

**NOMINATION OF AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Cllr Kit Taylor
Portfolio Holder Consulted	√
Relevant Head of Service	Ruth Bamford – Head of Planning & Regeneration
Wards Affected	
Key Decision	

**1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

To consider a request to list the Bromsgrove Football Ground as an Asset of Community Value

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That Cabinet approve the listing of the Bromsgrove Football Ground as an Asset of Community Value**

**3. KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 As Members are aware from previous reports the Localism Act included the 'Community Right to Bid' which gave communities a right to identify a building or other land that they believe to be of importance to their community's social well-being so that if it comes up for sale there is a six month period within which they can prepare their bid to buy the asset. The property in question can then be sold on the open market. Community groups have the same rights as any other bidders but there is no preference given to the local community bid.
- 3.2 Officers have received a nomination (Appendix 1) for the Bromsgrove Football Ground which is owned by the District Council and currently under lease with Bromsgrove Sporting Football Club Limited. The nomination has been made by the Bromsgrove Sporting Supporters Society Ltd. The Society has requested that the asset be nominated to give the ability for it to remain as a community asset in the future.
- 3.3 Consideration of the nomination has been undertaken by the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Regeneration, as prescribed in the current process. It is recommended that the nomination meets the definition of being registered as an asset of community value in its current form in the following ways:
- The main use of the building and land furthers the social well being or social interested of the local community and it is realistic to think that this can continue into the near future
  - The building provides cultural, recreational and sporting interests

It is worth noting that the covenant in place on the site will ensure that its sole use would be as a football ground or public open space.

**Financial Implications**

- 3.5 There are no financial implications for the Council.

**Legal Implications**

- 3.6 There is a legal requirement within the Localism Act 2011 to implement the provisions as defined for Assets of Community Value regulations 2012.

**Service/Operational Implications**

- 3.7 There are no specific operational implications for the District. The list of nominated assets will be maintained by Land Charges officers and will be available on the Councils Website.

**Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 3.8 The approval of the nomination of Bromsgrove Football Ground will ensure that should the property be declared for sale any community group would be able to express an interest in purchasing the asset. This would result in up to 6 months of moratorium whereby any sale could only be to a community group.

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 The register will be maintained to ensure that all assets nominated are included to mitigate any risks associated with assets not being included on the register. Consideration by officers and members will be undertaken at each nomination to ensure a consistent approach is taken.

**5. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Nomination Form

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**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

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