



POSITION STATEMENT – THE OLD HOSPITAL, LOWESTOFT

Background

The Town Council is often asked “what is happening about the Old Hospital?” or “what is the Town Council going to do about the Old Hospital”. The Town Council has limited legal powers in relation to a building that is not under its ownership.

Purpose

The purpose of this statement is to provide interested parties with the information currently available and the places where further information can be sought if they so wish.

Detail

1. James Paget Hospital Trust – the Trust are owners of the property. The Town Council has asked for them to provide the latest position statement on their intentions for the site and this was the response: *The latest update provided on Lowestoft was to the Board meeting held in public in May this year – see below approved minute. The strategy can be reviewed on our website here*
<https://www.jpaget.nhs.uk/media/400987/250818-Site-Development-and-Estate-Strategy.pdf> - pages 29-30

2. Friends of Lowestoft Hospital (now the Friends Supporting Lowestoft Healthcare) can be contacted via Mrs Pat Rayner, 178 Carlton Road, Lowestoft, NR33 0ND

3. Future development of the site- The site is believed to be coming to sale by auction.
<http://www.auction.co.uk/commercial/onlinecatalogue>

- As part of economic regeneration it is understood that Waveney District Council has engaged with potential developers for the site.

- The site is included in the **Waveney Local Plan** (to be adopted Winter 2018) Policy number WLP2.8 which confirms that the site has been designated for residential development. The Policy gives guidance on the retention of original features of the site as well as an area designated as public open space.

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/local-plans/waveney-local-plan/new-waveney-local-plan/>

- Lowestoft Town Council is in the process of developing a **Neighbourhood Plan** and the site will be referenced within the plan.

4. Listing of the building – we have been advised by Waveney District Council that there has been a previous attempt to list the building (2013) and the history of this can be viewed at

https://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=1415592&resourceID=7

This sets out why the complex was deemed not to be of Listable quality. The Town Council has agreed to pursue another application to list the building.

Asset of Community Value – the Town Council have been advised by the relevant granting authority (Waveney District Council) that it would not be appropriate to submit an application to register the building as an asset of community value as it does not currently have a community use; such as a shop, pub or park would have.

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