

Former Southwold Hospital Site

Southwold Town Council is delighted to announce that it has been successful in its application to have the former Southwold Hospital site designated as an asset of community value under the terms of the Localism Act 2011 – Right to Bid.

There is support within the community for retaining the hospital for community use. The Neighbourhood Plan is vital to achieving this ambition as it allows the community to decide how brownfield sites are used. Every household and business in Southwold will receive a Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire in the near future. This will give the community the opportunity to express its views on the future of the hospital site and the opportunities it provides.

As a result of the listing, should NHS Property Services Ltd., as owners of the site, wish to dispose of it at some point in the future, it will be required to inform Waveney District Council. The District Council will, in turn, contact the Town Council and advise it of the process for submitting an intention to bid.

In short this process enables the community to secure a period of time in which a business plan/feasibility study can be undertaken. This is a plea to the Town – any group or individual interested in becoming involved with the progression of this idea should in the first instance contact the Town Clerk:

townclerk@southwoldtowncouncil.com

Further general information is available on the My Community Rights website:

<http://mycommunityrights.org.uk/community-right-to-bid/>