Former Peasenhall Primary School, Hackney Road, Peasenhall

Background

The Former Peasenhall Primary School closed in 2016 and was declared surplus to operational requirements in 2018. The site has remained vacant since that time and has continued to deteriorate. Disposal consent was obtained from the Department for Education in 2025, enabling the Council to progress plans for its future.

Site Considerations

The property is subject to a number of planning and physical constraints. The former school building is recognised as a non-designated heritage asset, the site lies within the Peasenhall Conservation Area, and there are access considerations that would need to be addressed as part of any future proposals. The site does not currently have planning permission for an alternative use.

Proposed Disposal

The Council intends to market the property for sale by auction. This approach provides an open, transparent and competitive process through which interested parties can bid for the site.

Why Disposal is Being Proposed

- The property has been vacant for a significant period and continues to deteriorate.
- A sale will remove the Council's responsibilities for security, health and safety, and maintenance.
- Disposal will provide an opportunity for the site to be brought back into beneficial use, subject to any necessary consents and approvals.
- Marketing the property through auction will ensure the site is openly offered to the market.

Next Steps

Subject to the necessary approvals, the Council will proceed with marketing the site for sale. Any future use of the property will be a matter for the purchaser and will remain subject to the relevant planning policies, heritage considerations and statutory requirements.