

Policy for defining social interests / well-being

When assessing nominations for inclusion on the Register of Assets of Community Value the City Council will have regard to the following criteria:-

1. The extent to which the approval of the nominated site would enhance the social interests and social wellbeing of the local community because in its absence the local community would be deprived of land or a building that is essential to the special character of the local area, and provides:
 - i. a place to meet and socialise, or
 - ii. a place to shop, or
 - iii. a recreational, sporting or cultural facility.
2. The definition of the extent of the local community will depend on the nature of the use and each case will be considered on its merits, with particular reference to the character and heritage of the local area, its community cohesion and its sense of belonging.
3. The City Council will have regard to the realistic prospect of the continued or resumed use of the asset within the next five years, and in particular and where it is a matter relevant to that use, the commercial viability of the proposal (including the ability to raise funds) and the sustainability of that use.