

DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

Decision maker: Joint decision of the Portfolio Holder for Finance and the Portfolio Holder for Service Commissioning

Date: 21 November 2014

Decision in the matter of: Public Open Space Land adjacent to Belong Village, Kennedy Avenue, Macclesfield - Disposal by way of Freehold / Leasehold

Decision: That the land adjacent to Belong Village, Kennedy Avenue, Macclesfield, be declared surplus to operational requirements and that authority be granted to enter into negotiations with Belong to dispose of the land by way of a leasehold, or freehold, on terms and conditions to be determined by the Property Services Manager and the Borough Solicitor.

Background: The land concerned is owned by Cheshire East Council (CEC) and currently identified in the Macclesfield Local Plan proposals map as Existing Open Space and is therefore subject to policy RT1 which states that areas of open space as shown on the proposals map will be protected from development. It is also identified within the CEC Open Space Assessment [OSA] as Open Space. The OSA forms part of the background evidence and informs the emerging local plan and has been used in the formation of the Green Space Strategy [GSS].

For some time Local Ward Members have been approached by local residents regarding parking issues around Belong Care Home particularly around and between its junctions with Millbank Drive and Brampton Avenue. It is reported that these issues are caused by staff, visitors and delivery vehicles connected to Belong Macclesfield.

The parking on Kennedy Avenue has been identified as a nuisance to residents with inconsiderate parking also obstructing their driveways. Therefore Belong Care Home has approached the Council to facilitate a car park on the land adjacent to their existing property; the land is in the ownership of CEC. This additional car parking is likely to resolve the parking issues along Kennedy Avenue.

The Client Service (Environment) has confirmed that the land is not surplus to operational requirements. However, the need for a car park

to prevent the ongoing parking issue in this area and to improve the quality of life to the local residents, by using some of an unused or under-utilised area of public open space, is required.

In addition it will be necessary to follow set procedures to advertise the notice of intention to dispose of the open space, and also in respect of consultations regarding a public right of way across the area.

Background Documents: Belong Village report 21 November 2014
Plan 1 Kennedy Avenue 1 to 1250/Plan 2 Kennedy Avenue 1 to 1250

Approved:

Signed: Councillor P Raynes, Cabinet Member for Finance

Signed: Councillor D Topping, Cabinet Member for Service Commissioning

Date: 21 November 2014

Advising Officer: Signed: Lee Beckett, Valuer