



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Cllr Anna Bailey  
Chair of Adults Committee  
Cambridgeshire County Council  
Shire Hall  
Cambridge  
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Our Ref: ZA80757

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Dear Cllr Bailey,

**Re: An Lac House**

I am writing to you, as Chair of the Adults Committee, regarding the decision that is due to be taken on the future funding arrangements of An Lac House in my constituency by councillors on the committee.

I visited An Lac House earlier this month, meeting the elderly residents of Vietnamese descent and the hard-working staff who support them. As well as catering for the daily needs and requirements of their residents, An Lac House provides an important and unique set of services, including support with translation and interpretation, and liaison with care agencies and other relevant organisations.

An Lac House also enables the wider Vietnamese community in Cambridge to engage in cultural events and activities, meeting people of like-mind, heritage and background.

The proposal by Cambridgeshire County Council, as part of its Housing Related Support review, to withdraw funding to the tune of £47,000 per year - equivalent to 1.5 FTE staffing resource - and replacing it with 'floating care support' arrangements instead, will likely do significant harm to the future functioning of this important facility.

Furthermore, Abbeyfield Cambridgeshire Vietnamese Society, the charitable organisation responsible for An Lac House, argues that any proposed saving would probably be nullified by increased costs to the local authority. This is due to the likelihood of it needing to fund more expensive provision for those elderly residents who have no choice but to move on in order to continue experiencing a high-quality standard of care support.

I do recognise that local authorities are under pressure to deliver savings. However, I ask that the committee reviews and reassess the rationale of the proposal to withdraw funding from An Lac House based on the grounds stated above.

I would be grateful if this letter can be circulated to the other members of the committee ahead of the meeting date.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Zeichner', with a stylized, cursive script.

**Daniel Zeichner**  
**Member of Parliament for Cambridge**