

1. BACKGROUND

Parish Councils or Community Groups can apply to Wiltshire Council to nominate buildings or land as an 'Asset of Community Value' where:

- current primary use of the building/land or use of the building/land in the recent past furthers the social well-being or social interests (cultural, recreational, or sporting interests) of the local community
- it is realistic to think that now or in the next five years there could continue to be primary use of the building/land which will further the social well-being or social interests of the local community (whether in the same way as before)

If granted, the owners of listed assets cannot dispose of them without:

- letting the local authority know that they intend to sell the asset or grant a lease of more than 25 years
- waiting until the end of a six-week 'interim moratorium' period if the local authority does not receive a request from a community interest group to be treated as a potential bidder
- waiting until the end of a six-month 'full moratorium' period if the local authority does receive a request from a community interest group to be treated as a potential bidder

2. SUMMARY

The Parish Council has been notified that an application has been made on land outside of our parish, but adjacent to Castle Hill Country Park, at Hilltop Way.

Summary documents attached as Annex One. The full application can be viewed [here](#).

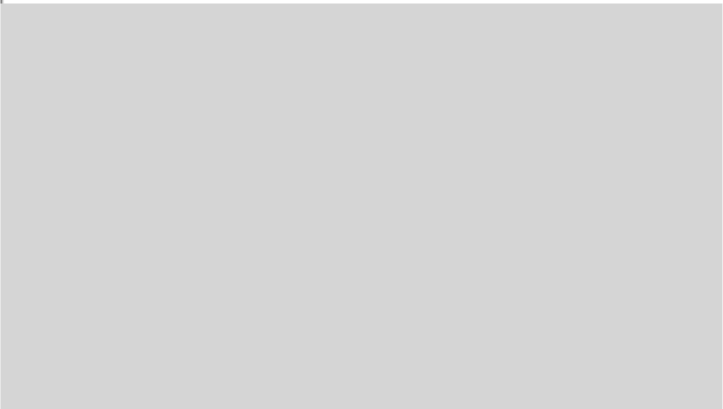
Comments are invited where the council holds any information on whether you believe the asset meets the definition of community value, or other relevant information, by **04 March 2026**.

3. RECOMMENDATION

That the Parish Council considers a response to the consultation.

ANNEX ONE

Area to be covered Please describe the nominated land including its proposed boundaries and exact location, address, postcode and a map attachment.	Land adjacent to Hilltop Way, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3QY, between Hilltop way road and Golden Way bridle path/Castle Hill country park. It extends from opposite 13 Hilltop Way to adjacent to 32 Hilltop Way. See Appendix 1
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Eligibility to nominate Please provide evidence that you meet the definition of a community nominator as set out in the regulations (i.e. a parish council or voluntary or community body with a local connection). If an unincorporated group please provide a list of 21 names on the local electoral register.	Salisbury City Council is supporting the nomination by the Local residents listed below. 
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Community value Your reasons for thinking that Wiltshire Council should conclude that the land is of 'community value', having regard to the definition in the Localism Act: • current primary use of the building/ land or use of the building/ land in the recent past furthers the social well-being or social interests (cultural, recreational, or sporting interests) of the local community • it is realistic to think that now or in the next five years there could continue to be primary use of the building/land which will further the social well-being or social interests of the local community (whether or not in the same way as before)	The land at Hilltop Way, Salisbury, serves as an essential and heavily used access point to the adjoining country park, directly furthering the recreational, cultural, and social wellbeing of the community in a manner fully consistent with the statutory definition of an Asset of Community Value. Under the Localism Act 2011. The land is used every day, throughout the day and evening by local residents and visitors approaching the country park from the south of Salisbury. This includes dog walkers, families with children and individuals seeking daily access to green space. Together with those seeking to improve or maintain their fitness and well-being levels, both physically and mentally through regular exercise and access to outside space. The land provides a safe, open area where people can arrive, gather, and move safely between Hilltop Way and the Country Park via the adjacent layby. This transitional space is especially important for families with children and for those who require a secure buffer from vehicle traffic before entering or leaving the park. The layby is regularly used by St. Mark's Primary School to deliver cycling proficiency training, providing a controlled and safe environment for children to develop essential cycling and road-safety skills. Educational and sporting activities of this nature explicitly fall under 'social interests' described in the Localism Act. The site contains mature horse chestnut trees, a mature hedgerow and habitats supporting nesting birds. The presence of wildlife and established greenery enhances the site's value as a place for daily recreation, nature enjoyment and community use. The ongoing community use of this land is not incidental – it is primary, long-standing, and irreplaceable. If lost, there would be no equivalent safe southern access point to the country park, and local residents would lose a well-used, accessible recreational gateway. Given the daily use patterns, the structured involvement of St. Mark's Primary School, and the enduring importance of local green-space access, it is highly realistic that this land will continue to further community wellbeing for at least the next five years, meeting all statutory criteria for an Asset of Community Value under Section 88 of the Localism Act.
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