

Adults Committee  
Cambridgeshire County Council  
Shire Hall Castle Hill  
Cambridge  
CB3 0AP



20<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Adult Committee Member

I am writing to express our concerns regarding proposals to withdraw grant funding from An Lac House, by the Cambridgeshire County Council. The Cambridgeshire Vietnamese Refugee Community was an early member group of the Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum.

We fully appreciate the difficult decisions that local authorities have to make balancing shrinking budgets against ever growing needs generally.

However this small community of Vietnamese elderly residents at An Lac house are very vulnerable and particularly reliant it would seem on the current arrangements. We believe given their ages and now very established care and routines any changes caused by withdrawal of funding by the County Council is likely to be very detrimental to the members of An Lac House.

An Lac House provides a very supportive environment for these elderly Vietnamese residents who originally came to the UK as refugees. We believe that it will be difficult to replace this. None of the residents speak English. So if Vietnamese speaking help was not available then clearly interpreting and translation services would have to be provided as part of the service. This could turn out be very expensive.

However the care provided is both physical and emotional. As stated in the Community Impact Assessment the scheme has been designed to deliver a culturally specific service to its residents which takes account of diet, custom and language. It is not clear how this service can be effectively delivered by the Older Persons Visiting Support Service

We would like to ensure that all of the potential implications are carefully considered before any decision is made.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eddie Stadnik', written over a light blue grid background.

Eddie Stadnik  
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