



Beacon Street Area Residents' Association



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Dear Richard

Assets of Community Value – Nomination of sites

I am writing to you on behalf of the Beacon Street Area Residents' Association (BSARA) to nominate two sites for inclusion in the List of Assets of Community Value ("the List"). I understand that, according to the paper presented to cabinet on 15/Jan/2013, you are the Officer responsible for maintaining the List.

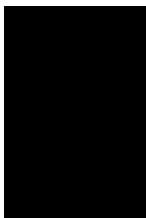
The BSARA Committee met on 28/Feb/2013 and agreed to nominate **Beacon Park** and **Bird Street (Woolies) car park** for inclusion in the list. We believe that these sites qualify because the principal use of these sites currently furthers the community's social well-being and social interests and is likely to continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

BSARA thinks it is able to make these nominations as it meets the requirements of a *voluntary or community body*. Our association is an unincorporated body with at least 21 members, which does not distribute any surplus it makes to its members – refer Regulation 5(1)(c). BSARA was formed in 2002. Its membership has fluctuated between 75-115 households. Its constitution can be viewed on our website at www.beaconstreetara.org/home-1/constitution. BSARA has never distributed a surplus to any of its members. While the constitution is silent on this matter, members have only been reimbursed for expenses incurred e.g. printing costs or hiring a venue for meetings. Any surplus arising has been carried forward.

Please find attached the information which BSARA understands should be supplied when an asset is nominated. Please let me know if you require any further information.

Thanks you, in advance, for your assistance.

Yours sincerely



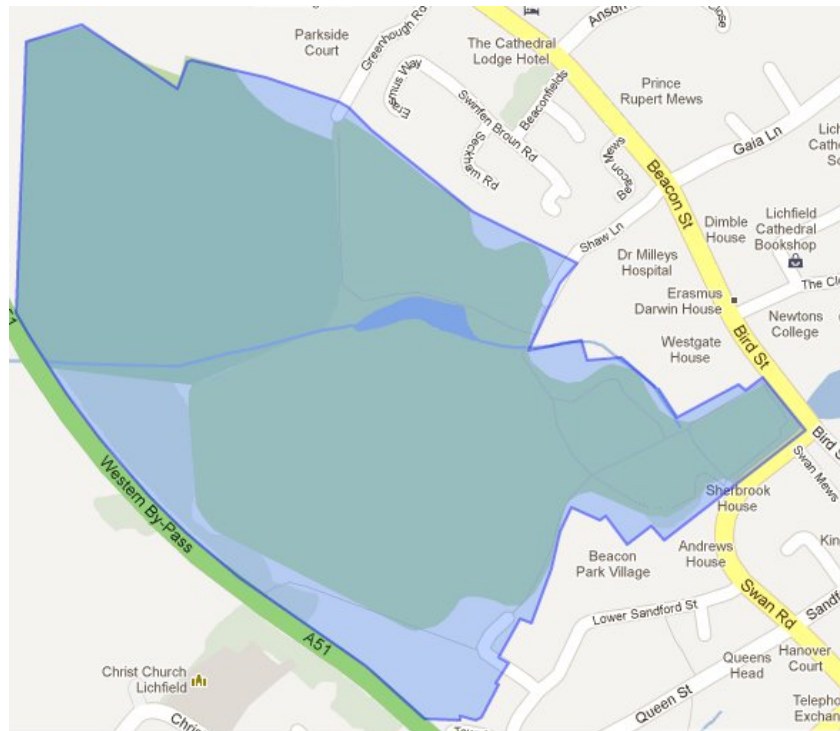
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Enclosures: Nominations for Beacon Park & Bird Street (Woolies) car park.

Beacon Park – Nomination as an Asset of Community Value

Eligibility for making this nomination: The Beacon Street Area Residents' Association (BSARA) is an unincorporated community organization with at least 21 members, which does not distribute surpluses to its members. Contract details are as per the covering letter.

Description of the nominated land including its proposed boundaries: The area of land is indicated on the map below as the blue shaded area. More precise coordinates are obtainable from the District Council's website: <http://www2.lichfielddc.gov.uk/geo/ownership.kml>. The reference for this site is polygon: **SF399867**



Ownership and current use of site: BSARA understands that the freehold belongs to Lichfield District Council. There are a number of properties on the site, some are used by the District Council's Parks Team, while others are subject to leases e.g. two café's (leased to Chandlers) and some office space leased to a mental health charity.

This site is extensively used by the community. Please refer to *qualifying criteria* below.

Qualifying criteria: The current use furthers the social wellbeing or interests of the local community in the following ways:

- The gardens play area and sports facilities (bowls, football, golf, basketball and tennis) are used by the community throughout the year. It represents a space to walk, socialise or take part in sport or to exercise.
- A number of large events are staged annually Lichfield Bower, the Fuse music festival, the Lichfield Proms, a Circus, "Cars in the Park" etc. These events attract thousands of visitors.
- The Friends of Lichfield's Historic Parks represent the interest of the community and support this application.

Bird Street (Woolies) car park – Nomination as an Asset of Community Value

Eligibility for making this nomination: The Beacon Street Area Residents' Association (BSARA) is an unincorporated community organization with at least 21 members, which does not distribute surpluses to its members. Contract details are as per the covering letter.

Description of the nominated land including its proposed boundaries: The area of land is indicated on the map below as the blue shaded area. More precise coordinates are obtainable from the District Council's website: <http://www2.lichfielddc.gov.uk/geo/ownership.kml>. The reference for this site is polygon: **SF418953**



Ownership and current use of site: BSARA understands that the freehold belongs to Lichfield District Council. The principal use is as a car park. The site is connected to Bird street by a roadway and to Dam street by a pedestrian area, there is also a walkway which provides direct access to the market square.

This site is extensively used by the community. Please refer to *qualifying criteria* below.

Qualifying criteria: The current use furthers the social wellbeing or interests of the local community in the following ways:

- Parking on the site is important to provide easy access both to the Cathedral and to the Market Square and surrounding shops. Markets are held three days a week. There are proposals to fully pedestrianise the City Centre and to relocate Shop mobility to this car park. We support this as a good solution both for able and disabled residents & visitors.
- Protection of views. It is very important that open spaces remain so that local views of Lichfield Cathedral remain unspoilt. While parking may be provided on other sites or underground, it would be a loss if this open space was no longer available to the community.
- The car park is used as a fairground for the annual Bower festival.
- A **sustrans** long distance cycle route (Route 5/54 Oxford/Birmingham/Derby/Nottingham) passes over this site. Loss of this site would encourage more bicycles to pass along the foot-path alongside Minster pool.