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**AD Site**

The application remains unresolved but and I am pushing for this to be given a priority for the benefit of all concerned. My overall feeling remains as it was, and I do not believe the additional information provided by the Applicant to be reviewed by ARUP will change my position and I await the ARUP response. I still fervently hope that this should all be resolved by the end of this financial year.

**Travelling Show People Site at Pillerton Priors/Hersey**

I have not been notified that the Applicant for the site has registered an Appeal against SDC Planning Refusal.

**The Stratford upon Avon Christmas Market.**

Following the severe congestion caused by the Christmas Market just gone, SDC have raised very significant health and Safety issues and have considered cancelling the event on safety grounds. The chaos of last December was caused by Lincoln City Council cancelling their evet on H&S fears. This diverted coaches to Stratford upon Avon and the resulting traffic and visitor numbers increased far beyond the capacity of the Town to cope causing severe disruption to residents and local shoppers. SDC are reviewing the whole event and may run the event for only two days over a weekend and for two consecutive weekends. I remain to be convinced that this will only extend the ‘pain’ for Stratford residents.

**Warm Hubs**  
We are pleased to report that around 100 local people have already visited our Warm Hub at The Other Place where they can enjoy free hot drinks and snacks, arts and craft workshops for adults and after school activities for children - as well as a creative play space.  Please do help spread the word. It’s open until the 26 March.

**Winter Trail**

A reminder that [*Town of Imagination: A winter trail of stories and magic*](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rsc.org.uk%2Fevents%2Fwinter-trail&data=05%7C02%7CMalcolm.Littlewood%40stratford-dc.gov.uk%7Cb83f22d0d55d456b519a08dc3d077d8f%7Cea0773dc0dec4c50a4c9bc26a247ed21%7C1%7C0%7C638452349693159323%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=0lR3R7cdPE6mdlNjCeqIUd9h1OU7jCRUYBhoQx4vpnM%3D&reserved=0)runs until the end of this month. Inspired by [*A Midsummer Night’s Dream*](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rsc.org.uk%2Fa-midsummer-nights-dream%2F&data=05%7C02%7CMalcolm.Littlewood%40stratford-dc.gov.uk%7Cb83f22d0d55d456b519a08dc3d077d8f%7Cea0773dc0dec4c50a4c9bc26a247ed21%7C1%7C0%7C638452349693165717%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=2sDKIqUaimCFrpD90cqW6Dg3QufL2WToelFjr1%2FdqRg%3D&reserved=0), the trail is taking place with community groups, partners and businesses from across the town, supported by Stratford Town Trust. The trail was designed with Copernicana CIC, 2nd Stratford Brownies, Stratford Youth Collective, Shakespeare Hospice, Warwickshire Pride and Stratford Library.

**Assets of Community Value.**

Assets of community value (ACVs) were introduced by the Localism Act 2011. Local authorities must keep a list of ACVs in their area. In order to be listed, land or buildings must be nominated by a parish council or a community or voluntary body with a local connection. The purpose behind the ACV regime was to enable community groups time to put together bids to purchase an ACV to avoid losing it.

ACV’s are defined in terms of:

* **Their Purpose** – that to which they are being or have been used, rather than the nature of the asset itself (i.e. not in historical, architectural merit, location or rarity value).
* **Location** – within SDC’s area (neighbouring authorities will work together if the asset crosses a boundary).
* **Ownership** – they can be publicly or privately owned.

Social Interests:

These can include ‘cultural, social, or sporting interests’, but ‘social well-being’ applies to a much broader set of activities. These may include schools, health centres, residential care homes, open spaces, sports’ centres, theatres, village halls, public houses, village shops. If you would like to know more about ACV’s please let me know and I will provide further information.