

## Startpoint Sholing Day Nursery Consultation

Southampton City Council is consulting on proposals to close Startpoint Sholing Day Nursery.

We would like to hear your thoughts on the proposals and any impacts or alternative suggestions you would like us to consider. Now is your opportunity to have your say.

An online version of this questionnaire can be found on Southampton City Council's website at [www.southampton.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.southampton.gov.uk/consultations).

You can also email your consultation feedback or queries to [yourcity.yoursay@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:yourcity.yoursay@southampton.gov.uk)

This consultation closes **18 October 2024**.

### ***Proposal on Startpoint Sholing Day Nursery***

Startpoint Sholing is a Council-run, Ofsted-registered childcare nursery based at Startpoint Sholing Early Years Centre on Wood Close. The nursery has been in operation for over 20 years and offers 26 spaces for children.

The Early Years funding that is provided by central government does not cover the costs of sustaining this nursery without the need for significant on-going council subsidies. This is costing the council more and more each year and it has not been possible to identify a financially viable solution for the nursery.

Due to the significant creation of new childcare places recently opened locally and further planned expansions for 2025, we believe there is a sufficient supply of good quality, inclusive, affordable and flexible childcare choices available in Southampton. Therefore, we are proposing to close the Startpoint Sholing Childcare Nursery.

Due to the uncertainty about the nursery's future, no new children have currently been offered a place for September to avoid any major disruption to a child's early development.

### **To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to close Startpoint Sholing Day Nursery?**

Strongly agree       Agree       Neither       Disagree       Strongly disagree

### **What impact do you feel this may have on you, your business or the wider community?**

A very positive impact  
 A fairly positive impact  
 No impact at all  
 A fairly negative impact  
 A very negative impact  
 Don't know

If you disagree, or have any comments, impacts, suggestions or alternatives you feel we should consider, please provide details:

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## About you

Which of the following describes your interest in this consultation?

Please tick all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> As a parent or carer of a nursery aged child locally  | <input type="checkbox"/> A private business  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As an employee at Startpoint Sholing Nursery          | <input type="checkbox"/> Public sector organisation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a Ofsted registered Childcare provider             | <input type="checkbox"/> Third sector organisation (e.g. voluntary or community groups and charities, etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As a school   | <input type="checkbox"/> Employee of Southampton City Council  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resident of Southampton                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Political member  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resident elsewhere                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Someone that works, visits, or studies in Southampton |  |

If other, please specify:

**Only answer the following questions about your postcode, sex, gender, age, ethnicity and disability if you are responding as an individual, and not as a private business and public or third sector organisation.**

What is your postcode?

This is used for geographical analysis only and will not be used to identify or contact you.

What is your sex?

- Male  Female  Prefer not to say

Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

If no, please write in your gender identity:

What is your age?

Under 18

35 - 44

65 - 74

18 - 24

45 - 54

75+

25 - 34

55 - 64

Prefer not to say

How would you describe your ethnic group?

Asian or Asian British

White other

Black, Black British, Caribbean or African

Other ethnic group

Mixed or multiple ethnic groups

Prefer not to say

White British

If other, please specify:

Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

If yes, do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day-to-day activities?

Yes, a lot

Not at all

Yes, a little

Prefer not to say

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## What happens next?

The consultation closes on **18 October 2024**. After this date, all feedback will be analysed and considered before a final decision is made.

Please return completed surveys to:

*Consultations,  
First Floor, West Wing,  
Civic Centre,  
Southampton,  
SO14 7LY.*

Alternatively, please hand completed surveys back to any Southampton City Council-run library.

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