
Nomination as an Asset of Community Value of land to the East of the South Western Hotel

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Dear Tisbury Parish Council, dear Sandra,

I am writing in my personal capacity.

As you will be aware, through my involvement with the

I have become familiar with the debates around the future of the South Western Hotel and its surrounding land. It is the responsibility of the Parish Council to consider what safeguards it is appropriate for the community to have against any unwelcome development of the South Western Hotel and its surrounding land. To be clear, not all development is unwelcome.

Nomination as an Asset of Community Value

Just as the South Western Hotel itself is listed as an Asset of Community Value, so too should the field next door to it (to the East). That field is used by the community across the year and has been for generations. It is one of the terminals of the annual Tisbury carnival procession; it is where the fun fair sets up each year; it is where the village bonfire burns on fireworks night; it is occasionally used as overflow parking by commuters; it is where people sometimes camp. The field, as I understand, belongs to private owners. Nonetheless, it has been used as common land by the community. For those reasons it should be listed as an ACV. Please could the Parish Council nominate it to Wiltshire Council accordingly?

Land will be listed as an asset of community value if, in the opinion of the authority (i.e. Wiltshire Council), current non-ancillary use of the land or use of the land in the recent past furthers the social well-being or social interests (cultural, recreational, or sporting interests) of the local community; and it is realistic to think that now or in the next five years there could continue to be non-ancillary use of the building/ land which will further the social well-being or social interests of the local community.

Legal rights acquired by usage

Separately, the Parish Council should enquire whether constant, varied and unimpeded access and amenity usage of that community field for generations of time has given rise to enforceable common rights over that field of the kind that any purchaser ought to be given notice of.

Please could both of these items be put onto the Council's agenda?