

COUNCIL

11 JULY 2023

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

A.1 PETITION TO COUNCIL: SUSPEND PROPERTY DEALING AND DEVELOPMENT OF TDC LAND PARCELS IN GREAT AND LITTLE OAKLEY AND OFFER THE LAND TO THE PARISH COUNCILS

(Report prepared by Ian Ford)

In accordance with the Council's approved scheme for dealing with petitions, I formally report the receipt of a petition submitted by Tom Howard, as lead petitioner. The petition stated:-

"We call on Tendring District Council to immediately suspend the property dealing procedure and any plans to develop or sell for development the following sites in the Great Oakley and Little Oakley: • Woodlands, Great Oakley – Ref GO001G • Sparrows Corner, Great Oakley – Ref GO002G • Seaview, Little Oakley – Ref LO001H • Bayview Crescent – Ref LO002BH • Bayview Crescent, Little Oakley – Ref LO002CH Furthermore, we request that Tendring District Council explores alternative options that would retain this important amenity land in these rural Parishes. We specifically request, that Tendring District Council initiates discussions with Great Oakley Parish Council and Little Oakley Parish Council to explore options for them to take on all of these sites either via purchase for a nominal fee (e.g. £1 per plot) or a 99 year lease with a nominal peppercorn rent (e.g. £1 per annum) in exchange for the Parish Councils taking on the maintenance liability".

Asset management is an executive function and therefore the Cabinet was the appropriate body to consider this matter.

Accordingly, this matter was investigated and a report was prepared and presented to the meeting of the Cabinet held on 23 June 2023.

At that meeting, and in accordance with the Council's approved scheme, Mr Howard, as the lead petitioner, was invited to address Members and to outline the action that the petitioners wanted the Council to take. The Cabinet then discussed and deliberated on the petition and the report and decided:-

"That Cabinet notes the petition, thanks the petitioner and requests that these views and others are taken into account as and when the property dealing procedure unfolds, subject to available resources."

Mr Howard was then subsequently informed of the Cabinet's decision and the decision was published on the Council's website by way of the Minutes of that meeting.

As the sole purpose of this report under the Petitions Scheme is to inform Council of the outcome of the Cabinet's consideration of Mr. Howard's petition, it is therefore:-

RECOMMENDED - That the contents of this report be received and noted.

**IAN DAVIDSON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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Published Report and relevant Minute of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 23 June 2023.