SAVE THE STANLEY CENTRE

By an accident of birth, my brother Paul was born with severe learning disabilities.

Through no fault of his own, he will never be able to hold down a job. He will never experience simple joys such as reading the newspaper, driving a car, taking himself out for a meal or a pint with mates - or having a relationship.

Paul (and those like him) needs the opportunity to be part of the local community where he can have a sense of belonging, make friends and develop skills in a caring, safe environment surrounded by people he knows and trusts.

Today such an environment exists in Knutsford – a day-care centre called "the Stanley Centre". It has helped make my brother feel happy and feel that Knutsford is his home. Without it, he would be isolated and lonely, with little access to his friends.

East Cheshire Council are proposing to close the Stanley Centre as a cost cutting measure.

We live in tough times, HOWEVER, to deprive people like Paul of the assistance they need is to attack the **VERY WEAKEST AND LEAST ABLE** in society.

Please help speak for them, by taking the trouble to add your name to this, as we work to protect those with **<u>NO VOICE</u>** to speak for themselves.

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Thank you for taking the time to help. Simon

A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE STANLEY CENTRE WILL BE NELD AT THE CIVIC CENTRE ON TUESDAY 15TH NOUEMBER AT 6.30 PM.