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Cllr Gill Coates  
Portfolio Holder for Community Care  
Elmbridge Borough Council  
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Dear Cllr Coates,

I am writing regarding the sudden closures of Hersham, Claygate, Molesey, Walton and Cobham Centres for the Community.

Many local residents who rely on the services provided at these centres have been in touch with me to express their concern that the centres are subject to extended closures, without any warning. As I am sure you can imagine, this is very upsetting for many people across our community who are now missing out on vital support, especially in the build up to Christmas when festive activities had been arranged at the centres.

These issues have been heightened by the lack of any clear communication from Elmbridge Borough Council about what the Council is doing to mitigate the impact on elderly and vulnerable residents, especially at this time of year, and when we can expect the centres to reopen.

I would be grateful if you could confirm why you have taken this drastic action, and what steps Elmbridge Borough Council are taking to alleviate the impact of these closures on vulnerable users. When can local residents expect to see Hersham, Claygate, Molesey, Walton and Cobham Centres for the Community reopen by?

I look forward to hearing from you, as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Dominic Raab".