

Dear Senior Management of CVT,

As guest volunteers of Botton Village we are very concerned about the proposed changes happening in Botton. We are aware that some long term Co-Workers are being asked to leave against their wishes and the wishes of those who they (and we) live and work with. We feel it is essential for the long-term Co-Workers to remain in Botton Village as they are a key part of the Villagers' lives and our own. We have read with great concern and sadness the letter from the Delrow Young Co-Workers, and we beseech you to seriously consider the issues raised. We are determined that Botton does not go the same way.

We feel this is entirely inappropriate that guest volunteers be asked to carry the responsibilities and the workload of long-term Co-Workers, or that we are asked to continue to live in households which the long-term co-workers have had to leave. It was made very clear to us all when we decided to come and live in Botton that we would be living and working alongside adults with learning disabilities and long-term Co-Workers. We fail to see why this should change now. Indeed, we believe it would be irresponsible to ask that of us. We remain fully supportive of those Co-Workers striving to maintain the ethos of Camphill. We are not willing to be used as pawns in your agenda in order to help you transform Botton into a model that we believe will be unrecognisable from the community we chose to join. We refuse to live in or cover houses where house parents have been evicted.

Yours sincerely,

Botton's Young Co-workers  
(>20, names withheld by AFB)