



Derbyshire County Council: trying to close Derbyshire care homes?

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GMB trade union has today condemned moves by Derbyshire County Council to consider closing several well loved care homes in the county.

Following a campaign led by GMB care workers last year, plans to close homes were shelved by the Council leadership following public backlash to the plans.

However, Derbyshire County Council have again announced that they intend to press ahead with **ANOTHER** public consultation on closures less than 18 months after local residents delivered a resounding rejection of the plans.

Derbyshire County Council and it's leadership were widely condemned last year, for delivering a wasteful consultation costing £60,000 to Derbyshire tax payers.

Mick Coppin, GMB Trade Union Organiser, said:

“Last year, at the height of the worst public health emergency Derbyshire has seen since the second world war, Derbyshire County Council tried to close care homes in the county.

This put hundreds of jobs at risk, as well as putting at risk a much loved and well used public service from communities up and down the county.

These plans were rightly scrapped after local people and care home workers spoke out.

Our question to Derbyshire County Council is this; what has changed?

You could excuse local people for thinking that you just can't trust Derbyshire County



Council with our hard earned council tax.

Council leader Barry Lewis has to step back from the brink on this and accept the public are not with him on care home closures. We pay for our Councillors and it's time they listened to local people, care home residents and care home workers.”

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