



# Exeter Liberal Democrats

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Dear Lisa Roberts,  
We are writing to you on behalf of Exeter Liberal Democrats,

You will no doubt be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation has recently announced job losses, and with the news last week of proposed cuts at the University being announced it is a serious concern that two key employers within Exeter are looking to lose roles.

Many of our resident's from across the city work or study at the University and as you would expect the announcement from the University last week has resulted in many concerned emails to us on the impact that this news will have on both the staff and students at the University.

The fact that the cuts seem to disproportionately affects the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences is alarming.

Exeter is known for its vibrant culture, we are one of very few UNESCO Cities of Literature and we have inspired writers throughout history, we have a rich and diverse history from Romans to Saxons, Vikings, Normans and Witchcraft, we have wonderful heritage sites – the roman walls, the cathedral, the quay, the castle and the underground tunnels.

The University is very much embedded as part of that culture, it offers world class research and attracts diverse and fantastically talented staff, and it offers an exciting and eclectic range of courses.

The staff and academics are the heart of the University and have been integral to many of the success stories that the University has been proud to list and Exeter residents benefit greatly from having access to these resources, academics from the University frequently host lectures at the Library, the Phoenix and other cultural venues across the city.

We have contacted Ian Sollum the Liberal Democrat MP for St Neots and Mid Cambridgeshire and spokesperson for Universities and Skills to ask that he raises these concerns in Parliament on behalf of our residents.

We encourage you to listen to staff and students during the consultation period and to consider alternative options to those currently presented.

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