



# LIBRARIES CHANGE LIVES AND PROVIDE VITAL SERVICES

Up to 5 public libraries in Havering are at risk of closure, as the council seeks to address its £32.5m budget shortfall. Libraries under threat are crucial lifelines for many residents, as they provide books, access to computers, educational resources and also a safe space and social hubs for all.

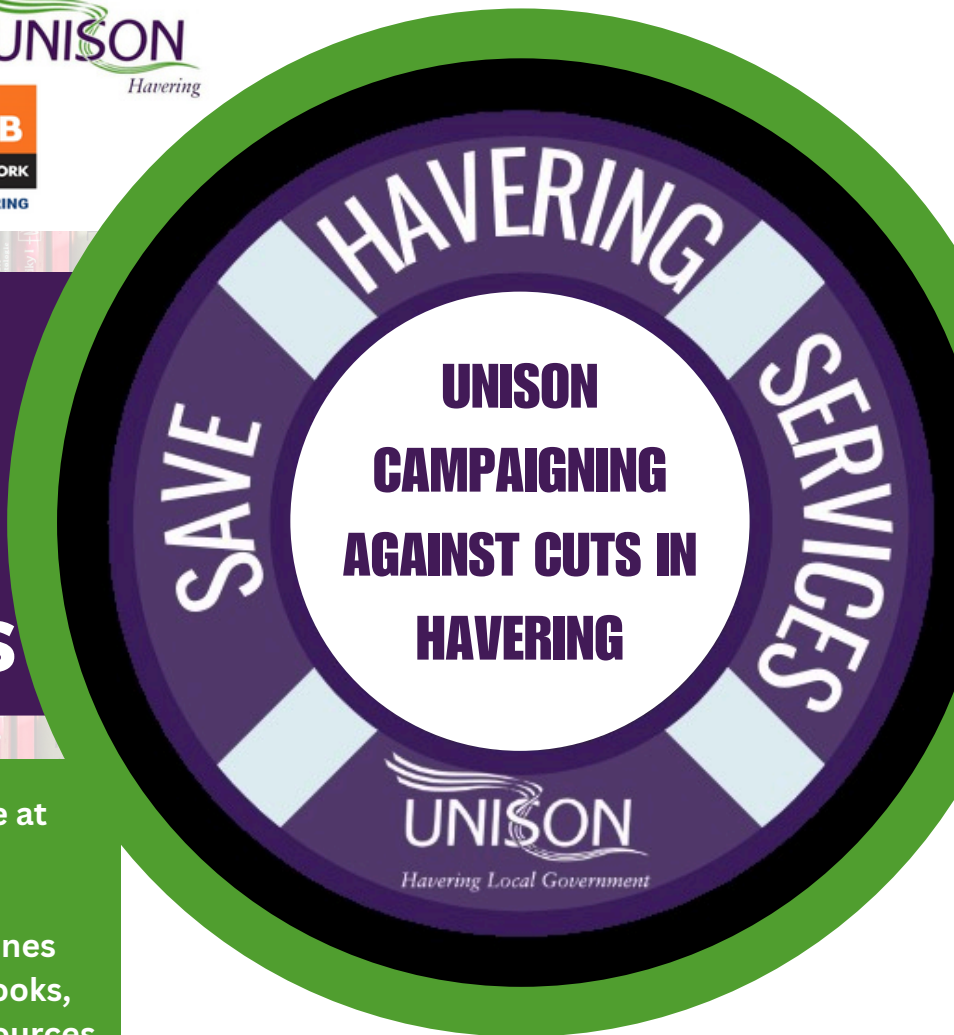
Unions urge the council to explore other options before resorting to such drastic measures.

We know many councils including Havering are in financial crisis however, libraries do more than simply provide books, they're crucial to a range of residents, and a free service many rely on.

“The council shouldn't be choosing quick fixes without considering the harm to communities. There must be a rethink.”

“The value libraries provide far outweighs the immediate financial savings, and the long-term social cost of closures will be profound.

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- Free access to digital resources
- Provide safe quiet spaces
- Source of information sharing



- Encourage and improve childrens literacy
- Promotes diversity in education
- Boosting children's confidence and self-esteem
- Providing free access to books and fun family activities.



- Promotes community groups
- Alleviate social isolation and loneliness
- Inclusive and welcoming



- Provide jobs for the local community
- Knowledgeable and skilled staff
- Sign posting to organisations

# PUBLIC CONSULTATION DATES

Where	When	Time
Town Hall	Tuesday - 9th July	6.30pm - 8pm
Gidea Park Library	Thursday - 11th July	5.30pm - 7.00pm
Collier Row Library	Friday - 12th July	5.30pm - 7.00pm
Elm Park Library	Thursday - 18th July	5.30pm - 7.00pm
South Hornchurch Library	Friday - 19th July	2.30pm - 4pm
Harold Wood Library	Friday - 19th July	5.30pm - 7pm
Gidea Park Library	Wednesday - 24th July	10.30am - 12noon
Collier Row Library	Thursday 25th July	5.30pm - 7pm
Elm Park Library	Friday 26th July	2.30pm - 4pm
South Hornchurch Library	Friday 26th July	5.30pm - 7pm
Harold Hill Library	Monday 29th July	11am - 12.30pm
Hornchurch Library	Tuesday 30th July	11am - 12.30pm
Upminster Library	Wednesday 31st July	11am - 12.30pm
Rainham Library	Thursday 1st August	11am - 12.30pm

**\*\*THESE DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE - PLEASE CHECK WITH THE LIBRARY SERVICE OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW\*\***

**PLEASE ATTEND TO RAISE YOUR CONCERNS**


**COMMUNITY MATTERS TO ALL**


**HELP SAVE HAVERING LIBRARIES**

**Consultation closes Friday 2nd  
August 2024**



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