

A selection of quotations



Scott Wilson Resource Consultants

Experts appointed by Fylde Council, prepared the Historical Restoration and Management Plan for Ashton Gardens:

"The denial of planning permission to develop on any area of this garden must be seen as a key to the retention and restoration of the historic character of the gardens. This relates not only to the change in boundary that would result from such development and loss of land, but to the irreversible change that would result from demolishing an original and public building, such as the Ashton Institute and its replacement with privately owned hard space or buildings."

English Heritage

"I am convinced that the regenerative potential of the site could be unlocked for the intended use without demolishing the Ashton Institute building."

Lytham St Annes Civic Society

about the plan for the flats:

"It is quite incredible that this demolition should even be considered at this particular time. The historic and amenity value of this park, and of the promenade gardens is just beginning to be appreciated. The demolition of this building could - and should - seriously affect the award of any grants for the park as a whole."

Fylde Council 29 April 2004

"Financing the HLF Lottery match funding is not the sole reason behind the Council's intention to dispose of 0.6% of the Gardens as per the Policy and Resources Committee resolution of the 15th January 2001."

"This small part of the Gardens is key to the future regeneration of the North East sector of the Town Centre. In addition the land is currently subject to two live planning permissions for residential accommodation."

Fylde Council Policy resolution 15 January 2001

".....the Council dispose of Ashton Institute and adjoining yard and that proceeds from the sale be used toward the St Annes Town Centre regeneration programme."

The Heritage Lottery Fund

Letter dated 6 January 2000.

"HLF require an assurance that no part of Ashton Gardens will be sold or otherwise disposed of by Fylde Borough Council for commercial or other development."

The Garden History Society

"We therefore object strongly to its demolition, on the grounds that demolition would result in the loss of a building which makes a positive contribution to the character and appearance of the area."