

Unsuccessful Community Asset Nomination List

Details of Building / Asset / land being nominated by the community for inclusion on the List of Assets of Community Value	Start date of 8 week period when the Local Authority receives nomination from the Community	End date of 8 week period when a decision will be made by the Local Authority as to whether the asset qualifies as a community asset or not.	Decision made by	Reason for being unsuccessful in bidding process and not being identified as an asset of community value
<p>Bath Road and Commercial Street Car Parks</p> <p>Nominated by Cheltenham Civic Society</p> <p>Reason for nomination These two adjoining, Council-owned car parks are vital service assets for the community and the local economy, as they provide nearly 200 parking spaces used by shoppers and others visiting the Bath Road and Suffolks areas. Without this provision, the viability of many shops, cafes, restaurants and pubs would be put at risk. In addition the larger of the two car parks contains a much-used public toilet and a series of recycling skips that are always in demand. Representatives of the community, traders and council are currently discussing how the site could be improved.</p>	30 March 2015		Deputy Chief Executive	Based on the evidence presented by the Civic Society, the assessment is that the car park does not further the social wellbeing nor social interests of the local community. Its primary purpose is for car parking for public generally and not just to those in the local community.

<p>57-59 Winchcombe Street, property formerly known as the Axiom Centre.</p> <p><u>Nominated by:</u> An un-constituted community group consisting of 26 members</p> <p><u>Reason for nomination:</u> “Despite the closure of the Arts Centre in 2000, the Cheltenham community have maintained a continuous dialogue resulting in a campaign to re-claim the centre for community use.</p> <p>As a result of arts activities and a community cafe in the Axiom, Cheltenham has influenced international culture following commercial success of its protégées. Young people were a focus of the centre which cultivated skills that have carried many people through life. Widespread issues such as isolation and reduced engagement with civic life were successfully tackled through increased commitment to community values. Residents consider cultural deprivation to have developed following the lack of a central multi-purpose hub for the arts, catering to a wider social demographic than is currently facilitated in Cheltenham. Questions have been asked whether Cheltenham Borough Council aim to curate an image which does not accurately</p>	<p>20 November 2013</p>		<p>Director Commissioning</p>	<p>Whilst the use of the building in its past life as an arts and cultural facility would meet the criteria of furthering social wellbeing and interests, I am clear that this use was not in the recent past, the building having been not used for the past 13 years.</p> <p>Although the government have not defined the meaning of the term recent, the guidance uses a period of five years in two separate instances to describe periods of time in the future:</p> <p>Section 88(2) of the Act extends this definition to land which has furthered the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community in the recent past, and which it is realistic to consider will do so again during the next 5 years.</p> <p>Local authorities are required to remove an asset from the List, as soon as practicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • after a relevant disposal (other than an exempt disposal) • when an appeal against a listing has been successful • when they form the opinion that the land or building is no longer of community value • or no later than 5 years from the date of entry on the list. <p>A) My view is that five years is a sufficient period time to define the recent past. This view is shared by other council's that have added in a reference to five years in their community right to bid guidance.</p> <p>B) I also feel that defining recent past to extend beyond 13 years for this one instance could be problematic as it would set a precedent that the council was defining recent past as any period of</p>
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<p>represent or celebrate diversity within the local community.</p> <p>Following the re-sale of the property through agents DTZ the displaced Axiom community have formed an un-constituted group of 26 people to submit the right to bid application so that we can develop a bid with particular focus upon project sustainability.”</p>				<p>time up to 15 years. This then could impact on many owners of other properties where there had been historic community use that could then be used to trigger the moratorium period, plus the appeal and compensation process.</p> <p>C) For this reason, I cannot support the nomination of the property at 57-59 Winchcombe Street, formerly the Axiom Centre, to be considered an asset of community value.</p>
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