

Local people have been ignored

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In May 2005 when I left the county council as local member for Aldershot East, which covers Christmas Lodge, the proposals for any option were not around but the rumours were being played out.

Talking to local people in the immediate surrounding roads it was clear that they did not want a housing estate, but were perfectly happy to see a refurbishment of the building and a new use by the community.

However since that time the local people have been ignored and community needs discounted. As we moved on and I was no longer the local member, the Community Trust concept came to the fore. That as we see was ignored as well.

There has been little fight by local members and just ignoring by the county member who seemingly they have to contact via either Rushmoor Council Offices or Hampshire's. It's just another example of not reflecting local views or being available.

As for the Lib Dems, I'm afraid it's opportunism again.

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