From: Gordon Cawthorne Sent: 27 August 2013 17:29 To: CineworldCityScreen

Subject: Fwd: The Abbeygate Picturehouse, Hatter Street, Bury St. Edmund's

Dear Sir,

I write in praise of this Cinema, and I hope to show why it would be a severe blow to us in this town were it to close.

For nearly ninety years this cinema has entertained the townsfolk here. Recently it has undergone a complete renovation and uplift. Part of the original facade has been exposed and retained. Two screens have been developed. Extremely comfortable seating has been installed. A membership club has been set up. A cafe-restaurant has been opened, and there is expert staff to cook simple meals in addition to serving the usual coffee-bar fare. In fact, it has become a popular meeting-place.

The films shown mostly cater for the adult thinking population. The central location ensures its use by those who live in the town. We hope that it will not follow so many of the other facilities in migrating to the periphery and obliging us to use our cars. Access to CineworldCityScreen needs car transport for many people, and its films are of interest mainly to the young and trendy. The refreshment is limited and very expensive, to judge from our sole visit there.

So I do urge you not to close the Picturehouse, dear to many local hearts as it is.

Yours truly,

Gordon Cawthorne MBE