

Petition to Canterbury City Council

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We, the undersigned, petition the Leader of Canterbury Council to call for the relevant Committee of the Council to formally review the decision of the Executive, taken in closed session on 11 December 2014, to enter into a conditional contract to dispose of the Oval Chalet Site in Whitstable to Sea Street Developments Ltd to enable the new Council to:

1. Satisfy itself that statutory best value considerations have been met in terms of the valuation and sale price of the site: given that Best Value does not relate to money alone.
2. Check that the conditionality applied to the contract reflects the spirit of:
 - a) the undertaking given about its use as public open space when the ownership was originally transferred to the predecessor local authority.
 - b) the multiple requests by residents to the Council, over many years, for action to be taken to bring the land back into the public realm.
3. Consider the wish of the petitioners and wider local community for public consultation on the future of the site to take place now separately from, and ahead of, the planning process and preferably before pre-application discussions with the prospective developer have been concluded.
4. Consider a request from the petitioners that, should contractual obligations prohibit other options from being pursued, further urgent discussion should take place with the prospective developer, before a planning application is submitted, to restrict the scheme to one which would meet the design principles for this site as outlined in the Horsebridge Development Study (which covers the Oval site) and which accords with the Appraisal of the Whitstable Town Conservation Area 2010.

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