

APPENDIX – STATEMENT 4
IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION FOR
THE BRIDGEMARY MANOR TO BE REGISTERED AS
AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE

***Please provide any further information to support why you feel that Gosport Borough Council should conclude that the asset is of “community value”.
Please attach any relevant supporting information.***

We are very concerned for the short, medium and long term prospects for the Bridgemary Manor as an asset of Community Value, given the nature of the business which it is understood the new owners initially wish to put it to, ie a dental practice, amongst other things.

Given the current size of the SMILE dental practice at Rowner Medical Centre, the Bridgemary Manor would be a huge expansion for them and it seems unlikely that the dental practice would be able to use all of the space for dental purposes.

Which in turn leads us on to be concerned about other possible or even probable uses, such as residential or office accommodation.

Looking at the profile of the purchasing company, they are a rapidly expanding business, buying up independent dental practices and related premises on a nationwide basis and it is notable that there is a very high and rapid turnover on their Board of Directors. (Source: Companies House documentation)

They have no corporate loyalties to any geographic area and would presumably dispose of the Bridgemary Manor premises on purely economic terms if the opportunity arose, and this could be yet a further move to a possibly dense concentration of buildings, possibly residential.

Such an increase in residential properties on that site would put extreme pressures on roads and other infrastructure in the Bridgemary area.

If the Bridgemary Manor is not protected now it will be lost to the Community for ever.