

Notification of interim moratorium period – HUNLOKE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Notification was given on 22nd July 2025 that there is an intention to sell Hunloke Community Garden. Hunloke Community Garden is registered as an asset of community value, and therefore a statutory interim moratorium period of six weeks was triggered on 22nd July 2025. The interim moratorium period therefore ends on 2nd September 2025.

Procedures are set out in the Localism Act 2011 and regulations under the Act. During the interim moratorium, a community interest group may trigger the full moratorium of six months by making a request to the local authority (Chesterfield Borough Council) in writing to be treated as a potential bidder in relation to the land.

A community interest group must be either a charity or one of a list of incorporated bodies (that is, bodies which have a legal identity of their own separate from their members). There is no requirement that a community interest group which triggers the full moratorium should be able to prove an existing capacity to make a realistic bid to buy the land in question.

During the interim and full moratorium periods, a relevant disposal may be made if it is to a community interest group (regulation 13(1)).

Further information about the process and legislation is available on the Council's [website](#).

The relevant part of the Localism Act 2011 is here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/part/5/chapter/3/enacted> (see particularly Section 95 and following sections). The relevant regulations are here:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/2421/contents/made>

Should an expression of interest be made, the full moratorium period is 6 months from notification (ending 22nd January 2026), and the protected period is a period of 18 months from notification (ending 22nd January 2027).

To make a request to the local authority (Chesterfield Borough Council) to be treated as a potential bidder in relation to the land, please contact katy.marshall@chesterfield.gov.uk