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Following recent community discussions and concerns regarding the future of Carver Fields, Sheffield Methodist Circuit is pleased to say that the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) meeting held in April was constructive and discussions around Carver Fields' community involvement and the potential for future developments that align with our mission and values were positive.

There are no immediate intentions to revisit discussions on selling the land. Instead, the focus is to explore sustainable ways to utilise Carver Fields to benefit both the community and the church, which, while they may have different motivations, have the same aim.

To address community concerns and foster transparency, the CLT is in the process of establishing a management group, including local community groups and circuit members, to oversee the future development, use and mission of Carver Fields. This group will make sure any plans will enhance the space's community value and missional purpose as well as offer answers to questions raised at the meeting about liability, aim, management and finances.

Furthermore, the circuit is delighted to support the initiative from the Friends of Carver Fields for a Community Picnic this summer. Please make contact with the circuit office, where all bookings are dealt with. Sheffield Methodist Circuit and District are committed to assisting with this and other events that promote community spirit and engagement.

The circuit wishes to say a heartfelt thank you to all individuals and groups, including local councillors and community leaders, who have been involved in discussions about the future of Carver Fields. We will be reaching out to other groups highlighted in the open meeting and others who have contacted us since to start looking at the future.

Please do bear with us as this group forms, we are all doing this as volunteers and doing as much as we can to move this forward.

In time, we invite all community members to direct their questions and suggestions to the management group.

Yours faithfully,

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