APPENDIX A

Petition to Essex County Council Christina Pace & Councillor Madden

We, the undersigned strongly object to the councils plans to reduce bed space and in turn flat space at Lavender House and The Maples also potentially leaving our families respite service stripped down to the bare minimum.

We are concerned also that although the council claims the changes will not affect already allocated respite to families but seriously restricts the level of flexibility within its service and the potential future allocation for future families who to may be desperate for this very service.

We wish the council to re consider their plans for April 2019 and their decision on this matter and at the very least continue to run its excellent service as it has done for the past 2 or 3 years with the two flats and 8 beds.

Save our children's respite

To: Christina Pace Essex County Council

Reverse plans to cut the amount of bed spaces in our children's respite service

Why is this important?

Respite for families with children with disabilities is an absolute lifeline and essential way to help keep a rested and focused mind.

The children need it too.

Without this respite families simply just cannot function humanely.

Signed by 2,091 people: