

REGISTER OF ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISPOSE OF A COMMUNITY ASSET SECTION 95 (2) AND SECTION 97 (4) OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

Asset of Community Value: Cotherstone Methodist Church

Asset Nominated by: The Cotherstone Old Chapel Project Ltd.

Receipt of Asset Disposal Notice: 12th July 2022

Interim Moratorium End Date: 23rd August 2022

Full Moratorium End Date: 12th January 2023

Protected Period End Date: 12th January 2024

The County Council of Durham (the Council) hereby gives notice that on the 12th of July 2022 it received a notification from the owner of an intention to dispose of Cotherstone Methodist Church which is listed as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011.

The Council invites any eligible community interest group to express an interest to be treated as a potential bidder for the Asset by **23rd August 2022**.

An eligible community interest group is any community interest group that has a local connection with the land and falls within one or more of the following categories:

- A parish council
- A charity
- A company limited by guarantee which does not distribute any surplus to its members
- An industrial and provident society which does not distribute any surplus to its members
- A community interest company

The owner of the Asset may not dispose of the Asset during a 6-week period starting from the date the Council received the notification from the owner of their intention to dispose of the Asset (the interim moratorium period) and ending on **23rd August 2022**.

During the interim moratorium period the Parish Council or another community group may request in writing to be treated as a potential bidder for the Asset. If the Council receives such a request this will trigger the full moratorium period and the Council must

inform the owner who may not then dispose of the Asset during this 6-month period unless it is to a community interest group.

If no community interest group requests to be treated as a potential bidder during the 6-week interim moratorium period then the owner may proceed to dispose of the Asset.

Please send any request to be treated as a potential bidder to:

Address: Catherine Todd, Senior Asset Strategy Officer, Corporate Property and Land, County Hall. Durham DH1 5UL

Email: right-to-bid@durham.gov.uk

The Council will, as soon as practicable, notify the owner of any request it receives. As stated above the deadline for receipt of requests is **23rd August 2022**.

It will be the responsibility of any bidder to arrange funding, seek to come to an arrangement with the owner and be responsible for all associated costs. The Council is unable to assist in negotiations or to provide any funding or other assistance.

Susan Robinson

Head of Corporate Property and Land

Further details on Assets of Community Value can be found on:

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/3286/Assets-of-Community-Value>