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Excerpts from letters written to Councillor Ross re. proposed closure of Totley Library – for Sheffield City Council meeting in Town Hall on Wed 4th December 2 p.m. in handing over the petition.

I Love Totley Library and it is VITAL to the community! Andrew Sutton, a local resident says, “Totley Library should not close. It is not an extra, it is a necessity! What other resources do we have? This is one of the few non-religious social services in the area.”

The Library could not be friendlier. When I was very young and shy the librarians were some of the very few people I would talk to. I grew up with them and with the library and they became my friends. I use the library a lot for borrowing books, films, completing homework and sometimes to use the internet. I meet my friends there sometimes. Please don't take that away from me.

Tabby Stratton – Y6

I am very upset about your proposal to close Totley Library. Totley Library offers so much more than books. They have audio books for all ages, large print books for those who cannot see so well. Computers are available if you haven't got access to one at home.

Totley Library is also a meeting place for many groups in the community including story groups, crafts for children, yoga and history groups for adults. How many people will be affected if our library closes? Other libraries are just too far away and many in our area don't have cars, especially the elderly.

If Totley Library closes so many will miss out on the experience of fun and learning that a library gives. Many of my friends use the library a lot as well and lots of us went so much when we were little. My love of reading comes from this and now my teacher has told me I need to read more difficult books and classic books to help with my reading and writing for SATs – I need to be able to use our local library – PLEASE!

Freya Miller – Y6

I feel strongly about the closing of Totley Library and I am sure speak for many others. For example, here is Mai Thomas' (aged 10) opinion, "I love Totley Library and used it SO MUCH when I was little. I still borrow books and films now and feel angry that it could be closing."

Some people could talk about the influence of technology. Yes, some people may be able to go on a tablet and choose a book to read but in reality tablets are very expensive and over-priced and I think they are difficult to read. Not many people have one. A book is MUCH better to read. Totley Library gives us a fantastic range of books to borrow and to help with our learning. Please reconsider the closure of so many libraries in Sheffield and in particular, our library at Totley.
Harry Hutchinson – Y6

Totley Library is the 6th most used library in Sheffield and an unbelievable number of people would be so sad to see it go. And that includes my little sister Emily who said, "It's hard to believe that Totley Library is closing. I have been going there as long as I can remember – I cannot imagine being able to go anywhere else."

I think a lot of young people will read a lot less if the library closes and they cannot choose books. Young children's love of stories can start in the library. Children will be robbed of many learning opportunities that come from books if Totley Library closes. And it also effects older people and all those who don't drive – going to the library may no longer be an option, especially since Totley Library has the most elderly users in the entire city of Sheffield. Please save our library at Totley.

Ben Stead – Y6

THANK YOU! I have taken these paragraphs from your super letters to Colin Ross. Please have a look over the weekend. Please feel welcome to change anything you would like too – maximum must be 15 lines. Given you all so that you know what others are saying. 😊