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# Notice before Action Notice to principal is notice to agent, notice to agent is notice to principal

#### Re: Challenge to the Cancellation of *Protocol 7*

I write to challenge your decision to prevent the award-winning film *Protocol 7* by Andrew Wakefield from being shown at Lansdown Hall.

This decision has caused significant concern within the community. As trustees, your role is to operate Lansdown Hall as a community resource that serves the public, funded through taxpayer money and intended for the benefit of all. Decisions that restrict access to information or events of public interest must be carefully justified, as censorship is not within your remit.

# **Community Response**

A petition has been launched in response to this decision, gathering growing support from those who feel strongly about the implications of your actions. Below, I share a selection of comments made by petition signatories to illustrate the depth of public feeling:

"I'm signing this petition because I believe in freedom of choice to view any film an adult chooses, particularly if it is showing information which enables people to make fully informed decisions. No person, group or "charity" has the right to appoint themselves censors, or thought police because of an issue they do not approve of. Lansdown Hall is a community resource for ALL. I've seen "Protocol 7" & it must be shown to those who freely choose to see it."

"I am against discrimination and censorship."

"Free Speech is our inalienable right."

"Censorship and/or discrimination, in ANY form, can no longer be tolerated! Sovereignty, does, and must include, the right to free speech - a right that no single entity has the authority to revoke or alter."

"No place for censorship in our society. We are all capable of deciding for ourselves what information we should be exposed to."

"As someone whose child was damaged by one dose of measles/rubella, and who would be very willing to debate anyone on the subject of jabs in depth as to how much death and injury they are provably visiting on people, it grieves me deeply that these mini McCarthy's feel it is their right to preside over what information people may, or may, not be made privy to, so that they can make up THEIR OWN MINDS. This is typical controlling behaviour of narcissists, it is dangerous, and it must be stopped. The trustees of Lansdown Hall are failing in their fiduciary duty to ensure that this iconic community building is there for the benefit of all, and not just as a venue to push dangerous and ill informed ideologies that have an injurious effect on society. They must be brought to book."

"I love living in Stroud and cannot believe that Lansdown Hall Trustees think they can censor what people look at. What an embarrassment to our town! Are people too stupid to make up their own minds!!!"

"There are always two sides to every story and Andrew Wakefield's definitely needs to be heard"

"I'm signing this below because I personally know someone who died from the Pfizer vaccine, and I have a son in law with a heart condition now also from the same vax and a daughter with new fertility issues also due to the jab. The pharma industry is exactly that, an industry where the profits are more important than people. We need to know what is going on to be able to give informed consent. Ignorance isn't bliss, it's sticking one's head in the sand."

"We should chose what films we want to see not charities that don't agree with the message. Too much money in too few hands is shaping a world that is undermining the wellbeing of the 99%."

"Free speech and the absence of censorship are the cornerstones of a truly free and democratic society, enabling individuals to share ideas, challenge norms, and hold those in power accountable. When free expression is preserved, innovation thrives, as bold ideas and unconventional thinking are given the space to flourish. Suppressing speech, even if well-intentioned, risks silencing marginalised voices and empowering those who seek to manipulate the narrative for their own gain. Free speech ensures that dissent and debate remain healthy, fostering understanding and progress through dialogue rather than division. It protects the right to question authority and fight injustice, allowing individuals to stand up for what they believe in without fear of repression. A world where free speech is curtailed is a world where fear and conformity replace curiosity and courage—a risk no society can afford to take."

"This is about more than supporting free speech. This is about ensuring the public are informed in an environment of propaganda and censorship."

"I'm signing because I believe Stroud Town Council and the charity running Lansdown Hall are acting in a discriminatory manner, censoring events and films. We deserve to know the truth with regards to health matters."

"Censorship is the first step to tyranny."

"People deserve to be informed...."

"I'm signing because the truth and free speech are being suppressed. Everyone needs to be aware of the facts so that they can make their own decisions and conclusions based on the facts."

"This film tells the truth, which everyone needs to know. This kind of discrimination and censorship has no place in a democracy. Indeed, the film has won awards.

I do not support a Council which is anti free speech, and anti the good of the people, as Stroud - shockingly - seems to be."

"I am aware of government funding of organisations with an agenda to shut down free speech that dissents from government narratives on every lie they have perpetuated from Covid-19 origins to Climate Change and Immigration. Andrew Wakefield was persecuted by the British Establishment for establishing what is now established fact; that MMR vaccines are linked to autism. The bottom line is that the hidden power operating and controlling the government (see Dominic Cummings and Liz Truss statements) is motivated by evil intent. I don't recall who said this truth but it is relevant to today's dystopia "Emergencies have always been the pretext on which the safeguards of individual liberty have been eroded."

"It's abhorrent not to have everything out in the open."

"The right to free speech needs to be upheld in Stroud as everywhere."

"The truth needs to be told"

"Everyone is entitled to an opinion and parents need to be fully informed."

"We should decide for ourselves what we do or don't want to see or listen too. Important decisions should NOT be made for us."

"A charity that manages a community space on behalf of all the community is engaged in discrimination and censorship. This Politicisation of the space is unacceptable and against the legal duties of Trustees."

"this is town council double standards"

"The free flow of information in order for individuals to make their own choices is an important part of human life. This means a great diversity of thought and that is entirely normal and should be encouraged. Not everybody has to agree but that doesn't justify censorship."

"Of all the places in the UK I would have expected to be able to have access to information on vaccines before making a choice. If we censor what the public are allowed to say, see and read we are accepting communism. Surely we don't want the state or for that matter a council deciding what is 'good' for us?"

"I agree with the petition 100%"

"For truth and free speech."

"Free Speech is the foundation of a free society. This film has been well researched and offers an important perspective on medical science and in particular concerns relating to vaccine. It is important that this information is shared for people to form their own judgements."

"The truth needs to get out"

"This film needs airing. There is much that is false in the accepted narrative on the whole charade that is Covid-19."

"I believe in health freedom."

"I believe in freedom of thought and free speech. This includes what I choose to watch and read."

## **Remedy Suggested**

It is evident from these responses that your decision has created a strong sense of discontent among the community. However, I believe there is an opportunity to resolve this matter amicably.

I propose the following steps:

- 1. A Public Apology: Issue a formal statement acknowledging the community's concerns and clarifying your position on the matter.
- Commitment to Freedom of Expression: Confirm that no future cancellations of events or screenings will occur based on subjective views or external pressures, ensuring that Lansdown Hall remains a neutral venue open to all lawful expressions of ideas.
- **3. Screening of** *Protocol* **7**: To demonstrate goodwill and rebuild trust, permit the screening of *Protocol* **7** free of charge before the end of January 2025.

Additionally, I invite you to meet with a small group of community representatives to discuss this matter further and collaboratively agree on a resolution that upholds the values of transparency, inclusivity, and free expression.

## **Next Steps**

Should this invitation be ignored, I regret to inform you that we will have no option but to escalate the matter by filing a formal complaint with the Charity Commission and exploring potential legal remedies. We sincerely hope to avoid this route, as resolving this issue constructively would better serve both the community and the reputation of your organisation.

I trust you will take this opportunity to address the concerns raised and look forward to your prompt response within 7 days. Please feel free to contact me directly at , or to the address above to arrange a meeting or discuss any aspect of this letter.

Yours sincerely,