

5 October 2018

For public record of the Portfolio meeting. Decision on open space land at North Downs Longridge.

Council has a fiduciary duty which means it must be accountable to the public can and demonstrate the highest standards. Knutsford Residents in Over Ward do not believe evidence of this has been provided and has sought the support of our MP in shining a light upon this matter.

It is unclear what the method of disposal is and how much blue land is involved .

The Expert opinion of the Open Spaces Society has not been properly presented or responded to in Officer's reports & summaries etc to the Portfolio holder.

The land is not surplus to requirements as evidenced in public response to notice of disposal, supported by Knutsford Town Council.

The main beneficiary of the covenant has indicated a willingness to engage in formal legal negotiations regarding the covenant, suggesting that this work has not taken place which was the intention of the wording in part a) of the delegated decision.

The Portfolio holder should refuse the request to dispose of the blue land and should refer the matter back to Cabinet .

We request that you do not give the authority to the assets team to dispose of the 'blue land' as it is ***not surplus to requirements , is against Expert Opinion and not has not yet proved absolutely necessary***. Please do the decent thing and put any request for land for access entirely through the planning process . Here we will have a fairer chance of planning policy protection and adequate replacement. It would also show that you have put Residents first and demonstrate by your actions a concern for the environment in the widest sense.

Debbie Jamison Secretary

Jeff Gazzard Chair

Knutsford Residents in Over Ward (KROW)