reach of the library service will have bad impact on many of these groups, eg older people and the poor.
I think more vulnerable people will feel anxious about using unstaffed libraries.
Probably the former
S19 and S20 will have a significant negative impact on expectant and new mothers. I found Stroud Green & Harringay library absolutely invaluable while on maternity leave - both for borrowing books (especially on pregnancy, birth, parenting, weaning) and for the activities and for having somewhere to go and the welcoming kind staff. It made and continues to make a world of difference at a time where our maternity series are underfunded and especially since going into parenthood and birth is so scary and financially challenging.
If Haringey really is working to ensure every child and young person has the best start in life and wants to ensure public spaces feel safe and welcoming, then the council would not be proposing any cuts to libraries and their staff.
See my comments on proposal S21 which will disproportionately affect those not fluent with technology, impacting groups sharing the characteristics of age and race.

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Cutting librarians would have negative affect on vulnerable, young, old and people with special needs. People will need human flexibility and attentions with their help. Young people often uses libraries to study long hours and there are people with many different medical needs exits. Small children enjoy and uses libraries - availability of toilet facilities is essential.
I think reducing opening hours and staffing in the library and increasing the use of self service machines will have a significant detrimental impact based on age, ability and spoken language.
Again, compare tottwnham green leisure center (tottenham) with park road pools (crouch end)..poorer areas are not receiving equal attention. sort of the leisure centre! it could be a social and health hub of tottenham to support people in need but you are currently failing.
The reduction in hours and staffing at local libraries will impact those to additional needs including those with disabilities and the older as it will reduce the level of in person assistance to those groups which is in both cases key to their ability to access these services.
S19 and S20 will make libraries unsafe for women and girls if there are no library staff
Library closures are impactful on young people.
We believe any reduced hours will have significant negative impacts for many disadvantaged groups of residents including: o Negative impacts on those who are not digitally savvy and who need to go to a space where they can have access to services, leading to increased social isolation and causing increased costs to other Council services. o Adversely affects those from poorer backgrounds who have been using the libraries to access a warm space in cold weather, particularly in the light of the current cost of living crisis and higher energy bills. Again, this will increase social isolation and increase costs to other Council services. o Particularly impacts children and their parents who use the library heavily. A blanket reduction in hours would impact mothers especially during half terms and holidays. o Particularly negatively impacts the unemployed and those seeking employment, who would have reduced time to access facilities which the library has to help people back to work o Reduces opportunities for residents to further their knowledge and education • Muswell Hill is ranked as around average in social depravation, with around half of the Muswell Hill parish population of 12,322 being below average. We also note recent increases in use of food banks and visits to warm spaces such as at local churches. This highlights the increase in social isolation in this part of the borough. The Muswell Hill library is one of the few spaces the Council has on offer in the Muswell Hill area. It would be tragically remiss of the Council to reduce the hours it is open, when there are few support alternatives available for those disadvantaged in the West of the borough.
These library cuts affect young people and older people disproportionally.
The current council library proposals will have a bigger negative impact on community members who have special needs, are vulnerable, are young, are elderly. People in the community value our library, many are unable to travel to the other further away council libraries.
It affects the whole community
This will have a bigger NEGATIVE impact on a specific group of residents including the old, the young, people with disabilities and special needs, the vulnerable and those who depend on their

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local library for mental health purposes. A library without a librarian has no soul or heart. I visit the library every other day with my two children and always consult the librarians for advice and counsel on books and news. They are imperative to the eco system of the local community. They kept us going pre and post pandemic and continue to seve a multitude of purposes. My family adore our local library and see the building as a prime custodian of the local community we live in. We are proud to have it within our locality. Please consider these ghastly cuts - they will severely impact people who need it most.
Yes. This is very unfair for residents with special needs, for the young, the old, and the vulnerable. A library without librarians has no heart and no soul. Is it even safe? I would be very uncertain about my children entering an unstaffed library. I'm pregnant [old/young/disabled]. I need a toilet! I think newspapers and current affairs are an essential part of a local library. Will we have more digital terminals and tablets for library users? My family love our local library and it is one reason we came to live in this neighbourhood. This is very disappointing. Please reconsider these cuts.
The libraries are a vital part of the community. Removing staff, access to toilets and the other community activities that take place in libraries will have a huge impact on young children, new parents, disabled and older people. The public will be far more vulnerable without staff in libraries.
Cuts to libraries, resulting in none staffed buildings and no access to toilets will disproportionately effect disabled people. Lack of access to toilet facilities will preclude some disabled people from accessing library services.
Disability - reduced spending on SEND; age - almost total obliteration of youth services is a continuing issue for vulnerable young people - don't see any mention here of the council's approach to gang violence.
Scaling back library services impact young & old & vulnerable. A library without a librarian is soulless. Young & old need toilets.
I think cuts in library hours and staffing, closing toilets in libraries and replacing library staff with "self-service" will have an impact on various groups. For example closing before 7 will affect children and young people who use the library after school or college. Self-service library facilities eg with door entry are often age restricted often not available to children/school pupils, and won't feel safe for a lot of people. Staffing levels shouldn't be so reduced that libraries don't feel safe for staff or users - I would be worried about staff being expected to work alone. How are people protected from theft, aggression, violence or the threat of such things?
Cutting library services will have a bigger impact on parents and children, people on low incomes and unemployed, pensioners, people with disabilities.
very negative impact for the elderly and not so elderly, who cannot use new technology easily, for women in general, and women with children, as well as older children, as without staff the library will no longer be considered a safe place, for disabled people who may not be able to access the library, in short, for just about everyone.
Your proposals for libraries could have a significantly negative effect on many groups. Libraries and librarians are used not only for borrowing books, looking at newspapers, but also as warm, friendly spaces during these times of increasing costs. They offer vital educational and social

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experiences and support to parents and their children; older, elderly people. They bring tremendous cultural value and pride to local communities.
Proposed cuts to library services would have a disproportionate effect on older users, less able to take advantage of digital resources and able to come at quieter times. And on younger users who need access to study spaces out of school and colleg hours.
The library proposals will negatively affect the elderly, young families and children
Libraries are good places for the computer shy - especially if staff can help them find their way to useful information online, including information about council services, etc. Vulnerable people in need of human company or a time off the streets in bad weather find libraries good places too - libraries are culturally enriching because of the psychologically enhancing nature of an environment filled with things to read.
The library cuts will have a disproportionate negative impact on children and the elderly.
I don't have data on library usage patterns but it is possible that changes in opening hours could affect different groups differently if they are more/less likely to use the library at certain times.
I am worried about the impact many of the proposals will have on older people, particularly if library services are reduced. Many older people rely on them for access to digital facilities including essential transactions with public and government services.
Cutting library hours, staffing and resources hits the most vulnerable people hardest - poor people, people from minoritised groups, people with disability, old people and young people. These cuts are coming right at the people in our community who have the least money and the most to lose. Stroud Green & Haringey Library is a gem. Whoever you are - especially for children and others finding their way into the world- there are books to speak to you. I take my laptop in there for respite from the drudgery of working from home.
Don't defund libraries
S19, S20 & S21 will have a greater negative impact on people from deprived groups, one parent families, children in poverty, vulnerable elderly residents and disabled people.
Reducing library services and staff will have a bigger impact on residents with protected characteristics.
Bigger negative impact, it always the same.
As a resident my whole life I feel there is too much emphasis on welcoming more affluent people, yes you need more income, but this isn't the only way.
The library cuts will have a disproportionate impact on mothers with small children, students, disabled people, low-income groups, black and ethnic minority people, the homeless, job seekers, refugees, and senior citizens.
Reducing library hours will have a negative impact on older people, people from different religious and ethic backgrounds and people with protected characteristics who need information and support from a trained librarian not a digital response
- families with children - low income families + children learning to read! Reading is the most impactful thing a child can do! No!

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- Variation of library opening hours and introduction of self-service technology in libraries will have negative impact on residents. - Use of temporary accommodation for families will have positive impact
* Children require books to learn language and shared attention skills. I see people using the library for a warm place and because they struggle to access services due to lack of computers. * Parents * Local community - the library is part of a hub including shops leases
As a 73 year old with hearing loss and mobility restrictions I feel that my local library is a lifeline. Post COVID use has increased mental wellbeing. Restricted hours would make it more difficult for me. Qualified staff make a lot of difference, It is a local resource well used by old, young, parents, carers etc.
Closing community projects for the elderly. Opening more community social project for the elderly
Closure of libraries will mean more fraud & cost for those already struggling. Plus the time wasted on not sorting Tottenham Leisure Centre was a real pain for many businesses and residents Making facilities more in line with modern living will increase attendance and usefulness to people
Cuts to the library service impacts * Vulnerable * Elderly * Young Families * Low income/Poverty * Achievement and reading of young people
Cutting libraries negatively impacts older groups and those who may not have good educational material at home. Working with voluntary sector to reduce demand should help more relying on care. Strengthening supported living should help more people live independently and out of care homes.
Effect on libraries will disproportionately affect refugees & asylum seekers who rely on advice they can get from the library. Also similarly affected are people on low incomes, whose language is not English.
Families young children
Families, children, vulnerable. Stroud Green library is the hub of our community. Only venue in our area.
Going digital at libraries will affect the elderly.
have a more inclusive consultation write a document in plain english - I don't understand your document.
Have a negative impact on students especially prior to GCSE and for students doing research. Specific impact on residents who are older and lack computers and need assistance.
HOMELESS PEOPLE & FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IMPACTED BY LIBRARY CLOSURES

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I have a young child at home, we rely on the services at the library. I worry that other parents might become insular or less inclined to visit the library if you make these cuts. I cant stress how much the road restrictions have made our lives difficult. I guess it is positive for the people who now live on the streets where cars have access but what the rest of us?
If managers was to manage the group good. that they are responsible for.
If the library is closed or reduced it's opening hours, when it will have a negative impact on all groups of residents especially families with children A library opened has a positive impact of all groups of residents
Impact on people who find technology difficult Impact on those who require expert support to access library. Impact on those who value/need human contact - Impact on mental health
In house mental health support has the potential to be positive. I dont support reduction in library opening hours, The libraries provide a number of services and number and can just be a place for people to hang out when they cant afford heating in a cost of living crisis. The borough needs to consider swimming provision properly. It's shameful that those in the ethnically diverse side of the borough havent been able to swim for so long.
Interfering with the library services to reduce knowledge facilities to save cpst is going to be unhelpful to certain people who are not financially well off to go to institutions. Those who mainly deoend on library services will be grossly disadvantaged.
Invariably, cuts that disproportionately impact on the vulnerable groups in our community with detriment the community on the whole. This is in reference but not limited to the proposal for the central resource of our libraries, cuts to adult social care, increase of Council Tax, housing needs. Inevitably the matter rests with and is a question of sustainable resourcing which does not lead to a community down turn. The plans to cut funding is diametrically opposed to the Council's Regeneration objectives, and therefore undermines its own objectives. The limited consultation period (less than 1 week) to respond to the proposals. Encouraging businesses to the borough.
It will affect the community of single parents, low income people and students who come to se the library and it services. It would be a positive outreach for community there could be crime in the area and affect the environment if people hang outside in the streets including children in summer it helps the future of Haringey community.
Library cuts affect all but most significantly those from less privileged backgrounds.

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Housing, education and apprenticeships access improve chances at less privileged in the the borough.
Library cuts will negatively impact children and senior citizens.
-Limiting library access has a negative impact. -Many will lose their jobs due to this change. -Changing Library access affects students children, elderly and the homeless. Use of one/two beds help families. There are significant amount of children homeless and unable to go to school because they have been moved somewhere far or have no stability.
Lower income groups looking for free educational space for professional development. Access to libraries is of particular importance . Investments in mental health, care, opportunities for low income groups improves economic growth long term
Machine only technology
MANY PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE INTERNET AT HOME AND REDUCING THE HOURS WILL AFFECT THEM ALSO MANY YOUNG MOTHERS WITH BABIES WILL ALSO SUFFER.
Negative - All Groups especially children + the activity held + Stroud Green people needing warm to read + work = people with disability Positive - No!
Negative impact of library closing hours, keep the libraries open, or it will have negative impact on people with age, sex and Disability. Open library will have positive impact for children, youth and elderly, and disabled. Help to learn and create a health environment.
Negative impact on children using libraries and engaging with reading, songs and craft/culture if reductions to children's play sessions/staffing hours/ go ahead
Negative impact on the older residents and disable. Can't see any positive impacts
Negative on less economically advantaged
Older and disabled
Older and younger residents use the library all the time. Mixing the generations generates community cohesion.
Our library has many BAME communities who use it, mothers, children, parents, poorer folks. Closing the library and providing no or fewer staff will have a negative impact on people of colour who need help with printer/computer/sourcing/ordering books, Parents with children will feel unsafe as much drug crime in area will take advantage of unstaffed space. Fewer people will want to use it so it will be closed down.
reducing library hours in the mornings and extending them in the evenings will impact elderly residents and women who may feel unsafe having to access the library in the evening instead of the morning.
Reducing Library Service will disproportionatelt effect the poor.

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Reducing library services will harm children, teenagers, older adults and the vulnerable who all rely on these wonderful and essential public spaces disproportionately
reducing the library opening hours
Reduction in library opening hours will affect the very young, teenagers studying for exams - the elderly often use the libraries as somewhere to go to reduce loneliness - It will affect everyone
S19 - S20 - S21 THESE SERVICES CATER FOR MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, PENSIONERS, JOB SEEKERS, HOMELESS: REDUCING THE LIBRARY SERVICES AND THE HUMAN SUPPORT OF LIBRARY ASSISTANTS WILL CHAGE THE LEVEL OF SERVICE AND IMPACT NEGATIVELY MANY RESIDENTS.
S19-S20 - Families, young children and vulnerable adults are at considered. The changes will negatively impact these groups
S21 will have a negative impact on older low income residents who may not have a mobile phone or internet. S19 will affect adults in between jobs or in continuing education S4&S5 have potential to be beneficial to families struggling with homelessness
Some proposals will help but otherwise it will impact others
Take care in charging library hours on this will affect older people and school children who need to study.
The introduction of self-service technology is libraries will have a terrible impact on residents, especially the young/old/vulnerable people that find. in connection within the people in the libraries, their safe space. Also pregnant women making new friendships, supporting their children's education, developing a habit of reading and talking about books/culture thanks to the librarians that have a crucial role being so actively involved in activities.
The less well off sector in the borough The elderly - to some extent and homebound
The library is a vital facility for all. As a family with young children we go nearly every day. More activities + greater opening hours should be your focus. you are over-catering for a minority and forgetting majority.
The proposals will affect me because will impact on the full use of library's services. I totally use the computer in the library. I don't have any in my House & I can not afford it. Impact on people who would like any services in Haringey.
The reduction in library services you propose are very likely to impact young and older people negatively if there are fewer of your friendly, helpful staff on duty and more reliance on self-service eh. I cant comment on ending hard copies without knowing how much they're read. If there is more provision for adult social care and young people in care. It should have a positive effect on older vulnerable people and younger people, especially those who are normally primary carers.
These library services are vital to the education of children in the local area encouraging literacy and learning. Cutting funding for these services will negatively impact this.

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We would have anywhere to meet and share skills and end loneliness Making new friends, learning about other things going on in the neighbourhood
Yes - Children
Yes - Libraries are disproportionately used by older people who need to keep warm
Yes - young children, the old & economically disadvantaged.
Yes definetly goes without saying speak to schools that arrange school trips mothers wit young children that come in and introduce their kids to the wonder of books. The elderly that come in.
Yes the elderly people, young childrens wanting to use the library and would be such ashamed to lose staff that one experience. To Machines that does not have the Face to Face interaction. everything if this consultation place to CUT Jobs and service which is needed in HARingey.
Yes, most of these changes affecting black and minorities community, such as refugees, and all low income as they have few representatives in decision making level. Always recieve whatever thrown at them.
Yes, of course it ill have a negative impact and unfair on the local residents especially those with special needs for the young old and vulnerable. It's a place to socialise and interact especially for parents with young children . Our library offers too specific stay and play that enable young mums to meets others similarity to their and provides a space to share and feel connected to the community I myself, a local childminder benefit immensely due to the fact I alway have a warm place to go with my children to read books which is important for their confidence and developing their communication skills, meeting other children their age to interact and develop their speaking and listening skills. Also elderlies that need a place to stay connected reading newspapers and meeting others that helps fight their loneliness, because they gace another warm safe place to visit.
Yes, particularly older people who use the library very regulatory as they are often retired and live alone - the library is a place to meet other people, attend classes, loan books and much map. Also vital for young families, in fact the whole communities S12 - Direct payments give people more choice and independence and saves haringey money. S11 - Health funding will enable those in need to remain at home with cafe saving haringey money too, but also available for residential care where required
Yes. Reduced opening hours are bad for all. A library needs busy times and quiet times to be a service for all. These CCTV proposals are not safe. No toilets??!! Rubbish!
You must not take our library, our community needs access to books in there so expensive these days yes we have the net and such but being a disabled male, i like nothing better than to take a book in my fingers and being able to
Young families (STROUD GREEN HOLDS childrens activity, singing) All GROUPS in community who ALL NEED ACCESS TO BOOKS + NEWSPAPERS Vulnerable always people disability/elderly in Stroud Green.

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Younger + older people use the library more. There is nowhere you can go to for free with a small baby other than the library. It was vital for my mental health over maternity leave.
Your removal of library services (or reduction there of) will have a greater impact on poorer people , those without technology skills and/or access to is grossly unfair It is good to see that Haringey is committed to keeping all libraries open in some form. This is greatly beneficial.