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Dear Ms Sharman

**THORP ARCH & BOSTON SPA CRICKET CLUB, THE VILLAGE, THORP ARCH, LEEDS LS23
7AR NOMINATION FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE**

We write on behalf of the Trustees of the Hatfeild Estate in relation to your letter dated 31 July which confirmed that you had decided that the nomination for registration of the Thorp Arch and Boston Spa Cricket Club, Thorp Arch as an Asset of Community Value meets the criteria listed. We disagree with your decision and therefore request an internal review of the decision.

Paragraph 7 of the Summary of the Report to Head of Asset Management states that “*membership of the cricket club is surely made up of members of the local community. Therefore people from the local community, playing and practising cricket on the land is a non- ancillary use that furthers the social interests of the local community*”. This paragraph relies heavily on an assumption that membership of the club is made. The assumption in paragraph 7 of the Summary then leads Officers to “*conclude that the property’s current use furthers the social interests of the local community and it is realistic to think that this can continue in the future*” within paragraph 8 of the Summary.

We have tried to obtain details of the location of members from the Cricket Club and whilst they haven’t been forthcoming with this information we strongly believe that a significant proportion of the members of the Cricket Club are located beyond the local community (Thorp Arch and Boston Spa). We therefore consider that the property doesn’t enhance the social interests of the local community to a significant degree for it to be listed as an Asset of Community Value.

In our opinion the nomination and decision has been based on assumptions and not specific details. We would be happy to provide any further information required to support the Council in its decision making process.

Yours sincerely

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