

Tim Bradley
City of York Council

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Dear Sir

White Rose House – Asset of Community Value Hearing

I am writing as a trustee of White Rose House to state our objections to the building being added to the list of Assets of Community Value.

White Rose House is owned by Girlguiding North Yorkshire South, a charity supporting activities for girls and young women. It is held in trust by our national association. The primary purpose of the building is to provide a venue for overnight residential activities for our members, a meeting place for the necessary planning, trainings and administrative meetings and finally as a place of storage for a equipment and the County archive.

The hall is also used for community activities, yoga, church events etc however these are very much a secondary role to the Guiding activities. The community activities have increased in the past twelve months as the village hall was out of commission, we were pleased to be of service to community and to provide the resource when it was needed. Now the village hall is has been repaired, the community use will reduce back to a more sporadic basis.

We do not foresee any reason why we would wish to sell the property in the foreseeable future however as trustees we are bound to try and ensure the very best situation for our members. The property becoming an asset of community value would provide an unnecessary hindrance to a efficient sale and if the sale was required to purchase an alternative property for a similar purpose, it would effectively prevent that as the timescales would hinder cashflow

We support the concept of the legislation however we do not believe that White Rose House is crucial to the well being of the village. There is already a village hall, there are sufficient covenants in the deeds of the property to prevent it being used for anything detrimental to the Church or near neighbours. Adding White Rose House to the list would not ultimately benefit the community and it could harm the future opportunities for our charity.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Judith Bellamy
County Commissioner Girlguiding North Yorkshire South