

CABINET

28 FEBRUARY 2014

REPORT OF REGENERATION, INWARD INVESTMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER

A.7 PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE LAND, HARPERS WAY, OFF JAYWICK LANE, CLACTON ON SEA, ESSEX

(Report prepared by David Hall)

PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To seek approval for the acquisition of open space land at Harpers Way, Clacton on Sea, showed edged bold on the attached plan at Appendix A.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following the decision (reference 1846 refers) dated 13 January 2010 (copy attached as Appendix B) to initiate the Property Dealing Policy for the potential acquisition of the land, officers from the Public Experience Department have been in negotiations with the current land owner, Bloor Homes, to agree transfer terms for the land.

RECOMMENDATION

That Cabinet considers the details of the proposal and decides whether to progress with the acquisition of the land as set out in this report.

PART 2 – IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

DELIVERING PRIORITIES

The Corporate Plan identifies the need to provide quality leisure facilities and to work in partnership with local organisations. The proposed action meets both targets.

FINANCE, OTHER RESOURCES AND RISK

Finance and Other Resources

The developer has agreed to revise the layout of one of the areas of land in accordance with the Council's wishes at his cost in return for not paying a commuted maintenance sum.

Risk

There is a low risk in acquiring this land.

LEGAL

This action proposed is within the Council's discretionary powers.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Consideration has been given to the implications of the proposed decision in respect of the following and any significant issues are set out below.

Crime and Disorder/Equality and Diversity/Health Inequalities/Consultation/Public Engagement

Some antisocial behaviour has been experienced at the above location since the estate has been occupied and measures to minimise this are currently being explored.

Ward

Bockings Elm

PART 3 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION**BACKGROUND**

Following the decision of the Executive Leader, acting on behalf of the Portfolio Holder for Community, Partnerships, and Renewal, (reference 1846 refers), dated 13 January 2010 (copy attached as Appendix B) to initiate the Property Dealing Policy for the potential acquisition of the land, officers from the Public Experience Department have been in negotiations with the current land owner, Bloor Homes, to agree transfer terms for the land.

CURRENT POSITION

The land is currently, and will continue to be, maintained by Bloor Homes until the land is transferred to the Council.

FURTHER HEADINGS RELEVANT TO THE REPORT

None

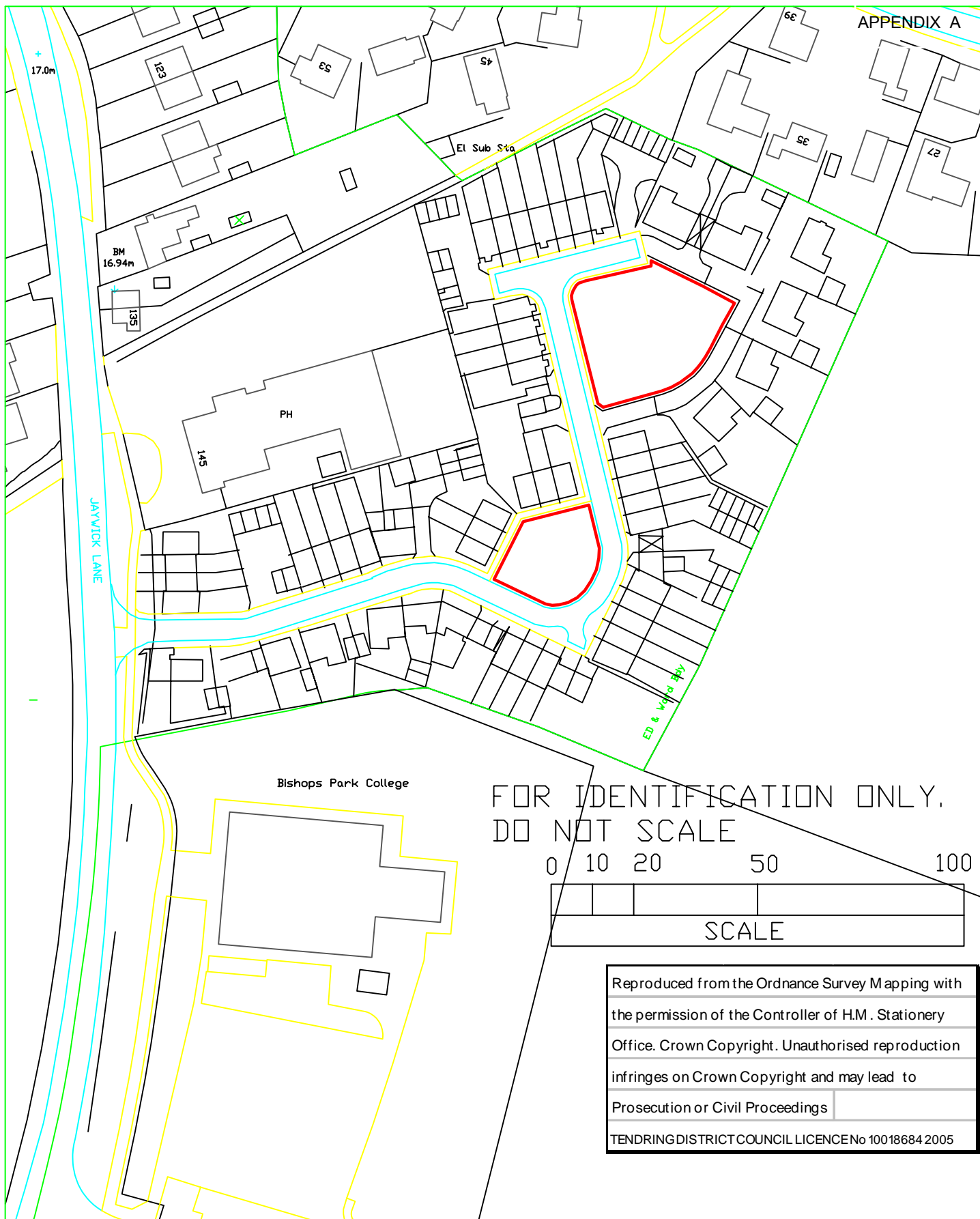
BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION

None

APPENDICES

Appendix A – plan

Appendix B – copy of decision ref. 1846



TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

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title: PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AT HARPERS WAY CLACTON

drawing: LOCATION PLAN

scale: 1:1250

drawn by: AR WHITE

date: 15 DEC 2009

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RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS (THE DECISIONS LIST)

Appendix B

Issue Date: 18 January 2010

Decisions to take effect at end of: 25 January 2010

Ref No:	Date:	Decision Maker:	Subject to Call-in*
1846	13/1/10	Executive Leader on behalf of Community, Partnerships and Renewal	Yes

SUBJECT OF DECISION: To initiate the Property Dealing Policy for acquisition of Land at Jaywick Lane

Decision:

To initiate the Property Dealing Policy for the potential acquisition of land at Harpers Way, Jaywick Lane, Clacton-on-Sea.

Reason for Decision:

To consider the request for the freehold transfer of the land from Bloor Homes.

Alternative Options Considered:

Not acquiring the Land.

**Conflicts of Interest Declared
(and Dispensations Granted by Standards Committee):**

None.

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*The call-in procedure will not apply to a decision where the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's agreement has been obtained that any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest, (Rule 16 (h) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules) or any decision made where such decision is to be referred to the Council or one of the overview and scrutiny committees for their consideration.