

5th December 2013

Assets of Community Value Nomination request

To whom it may concern,

This request is a community nomination for an asset of community value submitted under Part 5, Chapter 3 of the Localism Act 2011 and The Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012.

We make this request in order for you to add Fordlands Road Home to the local list of assets of community value. The City of York has a duty to maintain a list of assets of community value that have been put forward by local communities.

Fulford Parish Council is eligible to make this nomination in accordance with Paragraph 5 of the Assets of Community Value Regulations 2012. Fordlands Road Home is within Fulford Parish. Therefore Fulford Parish Council meets the criteria defined in Paragraph 4 of the Assets of Community Value Regulations 2012.

Details of nominated asset

Address:

1 Fordlands Road
Fulford
York YO19 4QT

Fordlands Road Home is on Fordlands Road and the asset nominated includes the main building on the site of the care home as well as its car park, ancillary buildings and structures and complete curtilage. The exact extent of the site is delineated in red on the plan below. The boundary along its north is formed by Germany Lane, along its west is formed by Fordlands Road, along its south is formed by the boundary delineation with the triangle of land formerly consisting of allotments, along the east its boundary consists of a hedgerow with trees separating it from a water meadow.

Landowner

City of York Council

Details of use of the building as a Care Home

The building and land are owned by the City of York. Currently the building and land have been vacated by Care Home residents. The building was intended to be redeveloped as a care home but these plans have now been abandoned.

As a Care Home, the building and site performed an important role for elderly residents within the local community as well as providing local employment thus functioning as a community asset.

Fulford Parish Council would support it if York would reinstate the site as a Local Authority care home because of the benefits this would bring to the local community. However, we are led to believe that CYC will not reinstate the site as a community asset that would further the social well being or social interests of the local community but instead proposes to sell the land for housing.

We therefore wish to register the land as a community asset in order to facilitate reuse of the building as a community centre dedicated to celebrating local culture, local history and local nature conservation by creating a meeting room and making exhibition rooms available to local interest groups. We make this request because we believe it is realistic to think that within 5 years the building could further the social interests of the local community. This would be in a different way from the original community use but would nonetheless comply with the Localism Act 2011, Part 5, Chapter 3.

If the Local Authority should decide to place the former Care Home on their Community Assets list, this would give Fulford Parish Council the opportunity to apply for funding. The building and its curtilage could then be retained as a community asset.

The site is strategically placed for a number of purposes.

1. The site is on the northern bank of Germany Beck and is within the area where the Battle of Fulford was fought. The building could accommodate the Tapestry of the Battle of Fulford as well as information about and finds from the site of the battle of Fulford (1066). The location of the building would be ideal as a visitor centre and starting point for walks around the site of the battle for battle field tourists and local residents alike.

2. Moreover, the building is suited for local history exhibitions and its location, immediately adjacent to the site of the historic pinfold, would be ideal for this.

3. In addition, the site is close to the Ings and several Sincs and could play a role in spreading further knowledge about for example the rare Tansy Beetles that inhabit Fulford's village green.

This proposal will have a number of benefits to the local community including:

- Improved recreational facilities
- Disseminating knowledge about local history and biodiversity
- Creating connections between local groups
- Skills development amongst individuals and groups
- Increased collaboration between different social groups
- Opportunities for volunteering

The Parish Council is confident that this project would achieve long term social, economic, and environmental improvements to their local area.

To reach this goal it is vital that York does not sell the site for housing. We therefore ask you to place the site on the list for community assets and that the local community is given time to apply for funding for a community centre.

Could you please keep us informed regarding any developments with regard to Fordlands Road Home whilst you process this request?

Looking forward to your response,

Kind regards,

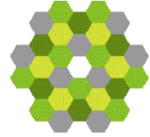
J M Fletcher

Mrs JM Fletcher
(clerk to Fulford Parish Council)

Attached: Plan of site of nominated asset

Land Registry
Current title plan

Title number **NYK385449**
Ordnance Survey map reference **SE6148NW**
Scale **1:1250 enlarged from 1:2500**
Administrative area **York**



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