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Disposal of The Jolly Huntsman, 80 Kington St Michael, Chippenham, SN14 6JB as an Asset of Community Value

Wiltshire Council has been informed by the owner of the above asset that they intend to enter into a relevant disposal of the asset.

An interim moratorium on the sale of the asset is now in place until **15 March 2024.**

Community interest groups (the local parish council or an incorporated voluntary body with a local connection), have the opportunity in these six weeks to request to be treated as a potential bidder. Should Wiltshire Council receive such a request from a community interest group within these six weeks, then a six month 'full moratorium' period will be triggered, meaning that no sale can take place before **02 August 2024.** Requests to be treated as a potential bidder should be sent to simon.day@wiltshire.gov.uk. If no such request is received then the owner of the asset is free to dispose of the asset at the end of the six weeks and without any further moratoria until **02 August 2025**

The full moratorium of six months, if triggered, is intended to allow Community Interest Groups time to raise funding to put together a credible bid to buy the asset. The owner is under no obligation to accept any such bid but the pause is intended to allow community groups time to organise themselves and increase the chance of a successful offer being made.

Information on this opportunity to be treated as a potential bidder is being made available on the council's website. A notice will also be displayed at the site of the asset to inform the local community of the notice of disposal of the asset.

The Government's regulations provide further detailed information on the precise definition of Community Interest Groups that are eligible to request being treated as a potential bidder. Locality also provide online support and guidance to potential bidders at (www.mycommunityrights.org.uk).

Yours faithfully

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