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Cllr Sarah Russell  
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Dear Councillor Russell,

I am writing to you regarding the Transforming Neighbourhood Services Review and consultation in my capacity as one of the City Councillors for the Freeman Ward, which holds the majority of the Saffron Lane Estate within its boundaries.

During the consultation period I was contacted by a number of community volunteers and activists who expressed their concerns regarding the proposals for the Linwood Centre as part of this review – converting the majority of the building into workshops and retaining the basement room for community use. With these proposals the community will lose access to the main hall.

During my period as a Councillor for the area I have spent a lot of time with members of the community in Saffron helping support local people organise various initiatives and events. I share their concerns and for that reason I am writing to express them formally as part of the consultation.

**Reasons to retain the main hall for community access:**

- The hall is already fit for purpose - no money will need to be spent on refurbishment.
- The hall has access to the outside courtyard which is a safe space for children to play when events are held.
- The main kitchen provides an ideal place to support the Linwood luncheon club which has been running for a number of years.