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## Old School Building is Saved



The fate of the redundant All Saints School building in Wigston has been sealed – it is to become the new home of the County Records Office.

And there are hopes that part of the building will be available for use by members of the public.

Last week the final decision was taken by the policy and resources committee of the County Council which, as holders

of the County purse-strings, had the final say.

Other County Council committees had said they had wanted the building – declared redundant several years ago – used to accommodate the growing records office.

After the building – which fronts onto Long Street – was declared redundant, there were suggestions that they should be demolished to make way for retail development.

It is expected that it will cost £1.25 million and a couple of years work to turn the dilapidated building into a replacement for the current Records Office HQ in New Walk, Leicester, which the County Council hope to sell for about £500,000.

Duncan Lucas, who played a large part in encouraging the County Council to relocate the Records Office in the old school rather than at Blackbird Road or at St. Mark's Church in Leicester or even by extending the New Walk building, said this week that he was delighted by the news.

He said he was particularly pleased that senior Records Office staff are keen to have part of the building used, perhaps, as a coffee room to encourage use and to generate some income and to use another part of the building as an educational centre for school children.

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