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Dear Friend,

Re: Threat to Hayes Carnival – Public Meeting

As you may have read from the local press, Hillingdon Council is planning to close down Hayes Carnival. This has come as a real shock to our whole community.

The Councillors on Hillingdon's Cabinet have decided to withdraw funding from the Hayes Carnival and to use these resources to fund the Uxbridge based Big Fest in the October period.

All that the Council has on offer for Hayes is to replace the carnival is a minor funday. Even this will have to be organised and largely funded by local community organisations.

Many local people have expressed their anger at the Council's actions. The Hayes Carnival has been an important event in the life of our local community for generations. I do not believe that we should stand by and be treated by the Council in this way.

I am writing to invite you to a community meeting to launch a campaign to save Hayes Carnival and to discuss what action we can take as a community to prevent the loss of our local carnival. This will take place on

**Saturday 10th May
2pm**

Hayes Community Campus, Uxbridge College, Coldharbour Lane, Hayes

I would urge you to come along and for your organisation to send as many representatives as possible to this important meeting.

I would also urge you to write to the Council and to the local press to protest against this proposal.

I appeal to you to come along to our meeting and to do all you can to help us save our carnival.

Yours sincerely

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