Dear Councillor xxx [insert councillor’s name here],

I am writing to express my deep concern about a proposed 21.4% cut in funding for The Carers’ Centre in Bath.

As a carer for my xxx [*please provide some details here about who you care for, their condition and how many hours each week you spend in your caring role],*

I recognise the council is under pressure to save money. However, I feel cutting funding for The Carers’ Centre would not be cost effective as the help they provide allows me to sustain my unpaid caring role.

For example, The Carers’ Centre has *xxx [please could you include here how the Carers’ Centre has provided you with support. E.g., one-to-one support, wellbeing cafes, peer support, a grant, guidance in navigating care services].*

If I were unable to continue to access this vital support in the way I currently do, I worry that *xxx [please include how you think a reduction or change to our service would affect you, or the person you care for].*

The most recent census identified that in Bath and North East Somerset there are 19,600 unpaid carers who save our local NHS hundreds of millions of pounds each year. The Carers’ Centre is the only organisation in the region which specifically provides vital and life-changing support for this vast – and growing – number of people like me.

I do hope you’ll take my concerns about potential funding cuts into consideration when you vote on the council budget in February.

Thank you.

*XXX [Insert your name here]*