



2nd June 2026

Dear Councillors and Officers,

We are writing regarding the proposed sale and auction of Brookfield Hall, Nantwich on 22nd - 23th June 2026.

Brookfield Hall is a valued local community space with significant potential to continue serving residents, local groups and wider community activity within Nantwich. We were therefore very concerned to see the property moved to auction with a very limited timeframe between the sale becoming public and the auction date itself.

We fully understand the financial and operational pressures facing local authorities, and this letter is not intended as opposition to change, regeneration or a sale by Cheshire East Council. We are asking for your support in calling for the auction process to be paused temporarily, to allow time for community ownership and partnership options to be properly explored before the building is potentially lost from community use permanently.

We are therefore formally asking Cheshire East Council to:

1. **Pause the auction planned for 22-23 June 2026** temporarily, to allow time for community-led alternatives, including community ownership options, to be properly explored.
2. Clarify the decision-making process and authority under which the disposal was approved
3. Confirm whether Community Asset Transfer options were considered prior to marketing the property
4. Identify and inform us of the appropriate officers and members for urgent discussions regarding the future of the site

Cheshire East Council's own Community Asset Transfer Policy states that the Council supports the transfer of assets to voluntary organisations and community bodies where this can improve the use of council assets for the benefit of local residents.

The policy also recognises the importance of supporting resilient communities, enabling greater local control over community spaces, and making best use of council assets for wider public benefit.

Given Brookfield Hall's historic and potential ongoing role as a community space, and the strong response to the campaign within the first 12 hours, we now have sufficient formal community members to submit an Asset of Community Value (ACV) nomination directly.



Brookfield Hall represents a genuine opportunity to create a sustainable, community-led space aligned with Cheshire East Council's priorities around wellbeing, prevention, community capacity and partnership working.

The response to the campaign has already demonstrated strong local support and significant interest in the future use of the building. There is clear opportunity for the space to support community activity, wellbeing services, local groups, creative projects, family support, social connection and affordable space for voluntary and community organisations.

A short pause in the current process would allow time to:

- develop sustainable operating and partnership models
- progress discussions with local organisations and potential partners
- follow up funding opportunities
- and develop a credible long-term business case for continued community benefit.

[Click here to view our website which outlines the vision we have for this space.](#)

We would welcome the opportunity to meet urgently with relevant officers, councillors and portfolio holders to discuss whether constructive dialogue around the future of the building remains possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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