Community Services

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Mark Adams
Planning Assistant
NHS Property Services Ltd
By email

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Dear Mark

The Old Malvern Community Hospital
Assets of Community Value Nomination

Officers from Community and Legal Services have reviewed and carefully considered all the information received in relation to the Asset of Community Value nomination for the Hayslan Fields. When we assess whether particular land is of community value, we must determine whether it meets the definition of an asset of community value as set out in section 88 of the Localism Act 2011. This provides that a building or other land in the Malvern Hills district will be of community value if, in our opinion either:

The current main use of the building or land furthers the social interests or social wellbeing of the local community, and it is realistic to think that there can continue to be such use, whether or not in the same way as before

1. No evidence was presented to suggest that the community hospital has ever furthered the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

2. No evidence was presented to suggest it is realistic to think that there can continue to be such use, whether or not in the same way as before.

The main use of the building or land in the recent past furthered the social interests or social wellbeing of the local community, and it is realistic to think that within five years the building or land could be brought back into a use that furthers the social interest or wellbeing of the local community, whether or not in the same way as before.

3. 2010 could be deemed ‘the recent past’ since this is within 5 years of the nomination date and, therefore, consistent with the 5 years hence guidance.

4. A definition of ‘social wellbeing’ must relate to the interaction and relationships with others within a community and that there is no specific reference to “healthcare” as being a “social interest”.

5. No evidence was presented to suggest that the community hospital has ever furthered the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

The council’s decision not to list was therefore based on determinable factors outlined in 1, 2, 4 and 5 above.

Yours sincerely

Amanda Smith
Community Services Manager