

For the attention of the Petitions Committee

Please find attached the Save the Vulcan petition. The petition has over 5000 signatures and I sincerely hope that the petition will be considered very carefully by the Committee.

The Vulcan Hotel on Adam Street in Cardiff was built in 1853, and has served working Cardiffians with, not only excellent beer, but a community meeting place for 155 years.

The Newtown area of Cardiff is now a distant memory, but The Vulcan survives as a living reminder of our history. Cardiff's docks made the capital what it is today, and The Vulcan characterises Cardiff's culture and identity.

This little Victorian pub is in danger of being flattened to make way for a multi-storey car park. The Vulcan came under threat due to a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) made by the Welsh Development Agency on behalf of St David's 2. Although the CPO was not activated, and Brains did not want to sell this little gem, the Vulcan has ended up in the hands of Rappports, a property developer. The Save the Vulcan campaign understands that Rappport has a contract to supply a car park for St David's 2, and this is Rappports excuse for demolishing this part of our history – to create a car park...

Interestingly, St David's 2 website uses the strapline 'Cardiff is evolving' and their website claims 'St David's 2 brings an outstanding opportunity to make a contribution to the emergence of Cardiff as a major European destination'. The Save the Vulcan campaign is not anti-development, but pro-preservation. The Vulcan Hotel can thrive in harmony with 'new' Cardiff developing around it. The St David's 2 development will attract shoppers to Cardiff, meanwhile, if The Vulcan is left standing, the Victorian watering hole will attract tourism.

The Committee should also consider The Vulcan in the current economic climate. Closing a thriving business during a recession does not make financial sense.

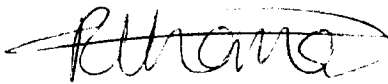
The Vulcan Hotel is also of immensely important cultural significance to Cardiff. Writers like John Williams and Peter Finch are known to use the Vulcan regularly, as well as a whole host of people and groups involved in creative and cultural industries in Cardiff.

The Welsh Assembly Government cannot ignore 5000 members of the electorate.

I would like a response from the committee as soon as possible. My contact details are above. If required, I am willing to represent the campaign and address the committee.

Please, save The Vulcan for the heart of Cardiff.

Yours sincerely,



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