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**Sent:** 21 August 2013 10:19  
**To:** CineworldCityScreen  
**Subject:** Cambridge Arts Picturehouse

Dear Sir or Madam

I have just heard that you may be forcing the closure of the Cambridge Arts Picturehouse due to competition rules.

I think it is important that local residents and regular users should have a say in these decisions and as I am an example of both I felt compelled to get in touch.

To claim that there is substantial crossover between the Picturehouse and Cineworld is frankly absurd. The former offers a diverse range of independent and international films as well as some mainstream films in an entirely different environment to the Cineworld. The latter is a standard Multiplex which only offers the limited range of Hollywood blockbusters. I know that once the Arts Cinema is forced to close there will be no opportunity to see the wider range of films and our city will be left culturally impoverished. Not only will there be the loss of a venue screening international and independent films, there will also be the loss any opportunity to experience the many other cultural events which take place at the venue, plus the headquarters of the Cambridge Film Commission, the Cambridge Film Trust and The Cambridge Film Festival.

I am very upset by this decision which I feel has not considered the impact of such changes on the cultural life of our city beyond the narrow remit of competition and 'value for money'. I urge you to reconsider this decision.

Regards

Mr C Went