NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DISPOSE OF A COMMUNITY ASSET SECTION 95 (2) AND SECTION 97 (4) OF THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

Asset of Community Value: Middleton-in-Teesdale Field Studies Centre
Asset Nominated by: Upper Teesdale Agricultural Support Services LTD
Receipt of Asset Disposal Notice: 19th September 2016
Interim Moratorium End Date: 31st October 2016
Full Moratorium End Date: 20th March 2017
Protected Period End Date: 29th March 2018

The County Council of Durham (the Council) hereby gives notice that on the 19th September 2016 it received a notification from the owner of an intention to dispose of Middleton-in-Teesdale Field Studies Centre listed by the Council as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011.

The Council invites any eligible community interest group to express an interest to be treated as a potential bidder for the Asset by 31st October 2016.

An eligible community interest group is any community interest group that has a local connection with the land and falls within one of more of the following categories:

- A parish council
- A charity
- A company limited by guarantee which does not distribute any surplus to its members
- An industrial and provident society which does not distribute any surplus to its members
- A community interest company

The owner of the Asset may not dispose of the Asset during a 6 week period starting from the date the Council received the notification from the owner of their intention to dispose of the Asset (the interim moratorium period) and ending on 31st October 2016.
During the interim moratorium period Upper Teesdale Agricultural Support Services Ltd. or another community group may request in writing to be treated as a potential bidder for the Asset. If the Council receives such a request this will trigger the full moratorium period and the Council must inform the owner who may not then dispose of the Asset during this 6 month period unless it is to a community interest group.

If no community interest group requests to be treated as a potential bidder during the 6 week interim moratorium period then the owner may proceed to dispose of the Asset.

Please send any request to be treated as a potential bidder to:

Address: Gerard Darby, Asset Services Manager, Regeneration and Economic Development, County Hall. Durham DH1 5UL

Email: right-to-bid@durham.gov.uk

The Council will, as soon as practicable, notify the owner of any request it receives.

As stated above the deadline for receipt of requests is 31st October 2016

Signed: Stuart Timmiss

Head of Spatial Policy, Planning, Assets and Environment

Date: 19th September 2016