

Whitworth House

Submitted by Lorne Williamson, Cambridge (13 signatures)

We understand that the Children and Young Persons Committee will be deciding on whether to continue the financial support they have given to Whitworth House at the meeting on 21st May. We believe the present grant to be £65k p.a.

As residents of Chesterton Road and close neighbours of Whitworth House we would ask you to take into consideration, not only the valuable service the Whitworth Trust provides for vulnerable and disadvantaged young women, but also the exemplary way in which Whitworth House is run and how the residents respect the environment in which they live.

Many of us have lived on Chesterton Road for many years and the residents and staff have been ideal neighbours. We think it important for the City that those less fortunate than ourselves, should be able to live and work out their problems near the centre of Cambridge.

We understand that others will be making out the economic case for the service provided but, at a weekly cost per resident of only £78, it is surely good value for the Council.

Supplementary comment 15 May 2019:

Neighbours of Whitworth House are aware that the threat of imminent closure has been lifted and very much appreciate the additional funding now agreed. However, we would like to re-iterate our support for the work of the Trust and hope that the Council will be able to agree long term funding when the review is carried out in the autumn.

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