

From: [A Picturehouse customer in Southampton]
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Subject: Picturehouse Cinemas - possible takeover by Cineworld

This possibility has only just been brought to my notice by a family member and as a regular attender (and member) with a large group of friends of Harbour Lights Cinema in Southampton, we are very concerned about this possibility.

We choose to attend this cinema as apposed to the more commercial cinemas because of its ambience, its film offer and the fact that it involves its patrons in much more than just paying to watch a film.

We enjoy the fact that the staff are friendly, helpful and accommodating and willing to discuss and are knowledgeable on the film showing, are open to suggestions on implementing various film clubs and the coffee lounge aspect adds to the enjoyment of an evening out at the cinema. The film offer is varied and although they offer a proportion of the more commercial films (which I am sure must financially supplement the showing of less mass appeal films) it is great to be able to see films from around the world.

I and my friends would be very concerned that this takeover would jeopardise our viewing choice and may in future involve the commercialisation of this Arts Cinema and consequently the increase in charges.

I would be pleased if my/our comments could be taken into account before a decision is made on this issue.

Thank you