

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**RESPONSE TO PETITION REF: 2019/0349 SAVE OUR GREEN SPACES & PLAYING FIELDS ON FORMER GEDLING SCHOOL SITE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide Committee with a response of Petition Ref: 2019/0349 Gedling School.

Information

2. This petition was handed in at the Full Council meeting on 28 March 2019. It contains 122 signatures.
3. The former Sherwood E-Act Academy comprises a vacant school in Wollaton Avenue, Gedling. The property has been vacant since October 2017 when it was returned to the Council by the school. The property comprises c5,900sq purpose-built clasp and traditional brick-built construction on a site of c8.9Ha. Sherwood E-Act Academy has been declared surplus and is vacant, is no longer required for educational or any other use by Nottinghamshire County Council and is a health and safety risk. The property is not considered suitable for modern needs or alternative uses either by NCC or the wider market. The buildings are now being demolished. The Council has agreed a compensation with Gedling Borough Council in respect of the MUGA, which is located on site and which use is discontinued.
4. The future of the site, including local concerns about loss of green space will be considered following completion of the ongoing demolition and will be reported to Policy Committee as required.
5. It is proposed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

Other Options Considered

6. None – the Council's Petition Scheme requires the relevant committee to consider proposed responses to petitions.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. To agree the response to this petition.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources,

human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the ongoing demolition be noted.
- 2) That a report on the future of the site be submitted to a future meeting of Policy Committee.
- 3) That the lead petitioner be informed as appropriate and the outcome of the Committee's consideration be reported back to Full Council, in line with the requirements of the Petitions Scheme.

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Leader of the County Council

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Constitutional Comments (LW 22/5/2019)

9. Policy Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

Financial Comments (RWK 22/05/2019)

10. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Electoral Division(s): Arnold South
- Member(s): Councillor Muriel Weisz, Councillor John Clarke