

Community Right to Bid Nomination Form



Please use this form to nominate an asset of community value.

The form is split into three sections to enable you to give details about: (a) who you are; (b) the asset you wish to nominate and (c) what community value you believe the asset has. We ask for this specific information to help assess whether your nomination meets the requirements of the legislation relating to this community right.

Guidance notes are provided at the end of the form to explain in more detail what is required and we encourage you to read these either before or as you work through this submission.

Your nomination will be considered and responded to 8 weeks from the date that it is received and acknowledged.

Please submit your completed nomination form to the following address:

**Assets of Community Value
Democratic Services
Stafford Borough Council
Civic Centre
Riverside
Stafford ST16 3AQ**

or alternatively email it to:

democraticservices@staffordbc.gov.uk

Section 1 - About Your Community Organisation

Q1 Name and address of your organisation	
Organisation name:	Barlaston Parish Council
Address and postcode:	c/o Barlaston Methodist Church Park Drive, Barlaston, Stoke-on-Trent, ST12 9DP
Registration number (if you are a charity, company, CIC or social enterprise)	n/a

Q2 Please specify what type of organisation you are	
Category	Tick ✓
Parish/Town Council	✓
Unconstituted / unincorporated Community Group whose members include at least 21 individuals who appear on the electoral roll	
Neighbourhood Forum designated as pursuant to section 61F of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990	
Industrial and Provident Society which does not distribute any surplus it makes to its members	
Company Limited by Guarantee which does not distribute any surplus it makes to its members	
Community Interest Company which satisfies the requirements of Part 2 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004	
Charity	

Q3 Who should we contact to discuss this nomination?	
Name:	██████████
Address and postcode:	c/o Barlaston Methodist Church Park Drive, Barlaston, Stoke-on-Trent, ST12 9DP
Telephone number	██████████
Email address	██

Section 2 - About The Property To Be Nominated

Q4 Which asset do you wish to nominate?	
Name of property:	Barlaston Methodist Church
Address and postcode:	Barlaston Methodist Church Park Drive, Barlaston, Stoke-on-Trent, ST12 9DP
Name of property owner	The Methodist Church in Britain
Address and postcode:	[REDACTED]
Telephone number	[REDACTED]
Email address (if known)	[REDACTED]
Current occupier's name (if different from property owner)	[REDACTED]
Details of occupier's interest in property	They hold services in the church.

Section 3 - Demonstrating The Community Value Of The Asset

Q5 Why do you feel the property is an asset of community value?
<p>Please give as much information as possible about the current use of the asset i.e. what activities take place, what groups use the facility currently or in the recent past etc. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary. Definition of an asset of community value can be found in the guidance document.</p> <p>Note: Any information entered into this section only may be copied and passed onto the owner of the property you are nominating.</p> <p>Barlaston Methodist Church, located on Park Drive (ST12 9DP), is a vital and well-used community hub. While its primary purpose is as a place of worship, its real value to the community lies in its broader use as a multi-functional space that furthers both the social wellbeing and social interests of local residents.</p> <p>The building includes a modern hall with modern kitchen facilities, a smaller meeting room, a large upstairs office, and both standard and accessible toilets. It is used regularly by a wide range of community groups, including the Women's Institute, a sewing group, adult dance classes, tai chi, and a bridge club. It also serves as the venue for a free monthly community coffee morning and mini craft market - known locally as <i>Warm Welcome Wednesdays</i> - where residents can enjoy tea, coffee, soup and cake. These sessions are particularly valuable in winter months when isolation is more likely, and they are supported by the local voluntary transport scheme to ensure everyone can attend if they wish to. All proceeds from the event go to local Charities.</p> <p>The church is also the official polling station for elections, and the Parish Council rents office space</p>

within the building and is where the Parish Council Clerk is based. The Parish Council holds its monthly and all public meetings in the main hall. It is available for private hire for events such as parties, funerals, and local celebrations, providing an inclusive and welcoming space for residents. The church building is beautifully maintained, with flowers and planting cared for all year round, and it has ample parking - making it both inviting and accessible. Although church attendance has declined in recent years, the building remains heavily used and highly valued. Its current function is far from ancillary - it plays an active and central role in village life.

Given its wide community use, strong local support, and active programming, it is realistic to believe that Barlaston Methodist Church will continue to support social wellbeing and community interests for many years to come.

[Link to Thai Chi](#)

View Welcome Wednesdays via Barlaston Village Market on Facebook or on the [Barlaston Community Group Page](#)

[Link to Barlaston Herons WI](#)

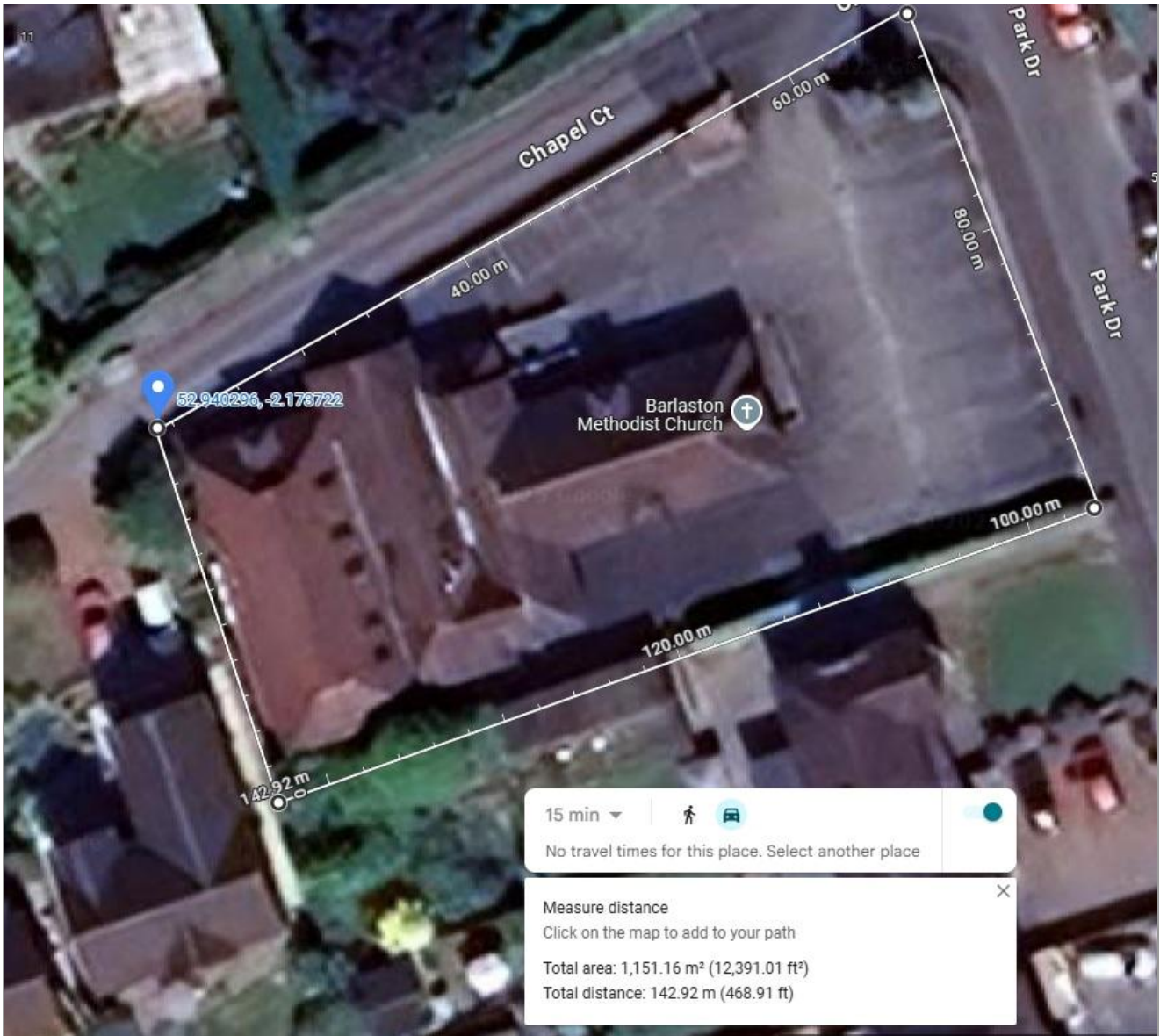
[Link to Sewing Group U3A](#)

[Link to Bridge Club](#)



Q6 What do you consider to be the boundary of the property?

Please give as much detail as you can and include a plan if possible.



Attachment checklist

- Copy of group constitution (if applicable)
- Names and home addresses of 21 members registered to vote in nomination area (if group is not constituted)
- Site boundary plan (if possible)
- Evidence of current community use e.g. activity programmes, website links etc

Declaration

I can confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this nomination form is complete and accurate

[Redacted Signature]

Signed:

Print Name: [Redacted Name]

Position in Organisation: Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Date: 08/07/2025

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Date received:		Decision deadline:	
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Guidance Notes

These guidance notes are provided to help you complete your Community Right to Bid nomination form.

The guidance is set out question-by-question for ease of use.

Section 1 - About Your Community Organisation

Q1 Your organisation

Enter the name and address of your organisation in this section.

Q2 Type of organisation

It is important you state which organisation type you are as only those shown here are currently eligible to nominate and all but unconstituted community groups are able to bid. Unfortunately any nomination received from any other body will not be accepted.

- Parish/Town Council
- Neighbourhood Forum – designated as pursuant to section 61F of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990
- Industrial and Provident Society which does not distribute any surplus it makes to its members
- Company Limited by Guarantee which does not distribute any surplus it makes to its members
- Unconstituted/unincorporated Community Group whose members include at least 21 local people who appear on the electoral roll within the local authority, or a neighbouring authority.
- Community Interest Company which satisfies the requirements of Part 2 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004
- Charity

If you are a charitable organisation or company you must provide your charity number.

Q3 Who to contact about the nomination

Contact details

The contact name must be the same as the person signing the declaration overleaf. Ideally, this will be a member of the management team (chairperson, secretary or treasurer).

Section 2 About The Property To Be Nominated

Q4 Which asset do you wish to nominate?

Enter the full name and postal and address of the property you wish to nominate.

Owner It is very important that you include the details of the owner of the freehold interest in the property as the Council will need to contact the owner to inform them of the nomination and allow them to comment.

Q4 Which asset do you wish to nominate?

Current occupier The current occupier may not be the same as the property owner so it is important we advise all affected should the property be registered. You should therefore provide details of all tenants/occupants at the property.

It is particularly important that this question is completed as correctly and accurately as possible as this could delay the assessment of your nomination.

Section 3 - Demonstrating The Community Value Of The Asset

Q5 Why do you feel the property is an asset of community value?

In here you need to put why you feel the property currently boosts the social interest and social wellbeing of the local community or if it had in the past why it is realistic to think that it could in the future.

Definition of an asset of community value

A building or land is deemed to be of community value if, in the opinion of the council:

- its actual current use furthers the social wellbeing and interests of the local community, or a use in the recent past has done so; and
- that use is not an ancillary one; and
- for land in current community use it is realistic to think that there will continue to be a use which furthers social wellbeing and interests, or for land in community use in the recent past it is realistic to think that there will be community use within the next 5 years (in either case, whether or not that use is exactly the same as the present or past); and
- it does not fall within one of the exemptions e.g. residential premises and land held with them.

Social interests include (a) cultural interests; (b) recreational interests; (c) sporting interests. Social well-being relates to social interaction and engagement. It is a sense of involvement with other people and their communities

Q6 What do you consider to be the boundary of the property?

We need to know the extent of the property you are nominating; this may include the car park area as an example. However, it should be noted that any area which is in the ownership of a statutory undertaker (i.e. electricity substation) cannot be registered.

If possible please include a plan with the boundary marked on it.

Checklist

What is a constitution?

A constitution sets out what the main aims of the organisation are and how the group will be governed. It details the structure of the group and how members will work together to achieve its aims (including how the management team are elected and how new members can join the group). It should detail the frequency and level of meetings i.e. every quarter and a yearly AGM and how finances will be dealt with. Examples of a constitution can be searched on the internet.