

## Procedural issues applying to some compulsory purchase orders

Section 17: for community assets (at the request of the community or a local body)

### **225. What requests can be made to a local authority?**

Authorities can receive requests from the community or local bodies to use their compulsory purchase powers to acquire community assets, which may have been designated as [Assets of Community Value](#), that are in danger of being lost where the owner of the asset is unwilling to sell or vacant commercial properties that are detracting from the vitality of an area.

### **226. What considerations need to be made when receiving a request?**

Local authorities should consider all requests from third parties, but particularly voluntary and community organisations, and commercial groupings like Business Improvement District bodies, which put forward a scheme for a particular asset which would require compulsory purchase to take forward, and provide a formal response.

Local authorities must be able to finance the cost of the scheme (including the compensation to the owner) and the compulsory purchase order process either from their own resources, or with a partial or full contribution from those making the request.

Local authorities should, for example, ascertain the value of the asset to the community, or the effect of bringing it back into use; the perceived threat to the asset; the future use of the asset and who would manage it (including a business plan where appropriate); any planning issues; and how the acquisition would be financed.