

Save The Sobell Centre Sports Hall

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Letter: Greetings,

Petition To Save The Sobell Centre Sports Hall

We the undersigned petition Islington Council to call a halt to the un-democratic changes proposed to the sports facilities at the Sobell Centre in Finsbury Park.

Buried in 152 pages of budget proposals approved at the last Budget Council meeting on 23 February were a few brief sentences saying Sobell Centre managers GLL had a proposal for a trampoline park but gave no details of size, timing or funding. Immediately following this meeting however and with absolutely no public consultation, the council agreed GLL could convert half the Sobell sports hall into a trampoline park. We believe Islington Council has acted secretly and is in breach of its statutory duty to consult.

Islington residents and other Sobell customers need access to these precious, Olympic standard, mixed use, communal sports facilities and not a money generating, recreational leisure attraction. We urge Islington Council to review their lack of any prior public consultation and the reasoning behind this ill thought-out proposal.

Comments

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| John Barber | Barnet, England, UK | 2017-06-19 | Islington residents and Sobell customers should be aware of the secretive and un-democratic way Islington Council have acted. There was brief mention in the budget proposals approved at the last Budget Council meeting on 23 February saying Sobell Centre managers GLL had a proposal for a trampoline park but gave no details of size, timing or funding. With absolutely no public consultation, Islington Council has allowed GLL to start the works to convert half the sports hall and expel all indoor junior and senior 5 a side footballers from the Sobell Centre for the first time since it opened in 1973. The 34 regular football groups that are being expelled total around 500 players, have a wide diversity of ages, gender and ethnicity, with most groups having had the same weekly booking for many decades. Other sports including volleyball, badminton, netball and basketball are obviously also losing half their facilities, whilst the 'keep fit' groups are losing the recently fitted-out first floor exercise studios which |
| Celia Clarke | London, England, UK | 2017-06-19 | We are all dismayed at the way in which this has been handled and urge the Council to rethink |
| Alastair McKay | London, England, UK | 2017-06-19 | The indoor football facility is a valuable community asset, with some regular games dating back several decades. The sprung floor helps older players keep fit, and is not available elsewhere. |
| paul johnstone | hamilton, UK | 2017-06-20 | Protect the badminton courts. Don't allow the closure of indoor football. |
| Sameer Jepaul | Wood Green, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | It'd be a shame to lose the indoor football pitch. Although not a resident of Islington, I have worked for a charity in Finsbury Park in the past. We partnered with St Mungo's at the time and enjoyed a good number of games indoors. More recently, I was very pleased to join a team that plays at Sobell on Sundays. It's been a great way to meet new friends and that around a sporting activity that is so popular and has the potential to bring and keep people together. |
| Yaz Djebbour | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I am signing this because I have played 5 a side football for over 5 years and it is local to me. |
| Ben Madden | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | There are so few decent options for sport in the area. The sobell's indoor facilities have been the only decent option, specially in winter. |
| Catherine Pearson | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | The decision was not consulted on and will prevent a wide range of other important sporting activities including football |
| Abu naser | Barnet, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I work at Holloway Road , N7 |
| Marcus Ward | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | This is an appalling decision without consultation and without evidence of community benefit |

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| Ashoke Dole | Enfield, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I use the centre and have experienced how difficult it can be to find a replacement once a centre is shut. |
| Michael McInerney | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | Been using the hall for years it would be a big loss |
| Matthew Simmonds | LONDON, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | Sobell leisure centre is a great source of enjoyment and healthy living for me and many of my friends. Please don't change that! |
| Martin Topple | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I have played indoor 5-a-side football here every week all year round for over 30 years. Not even consulted on the change of use. |
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| Jon Barnes | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | The trampoline project threatens the range of sports at the Sobell and a decision has been taken without any consultation to make indoor football the main sport to be ejected from the centre. |
| Barry Dwyer | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I wish to see a fully democratic consultation process with all users of the Sobell consulted prior to any changes |
| Stuart Croft | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I've played five-a-side football at the Sobell for many years and I'm very disappointed there was no consultation with footballers and other users of the Centre. |
| Peter Murray | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I'm signing because I've been playing indoor football at the Sobell since 1976 and the process by which footballers have been evicted from the Sobell has been very poor. We've given GLL lots of imaginative ways in which they could continue to accommodate us, but every one has been stonewalled. |
| David Kitson | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I am a footballer and we have been removed from the Sobell without consultation. |
| James Dunnett | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | As an islington resident and occasional Sobell user I value its magnificent Sports Hall intact |
| Mike Herlihy | Maida Vale, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I have used the Sobell weekly as a 5 a side footballer for 39 years and the loss of the facility is very disappointing and goes against the trend of increased participation in 5 a side football |
| Heather Hylton | North Finchley, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | As a member I'm object to the removal of classes and court activities to accommodate a trampoline park which as a member was not consulted it's just been put upon us. |
| Gavin Jamieson | Cuckfield, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I have played indoor football at the Sobell for the past 20 years and travel up once a week from West Sussex to play. It will be such a loss to a large group of friends if we lose this facility |
| John Ballard | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I've been playing there for 20 years and it's a great resource for older players who enjoy football, want to keep fit, and don't want to play in competitive five-a-side leagues. |

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| Steve Lanham | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | An indoor sports hall is an essential community facility, something which a trampoline park is not. |
| Henry Paker | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | My friends and I have played indoor football at the Sobell Centre for 25 years. It is a very important part of our lives, and crucial for our health and fitness. Taking it away will have a negative impact on our lives and health. Turning it into a trampoline park will be a huge waste of resources which can be better spent elsewhere. |
| Simon Mayhew-Archer | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | This whole trampolining plan is reminiscent of the Simpsons monorail episode... |
| dan whitaker | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | i believe this will be a test of whether islington council truly listens to those who live and work in the borough. pleased there are already indoor trampoline facilities but devastated the council seeking to remove all indoor football facilities. |
| Barry Leahy | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I have played football here since 1989 and feel replacing the football pitches with trampolines is a mistake and not the best use of the space. Trampoline parks should not be facilitated in Local Authority sites and is merely an attempt to generate revenue and does not support the wellbeing, health and fitness of the citizens of Islington! |
| Jon Sharkey | Enfield, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I'm a 5 aside footballer and object to this trampoline park |
| Scott Forrester | potters bar, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I am a regular user and football player at the sobell centre |
| Ben Gunnee | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | The changes are not in keeping with the building design. |
| David Gibson | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | Signing to request a democratic consultation review of the Project and to Protect the unique character of the fine Olympic standard sports hall. |
| Ivan Roman | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | Actively destroying the Olympics legacy, all that taxpayers money about to be wasted, what a disgrace! |
| Ben Lumley | Hertford, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | They are removing publicly funded sporting facilities for hundreds of local people without any proper consultation, for commercial gain only. |
| Adelene Chinnick | Spain | 2017-06-20 | Five-a-side provides not only exercise but a regular social event - both very important, especially for older players who look forward to their weekly games. |
| Samir Nuseibeh | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I've been playing at the Sobell centre for 5 years and my loyalty is returned with nothing but subjugation and a total lack of respect. No consultation, no desire to engage in dialogue, just clandestine activity to ignore its users and march on with a concept that is not wanted by anyone other than the people with whom the financial gains will go to. Disgrace. |

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| david scott | India | 2017-06-20 | I play there every summer and have played football in the Sobell for the last 18 years. It is terrible to see a council removing a well used sports facility to install what is just a play arena with very little community merit simply for profit. |
| Steve Riley | Mildmay Ward, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | My community football has been destroyed |
| Madoc Threipland | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I play football there every week and have been for 20 years and would like to continue doing so |
| John hannah | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I am a regular 5 a side football player on the indoor courts and have been for 15 years. I object to the repurposing of this space for a 'leisure' activity. |
| Mick Joyce | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I have been playing 5 a side footballers at the Michael Sobell Centre for nearly 15 years and am concerned that our pitches can be removed without any consultation with the players. Very sad. |
| Alan Rowe | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | This is owned by us the public , so why no consultation? Too many services in private hands mean we miss out! |
| Daniel Brightmore | Harringay, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I've enjoyed playing indoor football and other sports at the Sobell for many years. Consultation should have been, and still should be, carried out |
| Dave Williams | Brighton, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | As someone who, has used the Sobell for many years I strongly object to this short term, short sighted alteration of a much valued mixed-used sports facility. |
| Cos Christou | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | We have been playing 5 a side footbal at The Sobell Centre since October 1981. We use to live in Haringey when we first started but even though we have moved further afield we still continue to use this facility. We have played on Court 2 every Friday from 9.30pm until 10.30pm. Apart from when the new floor was fitted we have continued to use this Centre without any gaps. We remained loyal to The Sobell Centre throughout the many years of disruption and feel that we should be given some loyalty in return.Regards Cos |
| Michael Booker | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | Every time I've played football indoors in the evening there have been a whole host of other activities going on (although no-one trampolining incidentally). I can't imagine a trampolining park being as efficient a use of space as what is there now. Definitely a rethink required. This makes no sense. |
| Daniel Mode | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I am a regular 5-aside football player and habe been playing indoors at sobell for many years. I strongly oppose the proposed trampoline park and displacement of many longterm sobell customers. |
| Steve Pavlou | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I amSigning this petition because I have been playing 5 a side football at the Sobell sports centre for over 30 years. |
| ANGELO THOMAS | LONDON, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I ve been playing friday night for the best part of 25 years. Its really convenient as well a home from home! |

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| Jack kalou | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I have coming the Sobell centre for the past 30 years to play football with my friends and strongly oppose the proposed changes where we amongst other groups represent a loyal and established clientele. |
| Rupert Jones | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I would like to keep the Sobell open for 5 avside football as there are relatively few indoor spaces available and great demand. |
| David Jones | Hertford, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I have played 5-a-side football at the Sobell on the indoors courts for over 25 years and object to their proposed removal without any formal consultation. |
| Starzi Kasapi | Cheshunt, UK | 2017-06-20 | I've been playing here for 3 years every Friday, and the players I play with have been playing for the past 30 years every Friday. |
| Joanne Gordonn | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | Gll seem to slowly be removing all of the adult activities scaling down classes putting our prices up but not listening to what the customer actually wants.. |
| Abu naser | Barnet, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | Sobell Leisure Centre should promote ethical principles. It's not a good move for the whole Sobell to be a trampoline park. "Council health and safety inspectors are investigating a new trampoline park following more than 100 incidents at the Midlothian centre in three weeks"(www.bbc.co.uk)Amir Qureshi, orthopaedic surgeon at University Hospital Southampton, has been monitoring trampolining injuries for some time, long before the parks became popular in the UK. Last year, one opened near the hospital. Since then, "there has been quite a steady influx of severe injuries," he says. "We've had neck injuries, broken arms, elbows, ankles." We speak the day before he is to operate on someone who sustained multiple ankle injuries on a trampoline. Younger children, up to about four or five years old, have disproportionately large and heavy heads, with less strength and control over their body's movements, putting them at more risk when bouncing. "As you |
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| Mark tang | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I play badminton at sobell |
| Haydn Coe | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | My 5 a side team (originally founded by Islington Social Workers) have used the courts of the Sobell Centre on a weekly basis in excess of 3 decades. We feel shabbily treated by the Sobell management and Islington Council who we believe have disregarded our loyalty (and commensurate financial input) in a quite callous manner. And for what ? A trampoline park ? Really ? Was this the intention of Michael Sobell when he bequeathed the Centre to the residents of Islington back in the sixties. He must be doing a triple back summersault in his grave. |
| Richard Pearce | Stroud Green, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | Lots of people have been playing football for many many years here, including myself, and I believe the Council just do not appreciate how much we really want to be able to continue. The Council cant just shut this down like this |
| Bruce Sorrell | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | Weekly football that's been going on for ten years plus will now not be available. |
| Angela Christou | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I know a very large number of people that have been using this sports centre for 36 years. It's a disgrace that this is now being taken away from them. They all wanted to stay fit and they use the centre every week and have for all these years |
| Alexa Baracaia | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I object to the trampoline park. Have played football every Thursday for 17 years. |
| Paul Catherall | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I've played football at the Sobell for the past 17 years and object to the imposition of a trampoline park with no consultation with longtime and existing users of the site. |
| Ismail Mariche | london, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | The trampoline park in the sobell centre , will not encourage other sports to take place and limits the choices of other sports(volleyball, basketball, badminton, football, and Bocia) and the trampoline park would not be occasionally used and not be busy as the other previous sports have been.Other parents would also not be able to afford this activity for there children and would stop them from letting there kids do this sport. |

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| Jason Holmes | Harringay, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I am disappointment with the disdain I have been treated with as a member of Better Gyms . Better Gyms need to review how they manage their business. |
| Mark Holding | Walthamstow, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I have been playing 5 a side at the Sobel every Thursday evening since 1991. Despite 26 years loyalty to the centre our team barely got a month's noticw that we were to be displaced to a less safe, less convenient alternative. WE had no opportunity to comment of the trampoline proposals before they were agreed and GLL managers have failed to constructively engage with any of our alternatives to displacement. In short the process has been a bungled, insulting sham. |
| Charlie Christofi | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | Football at the Sobell Centre please. Not just Trampolining!!!! |
| Mark Ransford | London, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | Formal sporting facilities in Islington are being destroyed and society will suffer as a consequence |
| George Georgiou | Arnos Grove, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | I've played 5 a side football at the Solbell centre every friday at 9.30 for the last 35 years |
| mandy manley | london, England, UK | 2017-06-20 | We need the leisure center don't do it |
| Stefano Pelizza | Harringay, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | I've have played at the Sobell for nearly 20 years every Sunday morning. The health and Social benefits have been emence. I do not want this taken away. Surely Sobell can still accommodate our needs as well as achieve their own aims. |
| Remi Keri | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | Because I've playing here for 30 years I'm now 53 and taking away another thing from Islington does not help the community |
| Deuan German | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | Have been playing 5 a side indoors at Sobell for 10 years with a group who have been there for some 25 years on Friday evenings No consultation whatsoever. This has been shoddy and dishonest and ill thought out We are committed to holding those responsible to account as figures serving the local community |
| Darren McLaughlin | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | I'm not happy having to go outside after 40 years of playing football |
| Ted Williams | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | Played there all my life.and will be lost without it |
| Ben Dimech | Kings Cross, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | This conversion to a trampoline park threatens a legacy of decades of football enjoyed by thousands of diverse individuals in an area that cannot offer many alternatives.To have these football pitches wiped out at the whim of the GLL management and council custodians who should serve their constituents' greater interest is clearly wrong. If these plans go ahead, what will become of Sobell in 3 or 5 years' time? What will become of its most longstanding patrons?A fair and proper consultation between all stakeholders is all that's requested. |

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| Sukhie Dhillon | London, UK | 2017-06-21 | Because football and badminton courts are in high demand in the centre that me and my family have been using for over 40 years and has been a hub for community interactions where I have met new friends and old |
| Paul Lowenberg | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | I have played 5 a side football with a group for over 20 years at Sobell and now we are being thrown out. There has been no consultation with us or others on this action. |
| Nik Kotey | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | I have been playing there for 15 years and it provides me with regular exercise and joy |
| Kismat Cheema | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | The facilities at the Sobell Centre should be available to all users for all types of activities and not only dedicated to select types of users! |
| Phil Whelans | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | The Sobell centre is unique. Basketball, 5-a-side football, badminton, volleyball, squash... and an ice hockey match; all of these could all take place SIMULTANEOUSLY on full size playing areas due to the size of this centre. Nowhere else is like this and for the second time in a decade plans are afoot to somehow "remedy" this rather than celebrate it. The hypocrisy is extraordinary; that amidst the wailing and gnashing of teeth surrounding childhood obesity and a national lack of sportiness - except for solo pursuits played by the affluent - we turn half of a thriving sports centre into a playground. |
| raffaele castello | london, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | we need diversity of sports, true sports. |
| Mark Merchant | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | No regard for the users of the Sobell in this decision. |
| Barry Linnane | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | I believe that 5 aside football should continue at the Sobell. |
| Jay Brooks | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | As a regular user of Sobell for over 13 years I find this proposal totally unacceptable. The centre should provide communal sports facilities where local people can, through sport and team activities, build long standing and productive relationships that benefit not only themselves but the community in general. Children's team activities like 5 a side football or gymnastics are invaluable. The new proposal is nothing but a money making play area that does nothing to promote these relationships. |
| William mcmanus | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | That Islington Council can see fit to sign away 50% of our precious community sports facility in order to support an indoor bouncy castle defies belief. The fact that this was decided behind closed doors with the deliberate intention of avoiding public consultation and proper scrutiny is completely unacceptable. |
| Gary Keane | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | The decision by GLL and the council, buried in their meeting, without prior consultation to the loyal users and local community is absolutely shocking. They have shown no regard for anyone, only prioritising profits. I've been using the indoor courts for just over a decade, with many of the guys and girls playing there for much longer. Week in, week out we have been paying to play and support a community centre yet have been treated with utter contempt by |

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| | | | GLL, through the poor condition of the pitches, the closure of one pitch last year and now this being the final nail in the coffin. The centre is used by people of all ages, races, religions and the move to close half for a trampoline park goes completely against the ethos of the man whom the centre is named after. The trampoline park will be used sporadically, mostly by children's parties and is not inclusive at all. There are also reports of a significant amount of injuries caused in similar venues. A compromise has been offered to GLL whereby a court could be r |
| PAUL FOX | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | I play squash and badminton regularly at sobell |
| Steve and Gail Francini | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | As one of a group of Sunday night 5 a side footballers at the Sobell, that have been playing for over 40 years, I firmly believe that the centre should continue to offer indoor 5 a side to all. The decision to convert half of the main arena into a trampoline park, with no public consultation, was disgraceful and showed total contempt by GLL for those long standing and loyal users of the Sobell. |
| Xavier Sandin | Croydon, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | I am signing it because I often play squash at Sobell. The Sobell squash league is extremely popular in London. |
| Richard Bowman | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | The proposal is a truly bad idea. It's not in the interests of community to change the use of the centre for a purely profit driven idea. The centre has brought people of all ages and abilities together for many years and is in demand more now than |
| Tim Callaghan | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | I have played football for over 11 years as part of a group that have been playing since the early 1980's - it is absolutely obscene and offensive how we have been bullied out of the Sobell sports centre without any consultation whatsoever except to hear third hand for someone who received notice in error - shame on the council for allowing this to happen - they should all be voted out at the next council election |
| Ajay Duggal | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | I'm signing because I am a regular user of the Sobell centre and I am not happy with the removal of multiple sporting facilities: volleyball, indoor football, climbing wall, badminton, basketball |
| James Muldoon | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | Sporting facilities are in huge decline and decisions like this should be made openly with proper resident consultation |
| Mike Campbell | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | there has been no consultation and the facilities that existed are unique and well used. A trampoline park should be a separate build. This is a very cheap attempt to make profit at the expense of all users and members of the community. As with me and my friends we have benefited massively from the facilities and activities that the Sobell offer. That should be a legacy for future generations and not replaced by passing trend. |
| Louisa Corr | ELY, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | I play football at sobell and its my favourite thing to do in London! ! |
| Joe Wood | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | I think the lack of available information on the trampoline park proposal is alarming given the negative impact it is likely to have on numerous long-standing user groups. |

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| Carsten Thode | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | When I go to the Sobell, I love seeing all the different sports going on at the same time. There are people playing volleyball, football, badminton, basketball and trampolining all at the same time. Surely that's what a community sports centre is all about |
| Laurie Gellhorn | Durham, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | The Sports Centre is a valuable asset to the health and happiness of local citizens. |
| Oriano Moro | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | its part of the community ...where many sports can be enjoyed ... |
| Henry Grala | Arnos Grove, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | The sports centre was originally built with a donation from Michael Sobell so ordinary people could benefit from a range of sports facilities, not as a competition venue for specialised activities. |
| John Ballard | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | I've been booking a pitch at the Sobell Centre every week for the past 21 years. In today's money, that means I've spent over £75,000 at the centre - and yet the Better management didn't even send an email to warn us the football was closing. It's very disrespectful, and a very poor way to treat loyal customers. |
| Sarah Jane Checkland | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | The community needs this sports centre to keep healthy |
| Cheryl Julien | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | I have lived previously around the corner from here for 22 years and its a shame to see such a usual leisure centre thats at the central of finsbury park going to waste the centre see over 200 people a day or even more its thriving would be a shame to see it go |
| David Butter | Highbury East, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | I believe this is a misuse of space, and I am concerned that future decisions taken in this way could have a negative impact on my main Sobell activity, squash |
| Katharine Williams | Cambridge, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | My three children loved the facilities |
| Marion Murphy | Iford, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | The loss of this facility and apparent lack of openness, clarity and consultation by GLL and Islington Council |
| Carrie Bellringer | Saint Mabyn, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | My family use this centre and I disagree with its use being changed without public consultation |
| Patricia Stone | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | This is a public space and such changes should be subject to publication consultation. |
| Julian Waung | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | I use the indoor facilities that are being sacrificed for the trampoline park. |
| Lisa Collington | Grays, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | it's a big part of the community and needs to be improved upon not lost!! |
| David Ballard | thame, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | Shame- new facilities not replacement of existing ones ! |

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| Lloyd Williams | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | I have been going to the sobell centre from day's of when david emery use run it plus playing ice hockey there from it first begun when it use to be run correctly i have seen the standards drop down what a shame |
| Deborah Burnstone | London, England, UK | 2017-06-21 | This important local amenity should be subject to public consultation and scrutiny |
| Ian Long | London, UK | 2017-06-21 | This important facility needs to be retained in its most useful form for local people! What is this rubbish about a trampoline park? Who is making such nonsensical decisions? |
| Mercy McCann | London, England, UK | 2017-06-22 | We use the indoor facilities and see how much they are valued by the community. I have trouble imagining that a trampoline park will be more valuable than indoor football, badminton and the athletic halls. If a transparent and thorough process demonstrates as such, fine, but involve the community in the development of their own community centre. Seems reasonable. |
| N A | London, England, UK | 2017-06-22 | The Sobell should be a multi-purpose sports centre not a commercial trampoline park |
| Julie Russon | Bletsoe, England, UK | 2017-06-22 | Councils need to be transparent & act on behalf of residents, which they aren't doing |
| paul howard | london, England, UK | 2017-06-22 | Indoor football, basketball, netball and badminton should not be penalised for the sake of an unproven highly commercialised trampoline park. If it's such a good idea make a purpose built venue.The management should be made aware of the importance of consultation. |
| Nikk Strachan | London, England, UK | 2017-06-22 | We need the space and it can be used for a variety of activities. |
| Andy Hopper | London, England, UK | 2017-06-22 | Sobell is a great volleyball venue and was used as a training venue in the Olympics. Reducing the number of available courts diminishes the legacy of the event. |
| Gerry Burns | London, England, UK | 2017-06-22 | Michael Sobell funded the Centre to provide inner-city kids with sports facilities. he chose an area that suffered from a chronic lack of other facilities. His intentions should be honoured. I am a lifelong user of the Sobell Centre. |
| Ari Aristidou | London, England, UK | 2017-06-22 | I learnt to ice skate there many years ago. |
| Andy Sutch | London, England, UK | 2017-06-22 | I wish to ensure continued full opportunities for volleyball in London |
| Madars Samitis | sevenoaks kent, England, UK | 2017-06-22 | Cos want to |
| Sevy Dalgado | London, England, UK | 2017-06-23 | I am signing because my son and my grandson use this centre and I used it when my children were young |

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| James Butler | Kensal Rise, London, England, UK | 2017-06-23 | I'm signing because the new proposed sports space is bad for the players' knees and the council have played very underhand tactics. Keep up the good work John. #justiceforjohn |
| A Count | London, England, UK | 2017-06-23 | Islington does not need a trampoline park, it needs to provide sports facilities for all its residents not just the hipsters you're hoping to cash in on. Newsflash, people are skint who's going to pay £10 to go on a trampoline? |
| Onyinye Nkemdirim | london, England, UK | 2017-06-23 | There's already not enough sports halls around to use, taking away more space just kills community use! |
| Onyinye Nkemdirim | london, England, UK | 2017-06-23 | there is already a lack of sports halls available for the amount of people who want to use it. Changing this to a trampoline park is just stupid!! Anyone who wants to pay £15 to jump on a trampoline, will happily also get the train to one of the other trampoline parks popping up. Stop trying to suck us dry! |
| Luke Blair | London, England, UK | 2017-06-23 | I've been playing football at the Sobell Centre since I was a child. Seems crazy that we'd have to lose that for some trampolining |
| Alexis Bradbury | Huddersfield, England, UK | 2017-06-23 | A huge amount has recently been spent on the spring floor which has attracted much greater participation at the venue |
| Victoria Senior | Birstall, England, UK | 2017-06-23 | It's a much needed centre |
| Tracy Short | London, England, UK | 2017-06-23 | I don't agree with these plans. |
| Terry Smith | Puckeridge, England, UK | 2017-06-23 | I've used it since my schooldays, it should stay available to the community |
| Anna-Maria Hesse | Walthamstow, England, UK | 2017-06-23 | I think it is important! |
| Luke Morgan | London, England, UK | 2017-06-23 | Let's keep this facility open, keeping kids fit, healthy and engaged has never been so important! |
| Andrew Lamb | London, England, UK | 2017-06-23 | I love football. |
| Matthew Hardy | London, England, England, UK | 2017-06-23 | Islington is the densest borough in the country, with the least green space. The Sobell is an essential resource for people in N4 |
| eileen beckmann | Rusper, England, UK | 2017-06-23 | We need to encourage health and fitness by keeping facilities like this strong and accessible |
| Max Dyson | London, UK | 2017-06-23 | I'm signing because I hate to see well used community facilities being hived off for profit and perhaps to prep the entire centre for demolition when trendy new activities fall out of fashion .. . |
| Darren Govey | London, England, UK | 2017-06-23 | It's been part of islington for years maybe Arsenal Fc can help out ??? |

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| Emily PROFFER | London, England, UK | 2017-06-23 | It's a community space used by many! More gentification! |
| Yasmin Allen | London, England, UK | 2017-06-24 | Sobell.a valuable COMMUNITY RESOURCE . an example to other boroughs ,caters for all ages, a variety of sports activities . Don't turn it into lux flats for a fancy developer . An absolute disgrace !!!! |
| Jon Elliott | London, England, UK | 2017-06-24 | This is a valuable facility that should not be lost just to keep Genwich leisure solvent at the expense of So many sports people |
| Helen Rudkin | London, England, UK | 2017-06-24 | I am signing because I am a badminton player and object to the proposed trampoline park |
| Patricia Kavanagh | Wood Green, England, UK | 2017-06-24 | This was part of my growing up I learnt how to trampoline and ice skate at the Sobell. It was innovative of its time and provided a range of sporting facilities and a location for primary schools to hold their sports days indoors. I feel offended that yet again corporate game text precedence over community value. Don't pretend you're serving a community when you do things like this. |
| Anthony Woodhouse | London, England, UK | 2017-06-24 | Keep the football pitches |
| Joe Greenway | Coventry, England, UK | 2017-06-24 | Football is life. Life is football. Anything else (trampolines included) is fleeting. |
| Bjarte Valen | London, England, UK | 2017-06-24 | I am being thrown out |
| Philip Jones | London, UK | 2017-06-24 | I have played 5 a side football at the Sobell for over 20 years and it is a great resource for me and all 5 a side footballers of all ages ... |
| Toni James | london, England, UK | 2017-06-24 | Because I used to work there and a lot of children use it for positive purposes, it keeps them off the streets out of trouble and engaged in their activity. Which in turn already gives them a better start in life |
| Philip Jones | London, UK | 2017-06-24 | Because the playing of the beautiful game must be kept alive for people of all ages and especially so right next to Arsenal's ground and yet the Club do nothing on this issue. |
| Richard Bangay | London, England, UK | 2017-06-24 | I'm concerned that established sports/activities are being pushed out. As a community center it worries me that profits are being placed before various sports participation. |
| Ebony Skerritt | Harringay, England, UK | 2017-06-24 | Very worrying indeed..that they are just jumping on the trampoline park wagon for more money rather than using the space for various activities and local clients / residents that have used the venue for years. If it is innocent and for the benefit of all why not be more open about it!!!! |
| Vernon Russell | London, England, UK | 2017-06-24 | I'm a sobell user and squash player |
| tracy allen | london, England, UK | 2017-06-25 | It was a big part of my life in the early 80s where I learned to skate and had fun |

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| Ruth Garland | London, England, UK | 2017-06-25 | This is a unique local resource for ordinary people of all ages who aren't elite athletes but love football and badminton . My partner has played there for 25 years. Now they are forced to travel to a school that has a concrete floor and where the service is unreliable. |
| David Gregory | London, England, UK | 2017-06-25 | The legacy of the 2012 Olympics was sold as promoting community engagement, increasing grass roots participation and achieving involvement across all groups in society. This directly threatens that. |
| Paul Millington | London, England, UK | 2017-06-25 | The decision to remove this facility as carried out without any consultation. It has a considerable impact on those of us that have played at the facility for many years. |
| Neal Kirby | London, England, UK | 2017-06-25 | We need to keep facilities open & not cut cut cut |
| Mark Emblen | London, England, UK | 2017-06-25 | I believe it is important that we keep open key sports facilities |
| Liam Mcgregor | Enfield, UK | 2017-06-25 | It's a great sporting venue that's been used for years by a variety and generations of people and should continue in this way |
| Michael Taylor | London, England, UK | 2017-06-25 | A purely commercial development designed to maximise revenue, cuts across the implicit community ethos of Sobell |
| Robert Buchanan | Highbury East, England, UK | 2017-06-25 | I'm a regular user. |
| Bonny Ho | London, England, UK | 2017-06-26 | The sports centre is used by a large number of local residents and their friends |
| Irene Winter | London, England, UK | 2017-06-26 | We use Sobel Centre a lot for activities with our children and a trampoline park sounds as though it will limit the activities available in the future including football. |
| Stephen Selkirk | London, England, UK | 2017-06-26 | I'm disappointed about the continued deterioration of facilities and the lack of consultation associated with this. |
| Gemma Sands | New York, NY | 2017-06-26 | My parents have played football here for 25 years. They deserve to keep playing here, not be turfed out without proper consultation or alternate facilities. |
| Mark Smith | London, England, UK | 2017-06-26 | Sports facilities are being lost all over Islington and the council is behind it all. Where do they want our young to go? What do they want them to do? I thought Labour's ethos was to make things better - we let's start with cutting obesity, improving mental health, keeping kids out of trouble. |
| robert gilchrist | London, UK | 2017-06-26 | I joined the Sobell when it first opened and played 5-a-side every week for 40 years, not only enabling me to keep fit but also to introduce many youngsters to the Centre. This is a retrograde step, totally at variance with the ethos of a community oriented Sports Centre catering for the most popular sport in the country. |

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| Catherine Cartier | London, England, UK | 2017-06-26 | Better is meant to be promoting regular sporting activity. It now wants to convert half of its flagship Islington centre's flexible, multi activity area in a giant birthday party venue. The courts are busy, used by groups of all ages, for a variety of sports. Why destroy this to leave place to one single activity? The partnership between Islington and Better is meant to have a strong focus on increasing participation, reducing health inequalities and improving social inclusion. Better should remember it is meant to be non-for-profit and not let the balance sheet direct its decision making. |
| Delphine Bartouilh | Londres, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | I play badminton at the Sobell |
| Agnieszka Kemper | London, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | I am signing because I love playing badminton, so please don't take courts away. |
| Joao Saraiva | Lambeth, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | Sports facilities are important for health and well being |
| Ruth Ki | London, UK | 2017-06-27 | Lack of proper consultation and a trampoline park of this size will have a detrimental affect on the other sports leaving everyone scrambling for court space |
| Jasmit Kalra | London, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | This would ruin the center for so many people. It would be a massiv shame. Please don't do it!!! |
| Eddie Wong | Bracknell, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | Because I want to keep what is already an excellent facility the way it is. |
| Jeanette Simpson | Romiley, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | Sports facilities are for all! Not just to profit make |
| Jenny Ross | London, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | I'm signing because I use the sobell regularly and think this would be a huge loss to the community |
| nikki brown | London, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | There are few gyms in the area and this is the best having a good variety of activities for all. |
| phil clare | London, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | Takes up too much space and it is'nt a proper sport. We should promote actual trampolining rather than just bouncing around. |
| Edmund Lee | Brighton, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | Sobell Centre is currently providing excellent facilities, to promote various sporting activities from badminton to basketball, catering to all ages. It would be a shame to restrict any opportunity to encourage people to keep active through sporting activities as well as be part of a social group; such as the Step Up Badminton Group, presently on Monday evenings. |
| Edmund Lee | Brighton, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | The Sobell Centre offers excellent facilities for a variety of sporting activities, catering to all ages. It would be a shame to restrict any opportunity to encourage people in their sporting interests; either for fun, as a means of keeping fit or social interaction. A good example would be the Step Up Badminton Group on a Monday evening, run by John and Kyoto whose passion for the sport has encouraged its members from all over London to pick up and |

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| | | | develop the sport in a friendly yet competitive environment. I believe the excellent facilities of the Sports Centre and its staff has a positive contribution towards the healthy membership of The Badminton Club. Save The Centre....! |
| Antonia Wilson | London, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | I have been attending the Sobell Centre for over 30 years and enjoy all the various range of activities the centre has provide. Since 'Better' has taken over it has resulted in classes and other sporting activities such as football being cancelled without any consultation with it's members. The addition of the 'Trampoline' park is an outrageous project and does not fall into the ethos of Michael Sobell as a Community Centre to serve all. The constant lack of consideration to members and other users of the centre that have supported Sobell throughout the years has not at all been taken into consideration. All Better seem interested in is spending money on 'unnecessary' projects and treating the centre like a 'Business' acquisition rather than a community centre, which we as members, non-members and other users would like back. |
| Paul Scott | Enfield, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | i am signing this petition because I feel that GLL do not take any notice of the community spirit we have built over the years (40+). This has been done by taking part taking part in regular Five-a-side football, and various other competitive classes. |
| Ruby Margetts | London, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | This will reduce the amount of community engagement for all ages and is already causing uproar for a number of parties that already use these courts for local community sessions. There are two trampoline parks within 1 hour from The Sobell, why do we need one more?! |
| Ricky Jones | longmont, CO | 2017-06-27 | I love badminton and too many trampolines is overkill especially that a lot more people play badminton |
| Nirjay Mahindru | London, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | This has been done without consultation. Typical of local councils. |
| Harry Davies | London, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | Stop ruining London! |
| Selina Savva | Barnet, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | Fantastic sports centre and has been for so long, used it as a child in the 70's and my son now whilst at college. Keep it going for everyone's enjoyment. |
| Aldhun Levitt | London, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | This is an undemocratic use of power by a council with no political opposition in the borough. It is a community asset and the community should always be consulted where changes to its facilities are suggested. |
| Emily Levitt | London, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | This is a communal run sports hall not a profit making private business. The hall is well used currently by amongst others, badminton players who live locally and have played here for a long time and will no longer be able to. As local residents we should have been consulted because we have until now considered the Sobell to be a vital part of our local area. |

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| Aldhun Levitt | London, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | Councils should not be able to make massive changes to community assets without consulting the community. |
| Samantha Gray | Hockley, UK | 2017-06-27 | It's a fantastic venue that supports the community |
| Andrew Lugg | London, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | It's supposed to be a sports hall, not a bouncy castle. Where's the Olympic legacy in that ? |
| Kunal Buxani | London, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | I am for the extreme trampolines as long as they are XTREME TO THE MAX and you also have a churros concession and a sick haunted house. Otherwise please stick to using the sports hall for sports thanks. |
| Beatrice Taylor | London, England, UK | 2017-06-27 | I have been attending this centre for the last 6 years and became increasingly disillusioned with the changes made so far which meant for people who work classes which were previously run after 7-8 pm were cancelled. I eventually cancelled my membership. Further changes for a trampoline park will even adversely affect more users who rely on this community facilitate to keep fit. |
| Mike Thompson | London, UK | 2017-06-27 | Shame on you, where's the consultation? Not everyone round Islington is on a nice middle class salary. |
| Rebecca Byrne | Chelmsford, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | It's important to have this for all the people that live or work in this area, we as a country are trying to encourage people to be fitter and healthier and hopefully less of a strain on the NHS. |
| Karenina Bury | London, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | I think that accessible community sports are an invaluable resource for the well-being of the whole community. |
| annie williams | London, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | The trampoline proposal has not been subject to any consultation and is grossly unfair to local badminton players who will be unable to continue playing |
| Juan Pablo Novillo Requena | Madrid, Spain | 2017-06-28 | I used that centre in the past and I love it. |
| Simon Goldberg | Belgravia, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | I'm signing because I played 5 a side football at Sobell for more than 20 years. |
| Ian Harvey | London, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | It's important that a range of sports are available for all members of the community. Using half of the space for one sport is a gross misuse of a critical inner city venue. Yet again, the needs of the community are being ignored. |
| Tricia Clarke | London, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | I believe there was inadequate consultation over the plans to change the Sobell centre use from indoor football to trampolining. |
| Elize Truter | London, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | Here we go again! Why do you never consult the people who use the centre.? |
| Andrew Bladon | London, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | I used it regularly and would like the next generation to do the same |

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| David Burton | Brixton, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | I've played at the Sobells with a group of guys who belong to a collective who have booked every thursday night to play indoor football for over 40 years. We were given 3 weeks notice, absolutely ridiculous. GLL should be embarrassed at how shodily and shortsightedly they've treated loyal customers. |
| Andrew Goldman | Clerkenwell, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | I used to play here; great facility which reaches all parts of society and all age groups.A social and health benefit for all.We need to keep it. |
| Shivam Anand | London, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | This madness need to stop. People's lives are being ruined |
| Kevin O'Sullivan | London, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | There's currently a great facility which is constantly in use for all types of sports. I play badminton with Sobell badminton club. The loss of courts can only be bad for the club. |
| Freddy Levitt | London, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | I play badminton regularly, and don't want the already very limited court space to be reduced further!!I think the trampoline park would be a gimmick and only used for a year or two before people get bored. |
| Derek Harte | London, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | We need proper sports facilities in Islington not play areas. |
| Robin Anderson | London, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | I am a regular user of the Sobell Centre and see it as a SPORTS centre providing a valuable resource which will be seriously depleted if this project is allowed to go ahead |
| scott dougan | Cowes, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | our group has used the centre for decades- we come from al over london and beyond once a week |
| Olivia Harte | London, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | Without this pitch my dad would not leave the house !! Please save it |
| Amy Harte | London, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | My dad needs his exercise. |
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| Jon Martin | London, England, UK | 2017-06-28 | I value the sports facilities at Sobell and have used them for many years, if anything the badminton courts etc should be increased. |
| Mia Levy | London, UK | 2017-06-28 | I feel that's it's not right that all other sports are being removed just so that a trampoline Park can be put in there |
| Sean Fryer | London, UK | 2017-06-28 | I'm signing because I play football there every week to keep fit and stay healthy. It keeps me in touch with friends and family. |
| William Bratton | Huddersfield, UK | 2017-06-28 | We as a group have been using theCentre for football for almost 10 years.. |

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| Keith Young | London, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | Because I am fed up with local councils like my own (LBWF) and Hackney and Islington failing to consult with residents over important decisions that affect the community. |
| Paul Daly | London, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | This is the only exercise I get - I need to be playing a team sport to be motivated and the only sport I like is football. Indoor 5 a side on spring boards is the only type of sport that doesn't damage cause excessive stress on my legs - hard floors constantly lead to muscle injuries, as they are too harsh. |
| CLaudio Alegria | London, UK | 2017-06-29 | I'm signing because Sobell is an integral park of the community, it brings health awareness and team building spirit ! Save the Sobell Leisure Centre |
| Peter Sogbodjor | Potters Bar, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | We need more space for football in Islington, not less |
| Tony May | London, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | I'm signing because the sports hall is a great facility used by young and old to get together and enjoy badminton (amongst other sports). I've met some wonderful friends there over the years and hope to do so for years to come. |
| marouane benchekroun | London, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | I am a regular 5-a-side football player and I've been regularly playing there for over 15 years.. |
| David Clarke | London, UK | 2017-06-29 | 5 a side has helped me do exercise in an accessible and safe environment and should continue at the Sobell Centre. |
| Andy gibson | London, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | This place matters to me |
| john fernandez | London, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | I support the cause. It is a community sports hall and should remain so. It will effect such programmes like the Friday evening football sessions that have been going for over 15 year's |
| Catriona Jennings | Spain | 2017-06-29 | I am signing as some of my friends play there a lot. They both have families and full time jobs so not a lot of free time. Therefore, keeps them fit and stessfree which is so important. |
| Mick Doherty | London, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | We won't stand for another place the local youth can utilise to be closed, thus leaving kids nothing to do but knock about on the streets!! |
| Julia Millhouse | Selby, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | My sister loves this gym. And she has MS so it is important for her access-wise. |
| Chris Grimes | London, UK | 2017-06-29 | Had some fantastic times there growing up. Would be a shame to lose such a tremendous facility. |
| Gillian Leahy | London, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | My husband has played football here for over 20 years |
| Michael Muldowney | London, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | We need to build more community centres in our area, not remove one of the few we have. |

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| Graeme McPhun | Enfield, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | I used to play football here with a group that still does (injuries curtailed) |
| Karen Parrott | London, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | Islington needs this facility |
| bernie cooke | London, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | It's disgraceful |
| Tracey Benmore | London, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | We need our sports centre , use it all the time |
| David Stenson | London, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | It's a disgrace that you are not supporting local people playing a sport in the shadows of a major European football team and at the same time participating in the London Mayor #SadiqKhan push for Londoners to maintain active lives |
| Joe Benmore | London, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | Mixed use community sporting facilities encourage physical activity and improve the health and wellbeing of those who partipate. The council has a duty to consult before making any decisions that impact on public facilities otherwise they have no authority to do. |
| Sue Bailey | London, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | It is vital that the Sobell remains a fully functional, multi-purpose sports hall for the benefit of all the community. It should not be a predominately money making venue. |
| Christine O'Sullivan | London, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | The Sobell offers great facilities for all the community. It would be a travesty to lose that sports hall. Why not create better ways and opportunities to showcase the facilities instead? |
| ritchie wheeler | London, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | Theres plenty of different activities in the sobell, including trampolines, so why change a place as diverse as the sobell is to a single activitie venue? |
| Elizabeth Da silva | London, England, UK | 2017-06-29 | We need the space for sports of all kinds, not just jumping |
| Tom Walker | Islington, London, England, UK | 2017-06-30 | I used the sobel centre when I was young, and the young and old of today should still have this facility in our community. |
| Sophie Okeefe | London, England, UK | 2017-06-30 | It is somewhere for kids to enjoy there selves , why you taking every thing away from them . |
| Michelle French | London, England, UK | 2017-06-30 | I have friends and family in the area who regularly use this facility. |
| Celia Clarke | London, England, UK | 2017-06-30 | I have been playing football at Sobell for 25 years. Islington Council and GLL decided to develop half the centre into a trampoline park and removed 5 a side football completely without any consultation with residents or users of the centre and absent any information about the feasibility and profitability of the trampoline park. It is an absolute disgrace and they should be ashamed of themselves. |
| ADAM TAYLOR | London, England, UK | 2017-06-30 | AM OUTRAGED BY THE COUNCILS' BEHAVIOUR AND HANDLING OF THIS MATTER. |

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| Steve O'Hara | Cheshunt, England, UK | 2017-06-30 | It's a must youths have centres such as this wonderful place |
| Nasrat Sayyad | London, England, UK | 2017-06-30 | My friends had been playing there for decades every week. It would be unfair to ask them to leave now specially when there is no alternative options available whatsoever. |
| Denise Harvey | London, England, UK | 2017-06-30 | Islington needs sports facilities not a money making trampoline park |
| Marina Pettigrew | London, England, UK | 2017-06-30 | I want to save it as went there when I was young |
| Lucy Fairbairn | Spain | 2017-06-30 | I used this centre as a kid every Saturday ice skating for years. Kids need these places to go. Take them all away and what is left for them? |
| Rebecca Crossman | brecon, Wales, UK | 2017-06-30 | My whole family have used this facility for the last 30 years. |
| Magda Pinto | London, England, UK | 2017-06-30 | I loved the Center when I was young. Give our youth a chance to make memories and have somewhere safe to excersise, in this concrete jungle of a city |
| Elmedina Baptista Mendes | London, England, UK | 2017-07-01 | The local residents should have been consulted! |
| Ethna Travers | Islington, England, UK | 2017-07-01 | The young and the old need the centre |
| Sophie Barber | Barnet, England, UK | 2017-07-01 | It is wrong that the council is closing this without asking anyone |
| Roger Reed | Spalding, England, UK | 2017-07-01 | I feel strongly that this widely used sports centre should not be taken over to the extent planned, for trampolining when there are so few places within the Borough to play team sports. |
| Mike Papesch | London, England, UK | 2017-07-01 | We need the Sports Hall as it is.... it is great, thanks |
| Kathy Perrin | Blackpool, England, UK | 2017-07-01 | Many happy hours spent here, ice skating and competing in various sports. |
| Rob Millington | Cheshunt, England, UK | 2017-07-01 | Keep my Dad fit! |
| Anne Nealon | Dublin, Ireland | 2017-07-02 | Signing because I know how much this means to the local people through my cousin who lives there. |
| Barbara Gilbert | Northrepps, England, UK | 2017-07-02 | I lived in London Islington for 40 years, it's a great place to take the kids, and it should stay open, it's fantastic. |
| adrian stern | Londra, England, UK | 2017-07-02 | In a meeting with the centre manager it was admitted that there should have been more consultation |

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| Heather Fordham | London, England, UK | 2017-07-02 | Sports need to be preserved and trampoline parks are dangerous entertainment, not sports, facilities. |
| TESTE JEAN-CLAUDE | France | 2017-07-02 | WITH A LITTLE HELP TO MY FRIENDS. |
| Vivienne Evans | Enfield, England, UK | 2017-07-03 | Sobell offers such a wide range of taught sports, some of which aren't available in an adult setting in many places (both in London and in the wider country). It seems ridiculous to get rid of this status/niche to build something that is so widespread already. |
| Tracy Wake | Abbots Langley, England, UK | 2017-07-03 | This centre is needed for all age groups in this area |
| Step Haiselden | London, England, UK | 2017-07-03 | I want to save the best venue for real (Olympic sport) trampolining in central London. |
| Mark Bunyan | London SW12, England, UK | 2017-07-04 | I have been using the Sobell Centre for 10 years during which time the trampoline facilities have enabled my winning national gold medals in the sport. |
| Kate Reader | London, England, UK | 2017-07-04 | I have used the facilities at Sobel on a regular basis all of my adult life, there are very few places with Adult trampolining at the standard Sobell provides, replacing this with what is essentially a soft play park with a poor record for child safety and injuries is an appalling idea. |
| Kathy Webb | London, England, UK | 2017-07-04 | Sobell has provided much needed sports facilities for several generations; everyone from tiny tots to world class competitors representing Great Britain. The local ambulance service can't cope with the occasional accident - how are they going to cope with the multiple accidents documented at trampoline parks? |
| Mary Coakley | Ascot, England, UK | 2017-07-04 | My daughter trained there. It is a great facility and a very valuable one for the people of the area |
| Vincent Lenne | Tunbridge Wells, England, UK | 2017-07-04 | Because I want this multi sport facility to remain a multi sport facility |
| jhon-Soul Westwood | London, England, UK | 2017-07-04 | its an awesome center for the community. |
| Jackie Cain | London, England, UK | 2017-07-05 | General sports facilities have greater value to the community. If you believe otherwise, have an open consultation where you present your reasons and let the community decide. |
| Mark Newbanks | London, England, UK | 2017-07-05 | I'm signing because I'm tired of seeing this government destroy every last bit of society we have left. It's time it stops. |
| Sandra Williams | France | 2017-07-05 | This sport centre is a great asset in the area, used by many schools, local children & adults, my children were part of the trampoline club and also trained all sports with their school, I played badminton with many of my work colleagues and also a member of the badminton club. Closing this centre would leave a massive hole in local amenities. |

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| Matthew Drolc | London, England, UK | 2017-07-06 | A multi-use area is of more benefit to the community than an area that can be used for one activity only, especially when that activity itself is likely to have limited appeal. |
| Sue Smith | London, England, UK | 2017-07-06 | we need a multi use space not a trampoline park! |
| Viliyana Tsanova | Didcot, England, UK | 2017-07-06 | I'm signing because I agree with Mathew 's cause |
| Barry Hill | Romford, UK | 2017-07-07 | As a longstanding customer of Sobell Sports Centre I am privileged to represent the views of all Sobell customers and local residents in my role as independent and voluntary Centre Customer Representative. I have nothing against the concept of a trampoline park but think that Sobell is a totally inappropriate location for this. Had the promised pre-decision consultation taken place, I would have stated this. The value of Sobell to the whole community, with its wide range of community sports activities, is immense. Part-changing its use from a sports facility to a recreational theme park and party venue, with none of the promised public consultation is an unacceptable action by the Council Executive. So many customers speak with me each week, confirming how much they value the centre's welcoming, inclusive and diverse ethos. The council and managing agent need to take due notice of the views from loyal, longstanding customers and Islington residents, and undertake a fundamental review of the need for this cu |
| Natashs Wong | London, England, UK | 2017-07-07 | We live locally and the sobell centre sports hall is vital to the local community, a resource that is used by all ages locally |
| Gregory Campbell | London, England, UK | 2017-07-07 | With the rapidly increasing population density in Islington, it is vital that we keep and maintain all existing sport and leisure facilities. |
| Dan Green | London, England, UK | 2017-07-07 | Keep public facilities open and fair use. |
| Ann-marie Nixon | London, UK | 2017-07-08 | He was a strong not who fought his battle till he couldn't fight no more R.I.O |
| Steve Riley | Mildmay Ward, England, UK | 2017-07-09 | Everything has come to money and we all know that's the roots of evil. Sobell was a great place to go too it was friendly an fun and everyone got along. |
| James Onalaja | London, UK | 2017-07-10 | The need for proper consultation. |
| Thomas White | Walsall, England, UK | 2017-07-12 | Football pitches are scarce enough as it is. |
| David Ohana | London, England, UK | 2017-07-12 | I work in the KX area and support this initiative |
| Luke Fleet | London, England, UK | 2017-07-12 | I'm very much in favour of communal sports facilities, and think there should be more, not less |

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| Adam Fotheringham | London, England, UK | 2017-07-12 | Because I don't believe it is right to take away facilities which are regularly used by hundreds of people a week which promotes a social side and most importantly fitness. A trampoline park does not make sense and does not add to the local community. |
| Nicholas Dufeu | New York, NY | 2017-07-12 | Islington Council and GLL should have consulted users of the Sobell Centre before taking this decision |
| Joseph Bahsoon | London, England, UK | 2017-07-12 | Islington Council and GLL should have consulted users of the Sobell Centre before taking this decision |
| Richard Peace | London, England, UK | 2017-07-12 | This looks a dumb idea. Any money created will be lost in back / neck insurance claims! In march 2017 the BBC showed figures of 315 ambulances called out to 30 UK trampoline parks in a 12 month period. At one park in Chester 4 people broke their backs in one day. |
| Adam McMillan | London, England, UK | 2017-07-12 | I have played 5 a side football here many, many times I think it is a disgrace that Islington Council and GLL have not consulted the users of the Sobell before taking this decision |
| Cameron Robertson | Glasgow, Scotland, UK | 2017-07-12 | Islington Council and GLL should have consulted users of the Sobell Centre and listened to their views before making any decision on that affected the provision of offering the size of football facilities to the local community and those further beyond. |
| Martin Legg | York, UK | 2017-07-12 | Proper consultation is a fundamental principle of local government |
| David Mastrrs | Sevenoaks, England, UK | 2017-07-12 | Why alienate all other activities when the vast majority users have little interest in trampolining . The Sobell Centre is for everyone |
| Michelle Dawkins | Islington, England, UK | 2017-07-12 | This is wrong to kick the community out from playing football indoors |
| colin francis | London, England, UK | 2017-07-12 | The kids need to have some where to go? The Sobel has been open for years and should stay open!) |
| Christina cleverly | London, England, UK | 2017-07-13 | This place was an integral part of my life growing up. It serves the community far and wide, including schools and youth projects. It is needed. |
| Vayid Moussa | London, UK | 2017-07-13 | I play indoor football quite a bit here and just turning half into a specific use area is a bit selfish. The football area is not just football, but an area for badminton, basketball, volleyball and many other sports/activities. |
| matthew prout | London, UK | 2017-07-13 | Because sport for all not just for the biggest commercial cheque. The council should be reminded it is there to serve the local community not itself |
| Charles Eden | Harrow, England, UK | 2017-07-13 | The 5 a side football courts provide great exercise and fun for a large number of players over many years and continue to be very popular I was a regular member of a group which started playing weekly in the 1970's and continue to this day |

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| david parrish | Tudeley, England, UK | 2017-07-13 | Sport is for all |
| jody evans | london, England, UK | 2017-07-13 | I love to play football at my local venue (sobel) and have been going there to play 5 aside for years. I also used to go rockclimbing there in the early nineties, so as a long term participant to the center, I am absolutely disgusted that I and my fellow players have been under appreciated in such a way. The amount of money it has costs us is so high. The good to come of this is that we have a good excuse to look elsewhere. We can find a place that is cheaper and doesn't go changing the surface without any thought into how that might affect injuries due to the dramatic change to the grip between shoes and floor, like what was done over a year ago. This change of surface has lead to injuries which I'm curious as to how many people were affected by such negligence. Use professionals when getting tenders to do your contracts. This is sports center, not a bank, so you should be making the surface for sports people not for people in clarks. |
| neil kelleher | London, England, UK | 2017-07-14 | We need the next generation of Olympians to come out of tolerington park. |
| Raoul Bianchi | London, England, UK | 2017-07-14 | Yet a further example of how London boroughs ride roughshod over their duties to provide 'public amenities' rather than commercial facilities. |
| dan whitaker | London, England, UK | 2017-07-14 | there's plenty of indoor trampoline facilities already at sobell.the football pitches are heavily used by middle-aged men - a group that islington other councils and health authorities push hard to exercise more due to their (our) health challenges. sir michael sobell would be appalled by the proposals. |
| Maria Theodosiou | London, England, UK | 2017-07-14 | I work in the area and this is where I train |
| Ross McKinnon | London, England, UK | 2017-07-14 | The sports hall should be multipurpose |
| Margie Liasi | London, England, UK | 2017-07-14 | It's a wonderful place for everyone . |
| Jawad Lahlou | London, UK | 2017-07-14 | A trampoline park?! Seriously... |
| Peter Frankental | London, England, UK | 2017-07-14 | I'm signing because Islington Council should be held accountable for what they do and should not be able to get away with half-baked explanations that don't bear scrutiny. |
| Rob Gonella | London, UK | 2017-07-14 | I want to continue to play indoor five a side football at the Sobell. |
| Adrian Lim | Luton, England, UK | 2017-07-14 | Short sighted proposal which will bring limited income in during the future. Whilst public consultation is not necessary, a full needs assessment should have been undertaken in order to ascertain usage and its overall requirement for the building and if indeed it is better to demolish and rebuild?! |

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| Sushma Sampat | London, England, UK | 2017-07-14 | We need to keep facilities like sports centres |
| Geoffrey Yafai | Halesowen, England, UK | 2017-07-15 | For gods sake stop closing good things down that are in a community |
| Andrew Tims | London, England, UK | 2017-07-15 | The sports hall is already overcrowded at peak time, so losing half of it is a ridiculous idea. |
| Sampson Sampson | Enfield, UK | 2017-07-16 | I believe that constructive sports out way general leisure activities , I believe that more emphasis should be promoting long turn activities rather than short turn leasure. I also believe that the Sobell is making a huge mistake in opening a trampoline park as it will cause so much noise for all other sports . Also attracting the wrong type of people who are never really interested in educational sport . |
| Gradleigh Ruderham | London, England, UK | 2017-07-16 | The Sobell Leisure centre is a loved and valued part of the community providing a variety of sports that is becoming more and more important in the battle against obesity. To make such significant changes without any public consultation on whether it is needed or wanted is an absolute disgrace |
| Anna Twilley | London, UK | 2017-07-16 | Just a way for Better to make more profit! They are not working for the community! |
| Patrick Adamson | London, England, UK | 2017-07-16 | Lack of transparency leads to a breakdown in communication, misinformation and false assumptions being made. |
| anthony lewis | Nottingham, England, UK | 2017-07-17 | The sports hall in it's current form works best for the youth. |
| patrick eatherden | London, England, UK | 2017-07-18 | i've played squash here for 9 years, there is not the need for a trampoline park at the centre, there are plenty of vacant buildings in the area which can be invested in with private money to accommodate a trampoline area. This will kill off the community feel of the sobell and will create nothing but a chicken shop feel about the whole place. |
| David Benson | London, England, UK | 2017-07-19 | I recently moved out of N7, but for nearly 20 years the Sobell was the only significant public sports facility around, and I valued it highly. Trampolining may be a money spinner for GLL but it is a niche attraction - a full size multi purpose hall is much better for providing sporting services under the council's remit. |
| Charles Curtis | Loughton, England, UK | 2017-07-19 | I play five aside and the courts are always full due to high demand |
| Charles Curtis | Loughton, England, UK | 2017-07-19 | The council yet again following short term fashions ! or are they trying to spend its money at the end of the year. Its not just about football but badminton, basket ball, etc.. limiting the use to trampling seems stupid. The must have a grant from someone to do this, it smells fishy to me . |
| Alasdair Macdonald | Bromley, England, UK | 2017-07-19 | One can't afford to lose well used , popular football pitches for a short-term fad especially using public monies. If you lose them you |

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| | | | won't get them back. The trampolines will soon become 'old hat' . If you want to build trampoline parks then do so on brownfield sites or in redundant buildings etc but don't lose valuable sports pitches in the process. |
| Peter Hopson | Fitzrovia, England, UK | 2017-07-20 | Highly important to retain sports facilities for the breadth of the local community. |
| alvaro palma | sevilla, Spain | 2017-07-20 | Support local sports |
| David Michaels | London, England, UK | 2017-07-20 | I'm sure this is not what Michael Sobell created this centre for. |
| jonathan hope | London, England, UK | 2017-07-20 | This site is an integral part of the community, giving access to important health and social facilities to thousands of residents. |
| Carl McCarthy | Beckenham, England, UK | 2017-07-20 | Football is so important as part of the fabric of society. its a channel for all ages all genders to unite together in a common and healty interest. |
| Joe Scott | London, England, UK | 2017-07-20 | A sport centre should be for sport. The proposed plan is based on entertainment. We should honour the 2012 Olympics good local sports venues that have capacity to provide a wide range of sporting activities. |
| Tom Webb | London, UK | 2017-07-21 | Islington Council and GLL should have consulted users of the Sobell Centre before taking this decision |
| John Stuart | Chalfont Saint Giles, England, UK | 2017-07-21 | Transparency in government is essential at every level. The tide of trust recedes by the day. |
| Daniel Reed | London, England, UK | 2017-07-23 | Islington Council have acted disgracefully in not consulting the public before taking this ludicrous decision. |
| pj thibault | London, UK | 2017-07-24 | Thursday night is football night |
| Marc Nardini | Crowborough, England, UK | 2017-07-24 | I believe in the cause. |
| Michael Hayes | London, England, UK | 2017-07-24 | This is a shortage of badminton courts in central London. |
| Anne Serrano | London, England, UK | 2017-07-24 | No other venues easily accessible to host so many badminton courts (and therefore tournaments) |
| Lysa Jones | London, England, UK | 2017-07-24 | I am a regular user of the Sobell centre, and really enjoy this space. I would welcome any development plans which would create more high quality sports facilities. I read a write up from the council that this play area is supposed to create diversity. I question how a play area for a targeted market actually creates diversity at the centre? Surely it is more important to have a well equipped and spacious sports hall providing a mix of activities for all of the members who frequent it and pay for its upkeep. It seems to me that there should be better and more inclusive ways to get more people involved in the space than this. Perhaps better should consider consulting its members and loyal customers before bulling ahead with such |

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| | | | dramatic changes, and cutting the facilities available. A letter or even email of notice would have been appreciated. |
| BRENDAN BRACEY | London, UK | 2017-07-25 | A great way of keeping ageing men and women fit and reduces the incidence of drunkenness and wifebeating etc |
| david duggan | Crawley, England, UK | 2017-07-25 | It's an iconic place for young kids to go and have fun. I'm 43 yrs now and I have many a good memory from my younger yrs. |
| Katie Bolton | London, England, UK | 2017-07-25 | I'm signing because I agree the Sobell should remain a mixed use, communal sports facility. |
| Ian Speed | Isleworth, England, UK | 2017-07-26 | This sounds like undemocratic railroading |
| Jeffrey Whittlesea | Ferndown, England, UK | 2017-07-26 | Because this should remain as multi-sport as possible catering for many sports and for all ages! |
| caroline clayton | london, England, UK | 2017-07-27 | Ask any doctor, children on trampolines are only safe when they are highly supervised. I do not believe that this level of supervision will be provided in the trampoline park. Accidents on trampolines are serious. Furthermore, I believe that the Sobell Centre has a duty to provide a range of sporting opportunities for the community, suitable for old and young and active people and those who are perhaps not so keen. To reduce this range is not useful for the community. Please reconsider. |
| Lee O sullivan | Edgware, UK | 2017-07-27 | This place when opened had a big impact on my youth kept me out of trouble. |
| Imani Francis pennant | London, England, UK | 2017-07-27 | It's necessary important the right thing to do |
| Tara Thomas | West Green, England, UK | 2017-07-27 | My parents used to take me and my two brothers ice skating at Sobell every Sunday morning. I went to Our Lady's Convent High School in Hackney. We did our games lessons at Sobell. This place was a massive part of my life and a big part of the community. It should be allowed to continue |
| Brendan Holmes | London, England, UK | 2017-07-30 | People prefer football to trampolining. |
| Leigh Bird | Hedon, England, UK | 2017-07-31 | This iconic building should not be subdivided. It's original structure should remain intact. @BhsMuralHull on Twitter |
| Janet Cheney | Cobham, England, UK | 2017-07-31 | Too few large halls in London area to eg stage badminton tournaments |
| Della Edwards | London, England, UK | 2017-08-01 | As a user of Sobell and a member of "Better" leisure, I object to the lack of public consultation in reaching this decision - undemocratic! Footballers and other users have a say too and we say no to the middle class obsession with trampolining!! |
| Benali Hamdache | London, England, UK | 2017-08-04 | We need to protect our sporting facilities, not destroy them |

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| Linda Starkey | London, England, UK | 2017-08-06 | Local schools have used this excellent facility for years as I did in the eighties. Don't isolate the community or lose a single tree, the area needs them! |
| Emilie Tant | Harpenden, England, UK | 2017-08-08 | I used to live on Holloway road and it's a great local facility and service at accessible costs for local people. |
| Chris Lewis | London, England, UK | 2017-08-09 | It's pretty poor by the Islington Council and the GLL to make unilateral decisions like this without at least getting the views of those it most affects i.e the users. |
| Roger Lewis | London, England, UK | 2017-08-11 | I believe the proposed changes will be detrimental to the local community who have not been given any appropriate opportunity for consultation. |
| Ben Thompson | Matching Tye, England, UK | 2017-08-11 | I used to play 5 aside here every week, and it was the only thing that kept me sane during a difficult period in my life. Sport is crucial for physical and mental well being. We need more facilities rather than destroying what we have. |
| Kenneth Webster | Kristiansand, Norway | 2017-08-12 | I am formally from North London and Don't want local amenities sold to developers |
| Simon Evans | London, England, UK | 2017-08-14 | It's really hard to get a booking to play badminton, now that half the courts are shut off for the trampoline park. |
| Stuart Scott | London, England, UK | 2017-08-14 | I am an Islington resident and a member of the Islington Society. I believe that in this case Islington Council has acted without proper consultation. I am also very unhappy that they are spending our taxes on legal fees. I also believe that the proposed works on the Sobell Centre vandalise the architectural integrity of the building. |
| steve knattress | london, England, UK | 2017-08-14 | we need inclusive sport facilities for the many not the few. |
| Melissa Oliveck | London, England, UK | 2017-08-14 | I use these centre and don't want it taken over by a trampoline facility. |
| Miriam Dwek | London, England, UK | 2017-08-14 | I totally oppose this. The Sobel does not need to be turned into a trampoline park. |
| Burhan Uddin | London, England, UK | 2017-08-14 | This sports hall and complex has been around for years and has been beneficial to the youths and residents who make use of it. It would be a great shame to lose it! |
| John Cagan | Lambeth, England, UK | 2017-08-14 | Finsbury Park is a great training ground for serious up and coming athletes. These youngsters don't need to be patronised with a trampoline park. GLL go to L. |
| Dave Holgate | Cape Town, South Africa | 2017-08-15 | For the good of the game, the Western Force must remain! |
| Teresa Narduzzo | Duckett's Green, England, UK | 2017-08-15 | Local sports facilities are crucial for mental, emotional and physical well being for community. It's a fabulous centre for all to not only keep fit but to maintain healthy ways to socialise. |

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| Elizabeth Mackie | London, UK | 2017-08-15 | The Sobell Centre is a rare multi use facility for this part of London. Don't let it be turned into a trampoline park. |
| lisa Turner | London, England, UK | 2017-08-15 | these facilities are important for the local communiity |
| Craig Duffy | London, England, UK | 2017-08-15 | This is simply not needed. What is needed are real sports facilities for people, not it's a knockout games. |
| Alison Park | London, England, UK | 2017-08-15 | I'm signing because I don't think the way in which these proposed changes have been introduced is right. |
| Dom Waghorn | London, England, UK | 2017-08-15 | This is an important community space. There are plenty of trampoline parks now in north London. |
| colin mcgee | London, UK | 2017-08-15 | It's a great facility. Especially fir schools |
| Lisa Fuller | London, England, UK | 2017-08-15 | I'm signing because myself and my children use the Sobell on a regular basis. We live in N8 and it's the only leisure centre in the area. To lose it would be detrimental to my family's sporting activities. We currently use the Sobell for Badminton, Karate, Gymnastics and Squash There is nowhere else that provides these sporting opportunities locally |
| Seamour Rathore | London, England, UK | 2017-08-15 | GLL is not fit for purpose and should be removed from managing these precious, fabulous sports facilities in Islington. |
| Suzie Zuber | London, England, UK | 2017-08-15 | The Sobell is a fantastic, flexible local council owned resource that gives our children access to a variety of sports. |
| Alison Holman | London, England, UK | 2017-08-15 | Have a proper consultation, do the right thing for goodness sake stop taking services away!!! |
| peter liversidge | london, England, UK | 2017-08-15 | Soon there will be very little left. |
| Nikki McNamara | London, England, UK | 2017-08-16 | I would much rather a multi use leisure centre for the whole community rather than yet another trampoline park. |
| Lucy Murphy | London, England, UK | 2017-08-16 | We need the mixed amenities the Sobell offers. There are precious few such sports centres - please don't narrow opportunities further |
| Celeste Menich | London, England, UK | 2017-08-16 | Community leisure centre far more important to community and public health than private trampoline park |
| Tamsin Merchant | London, UK | 2017-08-17 | We need the Sobell facility and changes like these should be done with proper consultation |
| Sandra von Haselberg | London, England, UK | 2017-08-17 | As a single working mum I rely on the centre to provide affordable holiday activities as well as everything else. It is outrageous to go behind people's backs and turn this fantastic community hub into yet another cash cow. |
| rosalind arratoon | London, England, UK | 2017-08-17 | Because we needs sports in the community, not in private funded sports clubs! |

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| Tiggey May | London, England, UK | 2017-08-19 | The sobell leisure centre is a vital community SPORTS centre. There are enough trampoline centres. Children and adults need good access to sports such as badminton, squash, volleyball, gymnastics, swimming, and many others. Changing the use of a community sports hall is a decision that needs to be made by the community! The sobell sports hall belongs to the community not the few. |