

Press Release

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Hard Work, Dedication, and Commitment of Bethany Workers

The dedication and hard work of Bethany Project staff has today been highlighted by the towns would Liberal Democrat MP.

Barry Stamp made the comment after meeting staff from both the Newport Road and Lovett Street sites to discuss both their future and the ongoing needs of homeless people in the town.

“The recent news that funding for the Bethany Project was to be withdrawn from June has come as a blow to the staff that work at both the Newport Road and Lovett Street sites. It is clear they are worried not only for their own future, but also for the future of the people the project currently serves. As the frontline workers who see the real scale of the homeless problem in the town they are extremely concerned that many vulnerable people will be forced to live on the streets until a replacement facility is opened. However they are concerned that the Borough and County Councils are leaving them in the dark about their plans to replace the current hostel. While I fully understand their concerned about their own futures I certainly under estimated their strength of feeling about the ongoing work of the project itself. It was clear that everyone was extremely worried that the real losers could be the homeless people themselves. The hard work, dedication and commitment of the staff could certainly not be faulted, and it would be a great pity if this was lost,” said Barry Stamp.

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Notes to editors: Barry Stamp met staff from the Newport Road site during a visit to the hostel on Tuesday (8th) as part of the hostels public open day. Later that day he met staff from the Bethany’s Lichfield House and Scott House sites at a private meeting at the Bethany Projects Lichfield Road office.

