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Preamble:

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At present the Red House Cone has neither enough exhibition space, nor adequate lecture space. The proposed move to the Red House Cone would result in **the museum's research materials, library and collections being hidden away from public view**. Consequently

the owners of the loan collections (which include the Friends of Broadfield House) may well want their glass to be returned. Furthermore, there is already **a large amount of glass** in store at Broadfield House (and at Himley Hall) **which is not displayed!**

It would be a major loss for glass researchers, makers, enthusiasts and collectors if the **important resources of Broadfield House** were to be made unavailable. As one of the "major" glass attractions bringing visitors to **Stourbridge**, it would also be a loss to Dudley Council. The museum's repository of **major glass collections, especially of 20th century glass from the Stourbridge area**, is also of significant international importance.

In view of the above, The **Glass Association** is campaigning to stop this move unless and until the Red House Cone site is fully able to exhibit (as a minimum)

the collections that are currently displayed at Broadfield. The Red House Cone must also be able to provide adequate facilities to house Broadfield House's research materials. Both the collections and the research materials need to be readily accessible and ideally new lecture facilities should also be created.

The **Friends of Broadfield House**, **The Glass Association** and **The Glass Circle** would **fully support** the move if it were to improve and enhance the Broadfield Museum experience. However, it has been said that the only way Dudley Council can save money is to close Broadfield House down completely and either box up the collection for posterity, or sell it! If this were to happen the Council would be guilty of losing a huge piece of the area's glass heritage.

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Any premature decision which may lead to the loss or the reduction of the facilities held at Broadfield House would be a national disgrace.

No change should proceed without full consultation on the financial and practical considerations of a move.

Sign the Petition!

The Save Broadfield House Glass Museum petition to Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council was written by The Glass Association and is hosted free of charge at GoPetition.

Mails:

Hi, **Angela Bowey here** - that friend you hardly ever hear from (with apologies about that). I'm sending you some **information about the proposed closure of the Broadfield House Glass Museum**, which seems to be a knee-jerk reaction from the local Council to save some money without sufficient consultation and without taking into account the importance of Broadfield House.

There's an **on-line petition which I hope you will decide to sign**. And anything else you can do to help is greatly needed.

All the very best, Angela

Hi Angela,
I'm sending you a copy of the personal letter/email I've been sending out to everyone I can think of to help save Broadfield House Glass Museum. The campaign is building quickly and the word we're getting back is that

Dudley council is shocked at the strength of the reaction the announcement has generated, the online petition has 226 signees so far and growing by the hour. It's here is you'd like to sign it too:

<http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/broadfield-house-glass-museum.html>

and encourage anyone else you can think of to do the same. Will keep you updated.

Copy text below:

May I bring to your attention the **planned closure of one of the country's national treasures**, viz. **The Broadfield House Glass Museum in Dudley in the West Midlands**. The proposals by Dudley Council involve **closure in 2010** (to save a reported £ 120.000 p.a.) after no consultation with local people, and with the possible relocation of the internationally important collections of both glass and archives to a smaller leased site in nearby Wordsley. To **move the collections to a smaller site** would be to its disadvantage, as much of the collection would need to be stored or even worse would have to be disposed of.

[...] **The museum is clearly much valued by local people as an important part of their heritage, but it is much more than that. It is a collection of national and international status, and constitutes an important part of the history of the whole of glassmaking within the UK and the rest of the world.**

Broadfield House is the only dedicated glass museum in the UK and thus has a world status which should be protected and enhanced, not closed by the local authority to save money on its budget. It is highly regarded by glass researchers, collectors, and other museums worldwide. **Both the archives and the artifact collection are of international importance**, and have been used by authors of books on the histories of specific areas of glassmaking. Notably within the last two years one on Chance Glass (Smethwick) and two on **Czech Pressed Glass**, all of which have been important in their ground-breaking original research which has furthered the knowledge of glass researchers and collectors considerably. [...]

More here:

[http://www.glassmessages.com/index.php ...](http://www.glassmessages.com/index.php...)

Can you help highlight the situation and the campaign to protect and preserve this collection please?

Cheers, **Anne Nichols**,
glass researcher, collector & enthusiast
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**SG: Hello Angela,
thanks for the info & the link -
of course I signed immediately,
it is a shame to close such a museum!
With best regards, Siegmur**



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