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Dear Ms Moore,

Caerphilly County Borough Council has announced plans to begin work to demolish the vacant former GP surgery at Lansbury Park, Caerphilly. The site set up will begin next week and the building demolished by 31st March, 2022.

The building, which is surrounded by council owned land, became vacant when the previous GP retired, and no prospective owners expressed interest in the property.

A decision was taken by the council to purchase the property, so that it could be merged with its surrounding assets. The property was not considered appropriate for the delivery of alternative services due to its condition and configuration, so a decision was made to proceed with demolition to avoid the building falling into disrepair and becoming a potential magnet for anti-social behaviour.

The council is currently exploring future options for the site, and community engagement will inform those discussions.

Significant investment has been made into Lansbury Park over recent years, as part of a targeted regeneration project in partnership with residents. We are committed to ensuring the local community continues to play a key role in plans for Lansbury Park and this space.

The Council also recognises that this space has been used as a place of commemoration for a tragedy which occurred in Lansbury Park some years ago. We would like to offer our assurance that the commemorative plaque currently located within the building, will be professionally removed and securely stored until an alternative location is agreed with the family and local community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Cook'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Councillor Shayne Cook
Cabinet Member for Social Care & Housing

cc: Leader of Council, Councillor Philippa Marsden
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