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Hello, I would like to, if it is not too late like to object to the permission for a change of use for the old polytechnic building, which has now been turned in to flats (and extended upwards) on the basis that the space on the ground floor would be a cinema.

I understand that there has been a lot of upset and time spent on trying to get operators to come in and take the space and yet no one has wanted to take on the lease on these grounds for the obvious reasons that the cost of the rent and rates will be too high given the potential capacity and number of screens available to make it viable for an operator to take the lease on. I now understand that Vabel, the developers have applied for Class E for commercial, business and service in order to appeal to other types of operators and businesses.

I am objecting to this as i believe that even if the space is not viable as a cinema, it is viable as space for arts, culture, learning and well being that would support and enrich the local community more than another commercial operation that would mean that the offer is 'more of the same' along the high street.

An arts/culture space could host all manner of things at all times of day with and without a screen. Screenings, talks, music events, lectures, exhibitions, workshops, well being sessions, dance, practice space, a rehearsal space, a play space, educational talks for local schools - A great cafe/meeting space along side could also enhance this space making it a high quality and inspiring space for the community. We need these spaces now more than ever to keep things vibrant and positive. We need to furnish our surroundings with opportunities to engage in culture and each other for the future health and well being of our community.

Please, please can you add my objection on the pile?!

I would be grateful if you could let me know you have received this letter and also if there is a way i can be kept in the loop with matters regarding this application.

With Kind regards,

Jo Sherren.