

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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Public Participation

Statement from Mrs Nina Guilfoyle

Proposed Creation of Central Devizes Customer Access Point and the Closure of Browfort, Urchfont Manor and Bradley Road Buildings

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I am shocked and upset to hear that Wiltshire Council is considering selling Urchfont Manor. As regular student of Urchfont, enjoying the many courses on offer, I consider this to be a very short-sighted and ill-conceived plan. It is well known that in times of recession, arts and crafts flourish and I cannot believe that Urchfont does not provide a wonderful service in this respect. To sell Urchfont Manor means that it can never be bought back for your County and that would be a very great loss.

I would urge your council to come up with a creative solution, that ideally preserves Urchfont just as it is, but if that is not possible, then as close as can be, but certainly not to sell it.