

Alan Moroney - Hills Centre

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Subject: Hills Centre

Dear Councillor,

As a long term resident of Castle Hill I am saddened to hear about the proposed demolition of the Hills Centre. It has been the venue of choice for our families' extended social activities - from Hi-Five concerts with children to many annual dance concerts our children have participated in (with The Edge Ballet Academy).

Knowing what an asset the Hills Centre is as a resource for local groups I would ask that the council reconsider their plan of demolishing it as once it's gone I really think that future generations will wonder why more wasn't done to save it. We have waited a long long time to see the reality of a rail line to the North West but I and others are really hoping that it doesn't come at the expense of such a cultural focal point as the Hills Centre.

I understand that there are alternative plans being considered for the site of the proposed station (further down Carrington Road - towards the depot ?) and while this is likely to incur a little extra cost and complexity I would encourage council to seriously consider this as it sounds likely to deliver the infrastructure requirements as well as saving established resources such as the Hills Centre.

Yours,

Steve Teale - Castle Hill resident and rates payer.