



SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN SPELTHORNE – 18th March 2013

AGENDA ITEM 6

MEMBER QUESTION TIME

There were no member questions.

AGENDA ITEM 7

WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1. Mr John Carruthers will ask the following question:

The old clinic in the grounds of Spelthorne Junior School in Feltham Hill Road Ashford Mx has been lying empty and derelict for at least fifteen years, if not twenty years. An asset of the County Council that is unused, costs to upkeep, actually is deteriorating, and a complete waste of resource. The County cannot afford this.

There have been attempts over the years to bring it back into useful life, such as the Junior School specifically wanted to use it, needed it, but always for one given reason or another the Premises Section of the County Council have blocked any positive action. Why? What is behind this apparently deliberately negative attitude that seems determined to waste County Council resource. What County benefit do the Premises section see in their lack of action?

Please may I have a positive reply with a time frame for bringing this building back into useful life.

Clare Neave, SCC Property Services, will give the following answer:

“Some years ago we undertook a condition survey on this property that identified circa £120,000 worth of works, including underpinning, in order to bring the property back into use. This cost will have increased since the original survey and that coupled with almost no access to parking has meant that the property is uneconomical to bring back into use, with little market without parking.

As I understand it the school has sufficient floor area within its existing accommodation and is therefore unable to obtain capital funding for the property.

I agree that it seems a terrible waste but sadly the physical site restrictions and costs involved don't stack up to a good business case to reuse.

We of course happy to discuss further and revisit the matter if there is merit in doing so.”

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