



**Invitation to express an interest in the Community Asset Transfer of the two derelict chapels at Atherton Cemetery, Leigh Road, Atherton M46 0LX**

Community Asset Transfer is part of The Deal - where the council and everyone who lives or works here works together to create a better borough.

It is the transfer of land, buildings or structures owned (assets) by a public body to community/voluntary groups or social enterprises via a lease arrangement. That group or organisation then becomes responsible for running, managing, and maintaining the asset, including all the associated costs.

Wigan Council would like to invite expressions of interests from appropriate individuals, clubs, groups, and organisations for the management of the asset and how you propose a future community use.

The council will then take into consideration the type and range of proposed uses, the level of community use and a willingness to embrace the Deal behaviours.

Please note, before the Council can grant a lease, approval for a change of use by the Trustees of the Lilford Estate is required along with a deconsecration order from the Church of England Diocese, whose decision is final.

The successful applicant would be responsible for obtaining the necessary permissions and also liable for any fees associated with the above orders.

Initial expressions of interest must be submitted by 5pm on the 31st of August 2022.

To register an initial expression of interest or for any further information please contact:

Deal for Communities Team,  
Wigan Council, PO Box 100, Wigan, WN1 3DS  
Email: [thedealforcommunities@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:thedealforcommunities@wigan.gov.uk)

or

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/Strategies-Plans-and-Policies/Community-asset-transfer.aspx>



