

Summary of Criteria

Ideally 4 acres or more if no access to green space. Cost, deliverability, how quickly.

The site as well as what is built on it must be therapeutic- must give a strongly positive message to hospice users, patients, family and friends. It is important to celebrate and respect every life at its end by showing the community cares enough to have chosen somewhere nice for those last few days and those receiving ongoing treatment and therapy.

Convenience is important. Many relatives and friends of patients will be elderly or will have some disability. Their visits to the hospice will be problematic for them if they have to walk far, if public transport is intermittent or takes a longish time without toilet access or if the location is, say, intimidating or desolate after dark. To address this issue correctly is a statutory obligation

The site must be also be such as to foster sufficient voluntary fund raising both for the new build and for running cots in the longer term. A "not very nice place really" will not do this and will make the venture unaffordable.

We do not wish to be on a site which is in any way remote and which makes patients and relatives think:

- This is not easy to get to
- They feel that they are not being "included within the community" in other words isolated, they need to feel part of the community

Will the investment fulfill and enhance the Hospices objectives? i.e to create a world class facility for palliative care, research and education?

Does the site have sufficient grounds or have access to adjacent grounds to provide accessible gardens for patients and relatives?

Will the site and location enable integration of the Hospices strategic objectives with those of key local partners (Sheffield PCT, Strategic Health Authority, STHT etc)?

Is the site located in the Southern part of the City?

Is the site located close to public transport and local amenities?

Will the site be supported by the people of Sheffield?

Will the project significantly build Hospices image/brand or will it attract support and income (as a result of a relocation to this site?)

Who owns the site? Is the site contaminated or require extensive remediation?

Does the site have existing buildings or rights of way? Are there topographical variations that would add significant cost? Is it remote or isolated?

Will this site protect the Hospice from disruption i.e does it have other buildings on more than two sides? Is road /traffic noise a problem?

Will the Hospice be able to conduct its business more efficiently. Is there enough space for parking? Are there traffic/ access constraints?

Will this site protect the Hospice from disruption (legal, local, neighbour, pressure group)?

Will the outcome be achieved swiftly?

Does this site offer the best value for the Hospice? Is the site affordable?