



COUNCIL MEETING – 22 FEBRUARY 2018

PETITION DEBATE

Motion to debate the 'Save Sotheby Mews Day Centre' petition

Motion moved by: Councillor Diarmaid Ward, Executive Member for Housing & Development

Motion seconded by: Councillor Janet Burgess, Executive Member for Health & Social Care

This Council notes that:

- In October 2014 this Council agreed to introduce measures to encourage members of the public to actively participate in Full Council meetings, including allowing questions without notice to be asked of members of the Executive and the Chairs of Scrutiny committees, making it easier for members of the public to set up petitions by introducing e-petitions, and allowing a debate at an ordinary meeting of full Council if a petition attracts 2,000 signatures or more.
- A petition was received at the Council meeting on 7 December 2017 which had over 2,000 signatures.

This Council resolves to:

- Continue to encourage residents to participate in local democracy by carefully considering the concerns raised in the petition and to undertake the debate in a spirit of openness and transparency.

The text of the petition is set out overleaf.

Petition received at the 7 December 2017 meeting of the Council

Save Sotheby Mews Day Centre

Your support would be greatly appreciated to help us save Sotheby Mews Day Centre from closure, so please sign and share.

Sotheby Mews provides many different things such as hot meals, exercise classes, day trips, socialising and much more. We need to keep it open to ensure the elderly community are not marginalised.

Sotheby Mews is a LIFELINE for many people.

Islington Council wants to change Sotheby Mews into housing. We ARE NOT against this happening, we just want to keep our part of the centre still and the surrounding can be made into housing. They want to move Sotheby Mews to The Roundhouse which a lot of our residents cannot get to. You also have to walk through a park which isn't safe for the residents. The activities and lunch and so on will be on the second floor which is also not suitable especially in case of fire, as many residents won't be able to get down the stairs themselves because of wheelchairs or mobility issues and they won't be able to use the lift! Sotheby Mews is all one floor and is easy access. The Roundhouse is also used for children which also won't be suitable for the elderly residents.

Also as 90% of the current residents won't be able to get to the new building, money will then need to be spent on additional carers to go to their homes to help, which will cost the council more.