

I am writing to give my feedback on the proposed sale of the Arts Picturehouse in Cambridge. The cinema is very unique, and in my view could not be regarded as being in direct competition with other cinemas in the area. It offers something very, very different to the other Cambridge cinemas, with different, more niche films screened, a cafe/restaurant/bar with atmosphere and quality food, and a special ambience. The experience is poles apart from visiting one of the multiplex cinemas in the city, such as Vue and Cineworld, which I would never attend.

I appreciate that concerns about price setting may exist, and in an ideal world we would have preferred the Picturehouse chain to remain entirely independent and not to have been bought by Cineworld. However, please do not miss the bigger picture here, which is that Cambridge could lose a wonderful cinema which is a special place for many people in the city, and also provides jobs and contributes to Cambridge's economy and cultural scene. Please don't let that happen.

Best wishes
Hannah