

Petition of Support



During August – October 2015

we carried out a consultation with the general public in and around Middleton to raise awareness about a notice to quit that we had received requiring relocation of the Lighthouse Project and its associated activities into new premises, and to find out what they thought about our work and its value to them, their friends and family.

The names and comments below have been taken from the online petition and reflect how people view and value the work that we do, they include past and present users of the Lighthouse Project, volunteers, and those who have not yet used our services but have heard of the work that we do.

The petition was publicised in the local press and via online news sites and our own websites. In total we have collected supportive signatures from close to 900 people, some have commented about our work and others haven't, some information was collected online and some in hard copy.

This is the petition wording

"I/We support the work of the Lighthouse Project, Middleton Central Foodbank, Middleton Dial & Inspire Middleton.

They provide vital community services and in the light of pending eviction from Warwick Mill they should be helped to stay or to find a new home and be supported financially to continue their work."

Name: Janet Heap **Date:** 28/08/2015 17:48
Comment: They are doing a wonderful service for the needy folks in Middleton, please give them a home so they can continue this vital work - Thankyou!

Name: Dawn Roach **Date:** 28/08/2015 17:54
Comment: Please help keep this fantastic service where it is needed!! Where the people who require the services are able to get to.

Name: Colin Lloyd **Date:** 28/08/2015 18:15
Comment: A vital part of our community needs to continue with my full support

Name: Peter Lloyd **Date:** 28/08/2015 18:20
Comment: The lighthouse is a very valuable part of the community

Name: Andrew Stott **Date:** 28/08/2015 18:28
Comment: Please keep this worth while resource it has helped so many people who would have otherwise had no one to turn too. The work Carl and his team have done is nothing short of miraculous

Name: Cath Stott **Date:** 28/08/2015 18:30
Comment: I wholeheartedly support the lighthouse project, their work is central to the middleton community. They have helped so many people in so many ways - middleton needs this place!!

Name: Richard Morley **Date:** 28/08/2015 18:45
Comment: The light house has provided an essential hub for countless people in the Middleton and local areas. The locality & support the light house provides has enriched many lives of local people who otherwise would be required to fend for themselves.

Name: Ellie Morley **Date:** 28/08/2015 19:04
Comment: The Lighthouse should be staying where it's meant to be. In the heart of the community.

Name: Debbie sharples **Date:** 28/08/2015 19:04
Comment: Provides so much for the community. It needs to remain open.

Name: Kyle Heapy **Date:** 28/08/2015 19:09
Comment: Why not set up a crowdfund to help with a move if worse comes to worst. Most Middletonians know the great work that the Lighthouse does!

Name: Benny Mudzingwa **Date:** 28/08/2015 19:13
Comment: The lighthouse is typical of the timely projects needed in these times of austerity. The volumes of diverse groups who have been supported through this project is incomparable. With thresholds for support raised so high, there are countless needy people who have accessed much needed help through the lighthouse. The strategic location of the Lighthouse makes it a beacon of light for the deprived diverse community of Middleton. As a Social Worker I recommend this project as a viable and necessary facility for facilitating training and access to agencies to promote emancipation and liberation of oppressed individuals.

Name: Gill cisse **Date:** 28/08/2015 19:31
Comment: I hope you get somewhere to continue your great work for the community, or stay put!

Name: Susan Robertson **Date:** 28/08/2015 19:39
Comment: I will support in any way I can we can't lose these services

Name: Michael Morley **Date:** 28/08/2015 19:55
Comment: keep it open it helps a lot of people

Name: Katherine owen **Date:** 28/08/2015 20:40
Comment: Such a needed place by the community

Name: Grace Semp **Date:** 28/08/2015 20:47
Comment: The Light House Project goes above and beyond to help, support and nourish our community. The Light House needs a large base in the heart of the town to continue to serve the community. I support this petition and urge others to do the same.

Name: Tom Yates **Date:** 28/08/2015 20:55
Comment: The lighthouse provides services helping local people by providing learning and community services which is essential to Middleton. Thanks Tom

Name: Carole Susan Hill **Date:** 28/08/2015 21:04
Comment: It's so unjust they should be allowed to stay and to continue with the good work they do supporting and feeding so many needy people

Name: Debbie Whittle **Date:** 28/08/2015 21:16
Comment: An important part of the community offering help to those in need. The lighthouse needs to stay open!

Name: Hayley Gudgin **Date:** 28/08/2015 22:49
Comment: It's time to SUPPORT projects like this not make it harder for them and the community they serve

Name: Dillon Liptrot **Date:** 29/08/2015 05:43
Comment: The Lighthouse project, over the years, has turned into an integral cog in the machine which is Middleton. The liquid passion which runs 's through the veins of every person that works here is awe-inspiring. Such a substantial loss would devastate so many people, making this a critically needed charity.

Name: Joanna Gardner **Date:** 29/08/2015 05:46
Comment: We need more projects like Lighthouse. Owners of the building, you should feel proud and honoured to have them on your premises. Keep them there!

Name: Maria McFarlane **Date:** 29/08/2015 06:53
Comment: In today's climate, with so many people needing these services, it is madness to upheave them. Local people rely on them. They are invaluable.

Name: Carol Pye **Date:** 29/08/2015 07:21
Comment: This community needs this charity. It has supported and helped many people who are struggling to cope in today's cut-throat world. Without the lighthouse more people of Middleton would be without jobs, able to use a computer so they don't get sanctioned and in some cases fed. This is not a luxury it is a vital service.

Name: Caroline Lloyd **Date:** 29/08/2015 07:41
Comment: This project is an invaluable source of support & practical help for people in our town of Middleton. Much practical work has been carried out in the building to make it user-friendly & its location is very important for accessibility to all in Middleton

Name: Michelle Lee **Date:** 29/08/2015 07:49
Comment: This is a much-needed and great resource for the town and needs to be supported

Name: Darren Moore **Date:** 29/08/2015 08:01
Comment: We need this in the community

Name: Nikkie **Date:** 29/08/2015 08:04
Comment: A community project, supporting people to seek employment, learn new skills, tackle their depression by getting out and doing something that makes them feel good. Build confidence/self-esteem. A future that supports the government having less people on benefits it's easy to locate.

Name: Pam Semp **Date:** 29/08/2015 08:08
Comment: The Lighthouse is a life line to many local people. There is no place like it. Thousands of people have been helped and supported to turn their lives around because of the Lighthouse. It is vital we continue in the centre of Middleton.

Name: Robert Ingham **Date:** 29/08/2015 08:30
Comment: Keep up this amazing work. Hope you get to your goal.

Name: Carole Cormack **Date:** 29/08/2015 08:46
Comment: This is a wonderful resource for people in need. Amazing things have been achieved and it would be a crime to have this place shut down, so please everyone sign up. You can see the wonderful world they do on the web.

Name: Matt Booth **Date:** 29/08/2015 08:51
Comment: Vital for the community that the lighthouse project stays open

Name: Jose Moron **Date:** 29/08/2015 10:50
Comment: Well it does better job than the jobcentre and more helpful

Name: Debbie Ratcliffe **Date:** 29/08/2015 11:31
Comment: The people of Middleton need the support of the Lighthouse. Please let them stay.

Name: Eileen Marshall **Date:** 29/08/2015 11:45
Comment: The Lighthouse Project and the other services that are offered in conjunction with them are a vital resource for the people of Middleton. The location is ideal. It would be so sad to see them having to move.

Name: James Lloyd **Date:** 29/08/2015 11:45
Comment: The place helps people and is all in all a great place.

Name: Carolyn Chafer **Date:** 29/08/2015 12:00
Comment: I am a volunteer at The Lighthouse. The amount and suitability of the space and the excellent location will be very difficult to replicate if the project is forced to move.

Name: Teresa Ostasz **Date:** 29/08/2015 12:55
Comment: This project is a lifeline for so many people, it helps so many, it would be devastating to lose it.

Name: Margaret Burgess **Date:** 29/08/2015 13:44
Comment: It is vitally important that the work provided by these charities continues. If they are unable to continue helping people in their current premises then somewhere suitable must be provided. Many people benefit and need the help of these organisations.

Name: Margaret Dixon **Date:** 29/08/2015 13:56
Comment: These vital works should be allowed to continue. So many are being helped in lots of different ways.

Name: Roy Taylor **Date:** 29/08/2015 14:44
Comment: Good luck with this Carl, it's a project that well deserves support.

Name: Janet Roach **Date:** 29/08/2015 16:13

Comment: The lighthouse is a lovely space to be in it is really helpful keep up the good work.

Name: Carol Lowry **Date:** 29/08/2015 19:31

Comment: i am so proud to be a part of the foodbank section as a volunteer. will do all in my power to keep the lighthouse and foodbank going.

Name: June Faulkner **Date:** 29/08/2015 21:22

Comment: This is an extremely valued commodity in the Middleton area. I along with various friends of mine have been through a lot in our private lives, , and being able to get together in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere has helped us a great deal. I have also noticed how many others have benefited by coming on a regular basis.

Name: James Pate **Date:** 30/08/2015 07:00

Comment: A valuable service we do not want to lose.

Name: Jacqui **Date:** 30/08/2015 09:27

Comment: please keep this going, they do a great deal for the community

Name: Janice Glynn **Date:** 30/08/2015 09:33

Comment: The teams are wonderful people who help support and encourage so many in our community. Please help to find a way to stay or to find a new home. We can't sit back and let all this good work fold.

Name: Bob Whittaker **Date:** 30/08/2015 09:34

Comment: Services like this more than ever need support. Don't make life more difficult for them.

Name: Tina bennion **Date:** 30/08/2015 09:36

Comment: About time people in authority step back and take a really good look at this project. It's support for local people and stop looking for ways to stop funding at the cost of helping a person in the community

Name: Gaynor Clark **Date:** 30/08/2015 09:40

Comment: You never fail to undo what's good for the community. It is a much needed and valuable service that should stay put for all the right reasons.

Name: Lisa Lane **Date:** 30/08/2015 09:43

Comment: This is a much needed local amenity that needs to be saved

Name: Peter Gilmartin **Date:** 30/08/2015 09:52

Comment: They should get all the support and financial help required

Name: Brian Dempsey **Date:** 30/08/2015 09:54

Comment: Vital work, needs support.

Name: Pat Barr **Date:** 30/08/2015 10:00

Comment: Too valuable for Middleton to lose!!

Name: Ann Partington **Date:** 30/08/2015 10:06

Comment: This project is vital to the community it has been a great help to so many people,

Name: David Kay **Date:** 30/08/2015 10:20

Comment: This is a valuable community service which must be allowed to continue.

Name: Zoe smith **Date:** 30/08/2015 10:21

Comment: Helped my son find the perfect job and turn his life around.

Name: J. Royle. **Date:** 30/08/2015 10:22

Comment: It would be a shame if this organisation had to close down for lack of premises!!!

Name: Julie Hall **Date:** 30/08/2015 10:29

Comment: This is criminal. A vital service for the ever-growing poor amongst us. Have a heart.

Name: Iain Wrethman **Date:** 30/08/2015 10:34

Comment: I think this worthwhile service deserves our support.

Name: Linda Pagent **Date:** 30/08/2015 11:10

Comment: I go here on a regular basis and get help from all volunteers, it is essential to have resources like this in our area.

Name: Pam Radcliffe **Date:** 30/08/2015 11:10

Comment: RMBC should help this great group We have VERY FEW if any places like this in Middleton. Stop feeding Rochdale and concentrate on other surrounding places in the borough.

Name: Debra Wilkinson **Date:** 30/08/2015 11:14

Comment: Support these local services

Name: Vic Carey **Date:** 30/08/2015 11:24

Comment: Much needed brilliant centre

Name: Michelle Hurst **Date:** 30/08/2015 11:27

Comment: Protect our local services providing essential support to so many

Name: D J.Nelson **Date:** 30/08/2015 11:29

Comment: strongly support this work

Name: Collette O'Mara **Date:** 30/08/2015 11:31

Comment: I have witnessed the Lighthouse project first hand and it's a service that is vital to the local community, helping local residents and giving the support needed to the local residents.

Name: Sophie Pegum **Date:** 30/08/2015 11:41

Comment: Brilliant project that needs to stay in Middleton!

Name: Christine Palfrey **Date:** 30/08/2015 11:54

Comment: The lighthouse project has been a lifesaver to lots of people in and around Middleton. I'm sure they could fit them in somewhere!

Name: Jane Kendall **Date:** 30/08/2015 11:59
Comment: Not enough community projects in Middleton please don't lose this one.

Name: Jim Ross **Date:** 30/08/2015 12:02
Comment: Middleton needs the Lighthouse Project...

Name: Christine Jones **Date:** 30/08/2015 12:14
Comment: we all should help to keep this going.

Name: Helen Barker **Date:** 30/08/2015 12:35
Comment: Too many centres are shutting down, there will be no where to go for vulnerable people.

Name: Ivor Broadbottom **Date:** 30/08/2015 12:57
Comment: This project is vital to the community. It has been a great help to so many people.

Name: John Hickling **Date:** 30/08/2015 14:17
Comment: As a volunteer at the food bank we need space and easy access for the people visiting which the Warwick mill does

Name: Lynda McMahon **Date:** 30/08/2015 14:56
Comment: Why would anyone evict people running a project to help others. The world has gone mad

Name: Hazel Williams **Date:** 30/08/2015 15:15
Comment: This is unfortunately a very needed organization and needs to be in a central easily reached position.

Name: Darron Tickle **Date:** 30/08/2015 15:44
Comment: Need to keep this valuable resource

Name: Paul Emsley **Date:** 30/08/2015 16:03
Comment: This is a vital community service for many deprived families in Middleton and it would be such a shame if it was forced to close.

Name: Nicola Greenhalgh **Date:** 30/08/2015 16:07
Comment: Middleton has lost so many amenities and should not lose any more!

Name: Geoff Wellens **Date:** 30/08/2015 16:30
Comment: Something as good as the Lighthouse Project should be allowed to stay.

Name: Ian Shaw **Date:** 30/08/2015 16:46
Comment: These people are too important to everyone in Middleton who have nobody else to turn to!!!

Name: Joan Eagleton **Date:** 30/08/2015 16:52
Comment: Lighthouse Project too good to lose!!!

Name: Linda Partington **Date:** 30/08/2015 17:32
Comment: IT WOULD NICE TO KEEP THIS PROJECT IN MIDDLETON THAT IS WHERE IT WAS STARTED.

Name: Ruth Lloyd **Date:** 30/08/2015 18:52
Comment: This is such a vital access point for people in need in Middleton. It needs to continue to give hope and support for those who so desperately often have no one else to help them. Please let this good work continue.

Name: Louise Kelly **Date:** 30/08/2015 19:19
Comment: Sick of all these great projects that have made a difference to so many people disappear

Name: Natasha Carter **Date:** 30/08/2015 19:26
Comment: I do not think they should move them because its helping people get jobs

Name: Patricia Thompson **Date:** 30/08/2015 19:26
Comment: keep strong you are doing sterling work!

Name: Jenny Faulkner-Quick **Date:** 30/08/2015 19:51
Comment: The lighthouse is a beacon of community activity where local people support their local community. Don't let this light be extinguished!

Name: Christine Hulme **Date:** 30/08/2015 19:56
Comment: Keep up the good work.

Name: Gary Foster **Date:** 30/08/2015 21:07
Comment: Simply a great project.

Name: Liam Cook **Date:** 30/08/2015 23:40
Comment: yes i went here its local to bus station, and is a great help.

Name: Michelle Hallworth **Date:** 31/08/2015 00:00
Comment: Carl and the Lighthouse Project helped me to build on my confidence following my brain surgery, I am forever thankful to Carl and The Lighthouse Project for being there for me.

Name: Susan Marland **Date:** 31/08/2015 07:35
Comment: This project brings help and hope to those in need of both

Name: Alan Evans **Date:** 31/08/2015 08:40
Comment: please keep this community project open

Name: Anne **Date:** 31/08/2015 08:41
Comment: This is a great project and lots of my older ladies have been here for help they are center! to Middleton and a much needed group

Name: Kerry **Date:** 31/08/2015 08:49
Comment: It's typical of this government that anything designed to help those in need is closed! Let's fight for this, the Lighthouse project, it needs to stay where it is and it needs our support!!

Name: Diane Booth **Date:** 31/08/2015 09:14
Comment: These organisations are fundamental to Middleton! Relocation is costly and disrupts service.

Name: Margaret Doherty **Date:** 31/08/2015 11:34
Comment: Dial is provides a wonderful service to our town of middleton please do not evict these wonderful hard working group of people

Name: Susan Patmore **Date:** 31/08/2015 11:43
Comment: Middleton is an area where the Lighthouse Project is needed and well used. It needs to stay

Name: Deborah O'connor **Date:** 31/08/2015 11:49
Comment: Please allow the good work of these groups to continue

Name: Terry McNamara **Date:** 31/08/2015 13:33
Comment: This project provides vital services to the Middleton Community. They must be allowed to stay.

Name: Morgan Mcquay **Date:** 31/08/2015 14:41
Comment: The lighthouse project has been located at the Warwick mill for a long time,helping hundreds of people it should stay

Name: Freda Slattery **Date:** 31/08/2015 15:09
Comment: Cannot understand why removing this will benefit an already struggling community..the support they give to people looking for work with helpful and invaluable..

Name: Alison Kershaw **Date:** 31/08/2015 18:53
Comment: Vital community services, please rehouse!!

Name: Rose Matear **Date:** 31/08/2015 20:24
Comment: This wonderful project must be kept going. Someone, somewhere, must know of a place to rehouse it. I personally use the art room as a pensioner no where else can equal it for the support, company and ease of use, no expensive lessons just friendly help, it gets me out of the house.

Name: kim **Date:** 31/08/2015 21:25
Comment: Do not move! Great use for the building. what else would you use it for?!!

Name: Karen Rigby **Date:** 01/09/2015 06:54
Comment: My mother attends the Lighthouse on a weekly basis and enjoys her visits immensely. It's an amazing place, for people from all walks of life, to come together to learn something new or just socialise. Without this, some people will genuinely have nothing else to turn to and some are too long in the tooth to find something new. I live in Australia, but had the great pleasure of visiting the Lighthouse on my visit back to the UK with my mother. It was an amazing place, full of inspirational people and bringing smiles to the faces of people who sometimes find every day life a struggle. I support this wholeheartedly and wish you every success with your petition.

Name: Patricia Lawler **Date:** 01/09/2015 09:46
Comment: As a volunteer and a visitor to the lighthouse to do a job search and help people with their job search it would be unfortunate for the lighthouse project to close they help people who can not afford to eat and they give really good advice it is also a place to meet new people

Name: Eileen Lucas **Date:** 01/09/2015 09:58
Comment: Middleton needs the lighthouse because of the foodbank and because of the fantastic help to people trying to find employment and lots of other fantastic help they do for the community.

Name: Donald Bradwell **Date:** 01/09/2015 10:27
Comment: the lighthouse project is a very welcome place for doing jobsearch learning computers doing other activities .the staff are always welcoming new people to try out diifferent activities

Name: Paul Galligan **Date:** 01/09/2015 10:28
Comment: The Lighthouse Project.Is a Very helpful for every body,can do there Jobsearch.

Name: Alan Jibson **Date:** 01/09/2015 10:30
Comment: Alan Jibson thinks that Lighthouse Project should stay open

Name: Stephen Wilson **Date:** 01/09/2015 10:31
Comment: i have been coming to the lighthouse project for 3 years as a visitor. and now i am a volunteer its boosted my confidence very much and enjoy the people who come here il hope we can stay here at the Warwick mill

Name: Chike Ekeledo **Date:** 01/09/2015 10:39
Comment: Please kindly let light house stay in it current premises . As a regular customer who uses its facilities to do all the research work in SELF EMPLOYMENT IN MATHEMATICS AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING. Without Light house Project premises I will be lost

Name: Roy Herbert **Date:** 01/09/2015 10:45
Comment: A building what offers a number of things to the community of Middleton job search ,food bank, classes to try and put people back on track..

Name: Graham Cahill **Date:** 01/09/2015 10:50
Comment: The Lighthouse Project provides a valuable service in the area and it would be a shame to lose it.

Name: Edward Kerwin **Date:** 01/09/2015 11:30
Comment: The Lighthouse Project staff have been very supportive in helping me obtain employment. They have warm friendly and helpful manner. Their location means it is easy to reach them for help.

Name: Kerwin Pant **Date:** 01/09/2015 11:42
Comment: The lighthouse is very helpful in leaning how to find jobs and how to use the computer and thats why it should stay open.

Name: Chris Stevens **Date:** 01/09/2015 11:44
Comment: without the lighthouse there will be a large queue at the Job centre to use their computers and there is no email access, thats the state of the structure.

Name: Rebecca Field **Date:** 01/09/2015 11:46
Comment: If The Lighthouse Project was to be no more then the people of Middleton who are searching for employment and/or other support and help would be devastated.

Name: Elizabeth Williamson **Date:** 01/09/2015 13:37

Comment: Please let them stay in their current home or help them to find a new one.

Name: Margaret Mitchell **Date:** 01/09/2015 15:06

Comment: It was wonderful to be able to hire a wheelchair for 1 month while recovering from recent foot surgery and I'm about to hire one again for further foot surgery.

Name: Ros Liddle **Date:** 01/09/2015 15:23

Comment: For this community service to be lost in Middleton would be a tragedy. So many people go there for help, advice, hobbies, computer learning and so on, not to mention the food bank. Finding premises that can accommodate all the services that the "Lighthouse" provides would prove very difficult, and as such, must be allowed to stay in its current location.

Name: Tony Waters **Date:** 01/09/2015 16:20

Comment: The Lighthouse Project is an invaluable resource for the community whether for the unemployed, the elderly seeking help with the ubiquitous online forms that need to be done (eg reapplying for a blue badge etc) or simply the dispossessed.

Name: Steve Whitworth **Date:** 02/09/2015 04:42

Comment: It would be such a loss to the community if something cannot be done.

Name: ELda Harmon **Date:** 02/09/2015 09:19

Comment: Can't believe I walk down to Work today I was told by my Manager, that we have been told to move. Is very sad to hear. I been a volunteer in the lighthouse project since April 2014 to date. It has changed people's lives tremendously from all backgrounds. Help is available regardless of who you are where you come from. Mr landlord please re-think of that decision because this charity is helping the world at large due to its diversity. We want to stay and asking for help to stay.

Name: Stephen Gunby **Date:** 02/09/2015 10:10

Comment: As a resident of Middleton like a lot of people have noticed and are aware of the LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT, but don't realise the hard work and support the charity provides the community until you need it yourself like in my case prior to Xmas 2014, it certainly opened my eyes, I have also been made aware of the amount of people being sent over by the job centre to do the task's the job centre don't do which they should be but don't have the staff to do so just, I do think the community of Middleton will be in a real mess without the support of this hard working charity.

Name: Barry Lomas **Date:** 02/09/2015 10:45

Comment: Please support this good work as it is very much needed in Middleton.

Name: Lee Farley **Date:** 02/09/2015 10:46

Comment: I use the light house for job searches and college work

Name: Chris Taylor **Date:** 02/09/2015 10:46

Comment: I use the lighthouse for jobsearch and social skills

Name: Tony Stubbs **Date:** 02/09/2015 10:48

Comment: It will be nice to keep this complex going as it benefits many others including military veterans.

Name: Kay Verity **Date:** 02/09/2015 11:42

Comment: I don't need to use the services, but know people who really benefit from them and recognise the important service it provides in our community of Middleton.

Name: Juliet Whalen **Date:** 02/09/2015 12:50

Comment: This is a valuable community service and is used by lots of people in the community!

Name: David Jackson **Date:** 02/09/2015 13:24

Comment: I have been visiting the lighthouse project for 2 years and find all the staff and volunteers very helpful and very friendly they have helped me very much and hope this place remains open.

Name: John Crosby **Date:** 02/09/2015 14:16

Comment: We at Brentwood see ourselves as a partner organisation, who work alongside the Light House project in providing crisis support and immediate need for the Middleton Community, The Light House provides a food bank for Middleton and we also support them in their other endeavours, we can not afford to lose this vital service.

Name: Patricia Hepworth **Date:** 03/09/2015 09:28

Comment: As a volunteer at the Lighthouse Project I have seen the difference this scheme has made in people's lives all positive,

Name: Lucy Henderson **Date:** 03/09/2015 10:12

Comment: The lighthouse project was available to me whilst setting up my first business. The use of the computers and printers and advice and guidance from the staff and volunteers made the biggest impact in opening and setting up my business, which was locally in Middleton. Without the use of facilities in the Lighthouse project, I would have been effected financially and wouldn't have been able to promote my business.

Name: Lucy Morgan **Date:** 03/09/2015 10:16

Comment: Not only the use of computers and printers has benefitted me, but the support, advice and guidance from the staff and volunteers, not to mention meeting the most genuine down to earth people of Middleton and local areas. This place expresses how alike the folk of Middleton are, and to support each other.

Name: Patricia Griffin **Date:** 03/09/2015 10:31

Comment: This place is so helpful to me and many many people especially computer problems and I hope to join other clubs here especially photographs. It is so easy to reach in this area. Please help.

Name: Sean Moscovita **Date:** 03/09/2015 10:34

Comment: Absolutely Essential Service- Use it regularly in my work as a Rochdale Council Community Champion and feel moving elsewhere would be detrimental to the services provided here

Name: Susan Hadfield **Date:** 03/09/2015 11:24

Comment: The Lighthouse Project has helped me a lot by allowing me to become a volunteer.

Name: Ruth Whiteoak **Date:** 03/09/2015 11:38
Comment: The Lighthouse project offers a wide range of support to so many people in so many ways and has proved to be a valuable asset to the community. I have used their facilities to search for work, gain various computer skills and they have supported and encouraged me along the way.

Name: Douglas Probert **Date:** 03/09/2015 11:43
Comment: this is the only place I can do the jobsearch required by the job centre...

Name: Keith Robinson **Date:** 03/09/2015 12:20
Comment: For six years now the Lighthouse Project has been supporting and helping the local community with mentoring, and assisting locals to seek jobs. Over the recent years they also opened a foodbank which has been of immense value to parts of the community. I hope they can successfully find suitable new premises and continue their good work.

Name: Mr Davis **Date:** 03/09/2015 13:58
Comment: foodbank as enabled me to use my skills to help others, it's always a place were people feel safe

Name: Rachel Dixon **Date:** 03/09/2015 19:47
Comment: Keep the lighthouse Project open. The work the volunteers do is invaluable to the most vulnerable people in society.

Name: David Wadikor **Date:** 04/09/2015 09:13
Comment: only place near me i have to go would probly get sanctioned without it

Name: Julia Smith **Date:** 04/09/2015 10:27
Comment: A much needed & successful project. Nowhere else in Middleton large enough to help so many with Job searches & Computer training. Also offering many other activities and an Inclusive Social Hub! It needs to STAY OPEN!!!!

Name: Ann Garrett **Date:** 04/09/2015 11:45
Comment: This town needs more places like the lighthouse for out of work people or for the need to learn and keep up to date with IT skills it would be a shame to move it now that it has been established for so long.

Name: Alan Wilkinson **Date:** 04/09/2015 19:21
Comment: Having gone to the project now for over 3 years I think that we should be given space to continue as it helps many people in the area in many ways, a small section could be made available to continue with the many activities that are performed here

Name: Jane Hyde **Date:** 05/09/2015 21:44
Comment: we need to support local initiatives and services like the Lighthouse Project...the town will be poorer without it.

Name: Anthony Ward **Date:** 06/09/2015 06:00
Comment: Keep up the good work to this country get back on its feet.

Name: Trish PC **Date:** 06/09/2015 11:03
Comment: This is a great project supporting people in many different ways. Giving them the opportunity to improve their life skills thus improving their general wellbeing.

Name: Stacey Pollard **Date:** 07/09/2015 08:05
Comment: Keep the lighthouse project

Name: JORGE DA CRUZ **Date:** 07/09/2015 10:09
Comment: The light project it is a gem for the local people of Middleton. So please lets save it,not only for the benefit of the fantastic and excellent staff but foremost for the local people who really need it and value it. Jorge Da Cruz

Name: Pauline Griffiths **Date:** 07/09/2015 10:17
Comment: The Lighthouse Project provides essential important support for the community in Middleton. It is vital that we all pull together to maintain this facility and ensure its future.

Name: Ken Rolfe **Date:** 07/09/2015 10:34
Comment: As a volunteer , now retired from work, I appreciate the opportunity to pass along my experience and assist people seeking work or expanding their interest. 100,00 plus visitors in 5 years confirms the need of the public.

Name: Peter Brown **Date:** 07/09/2015 10:53
Comment: I support the lighthouse Project the work that takes place there is very important to the Middleton community and the support it gives to people. It would be a loss to the town if this was to go.

Name: Carole Sharples **Date:** 07/09/2015 13:22
Comment: The Lighthouse Project is a vital resource to the community of Middleton and beyond. Friendly supportive and encouraging - here's to the future, long may it continue to flourish and grow.

Name: Tracy Hudson **Date:** 07/09/2015 13:23
Comment: It is so difficult to find suitable and affordable town centre venues to support the community in Middleton. Shame on you the owners of Warwick Mill...this & other services that use the mill are essential for local people. We need support not eviction!

Name: Samuel Akanji **Date:** 07/09/2015 13:39
Comment: Lovely people and a really supportive environment, would hate to see these guys move because they are already set up in a really ideal place!

Name: Olufunke Joseph **Date:** 07/09/2015 13:45
Comment: The staff at the lighthouse have been really supportive, at a time where i was struggling to get another job. they have also trained me in terms of interview and computer skills. They are always ready to help whenever you pop in! Moving may disorganize or disrupt daily activities that we enjoy everyday!

Name: Jackie stitt **Date:** 07/09/2015 16:41
Comment: They do a fantastic work with people struggling with debt, unemployment etc

Name: Coral Taylor **Date:** 07/09/2015 19:11
Comment: This is a vital local service. It is ideally located in the town centre and close to Middleton Jobcentre.

Name: Phil Sidebotham **Date:** 08/09/2015 15:07
Comment: The Lighthouse provides vital support to the most vulnerable and needy people in our community when they need it most.

Name: Fay Wood **Date:** 08/09/2015 16:35
Comment: The Lighthouse project is a fantastic community project and is located in a very handy central location for local not just needy people but people who want to learn

Name: Paul Lucas **Date:** 09/09/2015 10:12
Comment: Its a vital service for the community it s very good for anyone who needs to use the computers

Name: Susan Kenning **Date:** 09/09/2015 10:21
Comment: The lighthouse Project is vital to the community of Middleton and others as I live in Blackley..It is situated in an idealistic place from travelling and alongside the job centre which is convenient. Since I have attended this project I have built up many skills. My confidence has enhanced in computer skills and has been an good experience which has empowered me to use the potential I have within , I'm sure there are many other people that have experience the similiar empowerment . To move this project would effect the local community as friends and groups have also been built up attending this centre as well as learning skills .

Name: Laura Griffiths **Date:** 09/09/2015 17:34
Comment: A vital community resource that can't be lost!

Name: Glad Fairbrother **Date:** 10/09/2015 12:31
Comment: Middleton Lighthouse project is needed to remain open as it is essential to the community.

Name: Adeleye S Adebola **Date:** 10/09/2015 12:37
Comment: I was given many opportunities at the lighthouse, and i saw how people were happy that the lighthouse exist, either because they don't have computer at home or even the internet. I am sure the job centre are happy that the lighthouse exist, because they know the job seekers have a place to use the computer for free.

Name: Alex Mitchell **Date:** 10/09/2015 12:40
Comment: The Lighthouse Project has give support to people in the community, Middleton and surrounding area. Not only people who are unemployed and need help to find work (It skills, completing job application and job searching). The Centre offers many other services to help people such as IT courses, giving people in the community emotional support and guidance.

Name: Margaret Pollitt **Date:** 10/09/2015 15:27
Comment: A wonderful meeting place for all types of projects. Middleton will be not be the same if we loose The Lighthouse Project, who has helped so many people to enhance their lives. We wish you all the best in finding new premises in Middleton.

Name: Amanda Wild. **Date:** 10/09/2015 20:38
Comment: The lighthouse project has been a lifeline to me and my husband. The work they do is invaluable to the local community.

Name: Mrs A Musker **Date:** 10/09/2015 22:52
Comment: An extremely valuable and comforting centre for many in this area. Care about the neighborhood you are entering - and let them keep their space. Please.

Name: Eileen Peak **Date:** 11/09/2015 06:39
Comment: the food bank is a life line for so many people. they are helping our school feed our children breakfast every morning this is fantastic and without them many children would go hungry. having breakfast sets them up for he day and we want this to carry on.

Name: Rob Wray **Date:** 11/09/2015 08:59
Comment: People have come to rely on the Lighthouse, It is an essential part of the community and must be kept running.

Name: Pearl Wray **Date:** 11/09/2015 09:08
Comment: Government cuts have reduced the services that were provided by Rochdale Council and the lighthouse has now taken them over. It must not be allowed to. close

Name: Lyndon Spence **Date:** 11/09/2015 09:29
Comment: If this place were to close, so many people would be affected in a negative way. Please ensure that if it is to move, the facilities made available are even better than they are now

Name: Sheila Murphy **Date:** 11/09/2015 11:08
Comment: the work of the centre is vital for middleton

Name: Kevin Burke **Date:** 11/09/2015 11:21
Comment: I have thoroughly enjoyed attending the project meeting friends old and new. Learnt the basics of the computer helping me to job search. The staff are very helpful and supportive.

Name: Jason Burns **Date:** 11/09/2015 11:26
Comment: The Lighthouse Project is the best support network in North Manchester, helping to support communities in Middleton and surrounding areas. I myself have the project a supportive community, dedicated and caring staff. A tremendous resource to feeling valued supportive in the work I do (community work).

Name: Akua **Date:** 13/09/2015 09:56
Comment: Thank you for providing much needed community support

Name: Stephen Mulholland **Date:** 14/09/2015 13:47
Comment: The centre has helped me with loads of things regarding job searching, and all the staff are great. Also, you can get a brew, and the odd pasty

Name: Rachel Robinson **Date:** 14/09/2015 15:22
Comment: A vital community resource which gives hope and help in a town where it is needed

Name: Anna Hadfield **Date:** 14/09/2015 16:43
Comment: I agree with Rachel. My auntie helps out at the Lighthouse Project as a volunteer and gets a lot out of being involved. Please do not evict them!

Name: Alfa **Date:** 15/09/2015 09:20
Comment: indeed they do provide vital community service and should be supported to stay or move to a new home.

Name: BERNARD CLARK **Date:** 15/09/2015 16:11
Comment: The lighthouse project dose a great work in Middleton,new, premises must be found to enable the work to continue.

Name: Teresa Tonge **Date:** 16/09/2015 10:32
Comment: I have found the lighthouse and staff very helpful and good support while i have been looking for work.

Name: Ricardo Guerreiro **Date:** 16/09/2015 19:01
Comment: As a foreigner ... but feeling already the British citizenship ... and as now unemployed ... I think and I am absolutely certain that we all feel that "The Light House Project" always will be a most worthwhile for everyone in Middleton's ... Best wishes.

Name: Rachel Gee **Date:** 18/09/2015 10:30
Comment: I think it's great the light house project, it's helped me in the past and give me confidence in applying for jobs as it does for many others. There is plenty of advice and information in other areas like craft sessions and money advice, I find this beneficial to myself and will be to the community. I would be unhappy to see the lighthouse project shut down.

Name: Adam Conlon **Date:** 18/09/2015 13:42
Comment: whoever is making this insane decision needs to have a re think,the lighthouse project project and the sub support services inside is a vital part of the middleton. if this a private landlord forcing them might i suggest a re think on the agreement and bare in mind the public relations fall out which will be severe. the council also need to intervne in this and support a move if that has to be the way forward but location wise the lighthouse project staying put has to be the case.

Name: Joseph Quinn **Date:** 21/09/2015 14:08
Comment: please let The Project stay here,it helps so many vulnerable people,including me.

Name: Stewart Dobson **Date:** 22/09/2015 15:16
Comment: This is a great project that needs to stay in Middleton, the group do some excellent work to help support some of the most vulnerable people in our society.

Name: Steve Murphy **Date:** 24/09/2015 10:17
Comment: At Positive Steps, we provide careers information, advice and guidance to young people. Working at The Lighthouse Project has been an ideal way for us to offer access to young people in a supportive environment where there are a range of other services available as well. We hope that the Lighthouse Project is able to continue its vital work in Middleton. Thanks

Name: Maggie Steven **Date:** 24/09/2015 11:22
Comment: I live in Middleton and I just recently got made redundant from my latest job and this is a vital hub for the local community to use for effective job searching and getting to know other like minded people. If I hadn't of gone in I wouldn't have known about their plight. We need it to continue as I am now volunteering, giving my valuable skills as my background is an employability tutor, until I find another job.

Name: Nina Oakley **Date:** 24/09/2015 22:56
Comment: This is a vital resource which has and is helping many people with many things. Poverty, health, mental health, jobs, creativity, self esteem, work based skills, loneliness, help. To make them move from a prime location is unnecessary. Please show some car and concern for the citizens of Middleton and surrounding areas!

Name: copperhead1952@yahoo.co.uk **Date:** 25/09/2015 12:19
Comment: Please do not destroy our Community , Middleton needs this established facility.

Name: Ivan Boma **Date:** 25/09/2015 21:36
Comment: We love Light house and its services, why move it; when it has alot to offer to less previlliaged.

Name: Andrew Mitchell **Date:** 28/09/2015 14:30
Comment: Carl and his team do a super job in the Middleton community with the food bank and inspire Middleton etc let them stay !!

Name: Mary Leonard **Date:** 01/10/2015 09:27
Comment: Praying that if the Lighthouse Project/foodbank has to move then suitable premises will be found.

Name: Tara boothman **Date:** 05/10/2015 11:17
Comment: I would like to thank all staff for helpings me they have shown me so much they make it a joy learning i didnt know how to use a computer i was lost till the light house project helped me Dont Take this away People need this Help lam so gratfull for all there help belive me i needed a lot of help keep the lighthouse going thank you

Name: Steven Broadbent **Date:** 06/10/2015 14:07
Comment: The only place in Middleton where everyone is supported and anyone is welcome, a brilliant brilliant service. Thank You

Name: Ste Cassidy **Date:** 22/10/2015 14:42
Comment: Without the project my disabled wife would be lost in the black hole of life.