

BIRCHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Property Team

YOUR REF: ACV/26/RSG

Thank you for your letter dated 27 May 2026 regarding the proposed disposal of Rossetti Gardens.

Birchington Parish Council is considering the matter and wishes to see Rossetti Gardens retained as a community open space for the benefit of residents. The Council therefore wishes to explore all available options for the future protection, ownership or management of the site.

The Council would be grateful if Thanet District Council could clarify the following matters:

1. Whether Birchington Parish Council qualifies as a community interest group for the purposes of submitting a request to be treated as a potential purchaser under the Asset of Community Value legislation.
2. Whether Rossetti Gardens is regarded by Thanet District Council as public open space for the purposes of Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 and, if so, whether the statutory requirements relating to the disposal of public open space will apply to the proposed disposal.
3. Whether Thanet District Council intends to dispose of the asset subject to any restrictions, covenants or conditions designed to preserve its future use as a community asset or publicly accessible open space.

Given the deadline of 1 July 2026 referred to in your correspondence, and without prejudice to the above enquiries, Birchington Parish Council wishes to confirm its interest in Rossetti Gardens and its desire to see the site retained as a community asset and publicly accessible open space.

Please treat this correspondence as the Council's formal notice of its wish to be treated as a potential purchaser of the asset.

I would be grateful for your response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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