

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

17 January 2012 (morning meeting)

Public Participation

Statement from Mrs Michele Lomas, Marlborough

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

Statement

I am writing to express my objection at the proposed closure of Urchfont Manor College.

Urchfont manor provides a unique adult education and conference facility.

I have been a student on several courses at Urchfont Manor and have found it's unique atmosphere a very helpful learning environment.

I do not agree with the statement in the report that the community impact will be minimal. I believe that the loss of the college will have a significant impact on the local community. For example the local pubs and community shop rely on customers from the college. Local farms, dairies etc. supply the college with goods. The college is an employer to a large, loyal and dedicated team of local staff.