

<b>Key Decision Required:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>In the Forward Plan:</b>	<b>No</b>
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**CABINET**

**18 APRIL 2012**

**REPORT OF FINANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER**

**A.5 WILLOW TREE DAY NURSERY, CLACTON ON SEA: PETITION**

(Report prepared by Andy White)

**PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To refer to Cabinet a petition received by the Council.

**CURRENT POSITION**

The Council has received a petition organised by Mrs Dearsley, the owner of a private nursery school. The nursery owner states that the petition includes 519 signatures. She requests that the Council provides the school with a car park on adjoining public open space. The covering letter is attached to this report at Appendix A. The full petition will be available at the Cabinet meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**That Cabinet notes the petition and considers whether to take any action.**

**APPENDICES**

Appendix A Petition Covering letter.



## Willow Tree Nursery & Children's Centre

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(N.D.N.A)



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15 February 2012

David Hall  
Tendring District Council  
Town Hall  
Station Road  
Clacton-on-Sea  
Essex

Dear Sirs

Please find enclosed our petition with regards to our application for you to consider additional parking at the Willow Tree Nursery & Children's Centre.

As you may be aware we have been in existence since June 1988 and have operated since that time as a popular day nursery catering for the care and education for children aged 3 months to 5 years. In April 2006 we became part of the Children's Centres Initiative introduced by the Government initially in areas of deprivation. We continue to work tirelessly to develop the core offer of Children's Centre Services. We work closely with the Primary Care Trust, Sure Start Children's Centres Tendring and Essex County Council in order to achieve this. A vast amount of services and groups are on offer at the site which are available to the community. Please find enclosed our prospectus outlining our activities.

Over the last 6 years the demand and popularity of the services available to the community has greatly increased the parking difficulties. The congestion around Chingford Avenue and within the car park can be excessive and at times make the conditions unsafe for both children, parents and residents alike, and it is for this reason we feel additional parking on the adjacent field would benefit everybody all round.

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As you can see we have enormous support and complete understanding by both parents and residents alike. We appreciate a few local residents may object to our proposals, however, we equally feel the benefits to the majority of the residents would outweigh this proposal being rejected.

With this in mind we decided to carry out a survey and consultation around the various aspects of this proposal. One main aspect being the impact additional parking would have on users of the field i.e., dog walkers. To this effect please find enclosed photographic evidence of the minor usages and the vast amount of space available to the community.

As we only propose to use a very small section for parking we feel it would not impede on the community use of the open space and at the same time create a much safer environment.

As we first made a tentative enquiry regarding this in May 2009 we would welcome a speedy response to this request.

Yours sincerely



Brenda Dearsley  
Proprietor

- Cc: Councillor P Halliday
- Councillor S Mayzes
- Councillor S Candy
- Councillor G Guglielmi
- Councillor P Balbirni