

CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

**Venue: Training Room,
3rd Floor, Bailey House,
Rawmarsh Road,
ROTHERHAM. S60 1TD**

Date: Monday, 14th December, 2009

Time: *10.00 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended March 2006) to the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Minutes of previous meetings of the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Transportation held as follows:-
 - 5th October, 2009. (pages 86G to 70G)
 - 21st October, 2009. (pages 71G to 74G)
 - 2nd November, 2009. (pages 75G to 77G)
 - 4th November, 2009. (page 79G)
 - 16th November, 2009. (pages 80G to 82G)

For signature by the Cabinet Member.

(See Minutes to be presented to Council 9th December, 2009 – white book)

4. Report re: opening of tenders (Pages 1 - 2)
To note the opening of the tenders.
5. Minutes of a meeting of the Tourism Panel held on 2nd November, 2009
(Pages 3 - 9)
6. Minutes of a joint meeting of the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Transportation and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Neighbourhoods held on 4th November, 2009.
 - for signature by the Cabinet Member.(See Minutes to be presented to Council 9th December, 2009 – white book – see page 78G)
7. Minutes of a meeting of the Transport Liaison Group held on 23rd November, 2009 (Pages 10 - 14)

8. Hall Street, Rotherham Town Centre - Proposed Amendments to Parking Restrictions (Pages 15 - 20)
Ken Wheat, Transportation Unit Manager, to report.
 - to report receipt of an objection and accede to the objection.
9. A57 Worksop Road - Sheffield Road Improvement - M1 Junction 31 to Todwick Crossroads. (report attached) (Pages 21 - 26)
David Phillips, Principal Engineer, to report.
 - to seek approval to acquire an additional parcel of land as detailed on drawing No.122/A57.51/2009CPO2.
10. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
The following items are likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006) (information relates to the financial or business affairs).
11. Business Vitality Grant. (report attached) (Pages 27 - 32)
Julie Roberts/Bernadette Rushton to report.
 - to consider the application for grant.
12. Request for approval to place order for works at the Town Hall. (report attached) (Pages 33 - 36)
Vaughan Titterton, Project Manager, to report.
 - to seek authority to accept the tender for the refurbishment and construction works at Rotherham Town Hall and to provide a progress up-date on the three projects; Doncaster Gate, Eric Manns & the Town Hall.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning & Transportation
2.	Date:	14th DECEMBER, 2009
3.	Title:	OPENING OF TENDERS
4.	Directorate:	Chief Executive's

5. Summary

The purpose of this report is to record the opening of tenders for development land at Eastwood Trading Estate which has been marketed for disposal.

5. Recommendation:-

That the action of the Cabinet Member in opening the tenders be recorded.

7. Proposals and Details

Tenders for the following were opened by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Transportation on 10th November, 2009:-

- Former Eastwood Day Centre and Land adjacent Chesterton Road, Eastwood Trading Estate

8. Finance

To secure value for money from the disposal of the land and a return to the Council's Capital pot.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There is a risk that the offers are not satisfactory or that the sale of the land does not proceed.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

In accordance with the Council's regeneration aspirations.
In accordance with disposal of land declared surplus to requirements.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

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**TOURISM PANEL
MONDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER, 2009**

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Austen , Boyes., St. John and Walker.

together with:-

Joanne Edley	Tourism Manager
Chris Lee	Work experience
Julie Williamson	Dearne Valley College
Matthew Beck	Chief Executive, MAGNA
Stuart Jenkinson	Dearne Valley Green Heart Partnership
Tom Waldron-Lynch	Hellaby Hall Hotel

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:-

Bernard Jones	South Yorkshire Transport Museum
Marie Hayes	Events and Promotions Service Manager
Councillor R. Littleboy	
Stuart Reaney	Chesterfield Canal Partnership
Julie Roberts	Town Centre and Markets Manager

22. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 13TH JULY, 2009

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting of the Tourism Panel held on 13th July, 2009.

Resolved:- That the minutes be approved as a correct record.

23. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

24. DEARNE VALLEY GREEN HEART PARTNERSHIP, SUSTAINABLE TOURISM PROJECT

Stuart Jenkinson, Dearne Valley Green Heart Partnership, spoke to Members of the Panel about the Sustainable Tourism Project centred on the Dearne Valley, and provided a handout.

He explained that he was seconded from the Environment Agency to this project

The partnership comprised the Environment Agency, Natural England, RSPB, Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham Councils and number of other stakeholders, together with Yorkshire Forward and other organisations for specific schemes.

The partnership was also working closely with the Dearne Valley Eco Vision.

The key aim of the project was to provide environmental improvements to stimulate tourism, and this was through three main areas of activity:-

- Habitats and places

The partnership aimed to build on the success of existing green assets, with particular reference to the vastly improved quality of the River Dearne and to increases in fish and wildlife Green network; RSPB Old Moor and the Trans Pennine Trail.

It was proposed to enhance wildlife habitats, washlands, paths and cycleways and heritage features. The washlands would be managed for wildlife, recreation (including canoeing) and for flood management.

- Green Network

The aim would be to encourage people to rediscover the country on their doorstep by improving access for all, with 15 miles of new routes identified based on connections to the Trans Pennine Trail and existing paths etc. It was also proposed to create cycle hubs and promote the health benefits of activity.

- People and communities

The aim was to make the Dearne Valley a unique destination in South Yorkshire for outdoor recreation such as walking, cycling, bird watching and angling; encouraging tourism to bring about economic benefits.

Funding would be from a variety of sources including Access to Nature (Lottery), Landfill Tax Credit scheme and European funding (ERDF).

Members presented raised the following issues:-

- funding available for flood alleviation
- land ownership
- the need to link with the Council's Green Spaces Team
- interest and commitment of the other local authorities
- the growing media coverage of interest in the countryside
- inclusion in the Welcome to Yorkshire funding bid
- linkage with the new Park Inn hotel

Agreed: That Stuart be thanked for his informative presentation and the

Panel receive an update on progress in 2010.

25. ITEMS RAISED BY INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES

The following items were raised:-

(i) 2010 Canal Festival

Joanne Edley, Tourism Manager, on behalf of Stuart Reaney, Chesterfield Canal Partnership reported on:-

“Next year’s festival on the Chesterfield Canal will be jointly hosted by the Chesterfield Canal Trust and the Chesterfield Canal Partnership. The event will take place on the weekend of the 17th18th July, 2010 on the sports field adjacent to Morse Lock, Worksop. Agreement has been reached with Worksop Rugby Club regarding the use of the field. Bassetlaw District Council will be making a significant contribution to the festival both in terms of helping with the organisation and in underwriting the cost. The Festival Director, Rod Auton of the Canal Trust, will be in contact with the Tourism Department at Rotherham in due course to see whether you wish to attend with a promotional stand at no cost. Whilst the event will be promoted nearer to the time in the usual way, it would be helpful if the tourism team in Rotherham were able to “spread the word” at this stage.”

It was reported that the event could be promoted on the Council website.

The Chair referred to the aspirations of the partnership and their desire to safeguard the line of the canal for the future. The progress made over the years was acknowledged. However reference was made to the legislation surrounding the Local Development Framework.

(ii) Events at MAGNA

Matthew Beck reported on:-

Success of Fairs Fayre

Sports Personality of the Year at the Arena, Sheffield on 13th November. Magna would be hosting a Fashion Show with local sports personalities and being filmed by the BBC.

Saturday 12th December - A Have A Go Day – with local sports stars

2010 Food and Drink Festival – preparations and discussions with Rotherham Markets team

Corporate events:- December 2009 - Aviva national conference ; Kia car launch – January 2010; November 2009 – BMW

(iii) Dearne Valley College

Julie Williamson reported that the College had just been awarded the Matrix Quality Standard and wished to thank local employers, staff and students.

(iv) Contribution of Rother FM

Noted.

26. ROTHERHAM WALKING FESTIVAL 2009 AND 2010

Consideration was given to a report presented by, the Tourism Manager, which detailed the evaluation of the 2009 Walking Festival, held between 29th June and 5th July, 2009.

Information was presented regarding:-

- Number of walks
- Participants
- New routes
- Promotion
- Evaluation

Reference was also Boats and Boots Extravaganza held at Kiveton Park.

Consideration was given to the proposed 2010 event and to the event taking place at a different time of the year. It was reported that bordering areas had been consulted about the date of their walking festival and it was suggested that Rotherham's 2010 Walking Festival take place between 8th and 16th May, 2010.

This change of date would enable the Festival to link to a joint walk with the Peak District and the Chesterfield Canal, and to an event being arranged by the Sports Development team. It was also possible that the date of the Rotherham Round Walk could be changed and other events by the Hospice and Bluebell Wood may be able to be added in.

It was however pointed out that promotional activity for the Festival was subject to the agreement of the Strategic Communications and Marketing Group.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and the contents noted by members.

(2) That the next Rotherham Walking Festival to be held from 8th May to 16th May 2010 and that this change of date be publicised in Rotherham News.

(2) That the Tourism Panel supports the bid to the centralised marketing

budget for the 2010 Walking Festival promotional activity.

27. UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF THE VISITOR ECONOMY AND TOURISM IN ROTHERHAM FROM APRIL TO OCTOBER 2009

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Tourism Manager, relating to the end of life of the Rotherham Tourism Plan 2005-2008, and to the production of a Draft Visitor Economy Plan 2008-2013 in its place.

Reference was made to the consultation that had taken place with partners.

It was reported that the VisitBritain strategy had now been formalised. It now needed Yorkshire South's Business Plan to feed into Rotherham's strategy.

Progress to date included;-

- Partnership work with Yorkshire South
- Welcome to Yorkshire
- Arrangements for the next meeting of the Tourism Forum, at the Park Inn, Manvers (7th or 10th December)
- Boston Castle – decision on the 2nd stage bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund was expected in December
- Raising Quality Standards – current position outlined and responses from establishments noted

It was also reported that Yorkshire Forward, through its Business Engagement Executives, had made available grant money to rural accommodation establishments. It was pointed out that this could include camp sites e.g. at Rother Valley Country Park. A brief outline was given of the process for dealing with requests for grants.

Resolved:- That the report be received and the contents noted.

28. QUALITY STANDARDS AND THE POLICY OF PROMOTING ASSESSED ACCOMMODATION ONLY

Joanne Edley, Tourism Manager, reported on efforts to raise the % of establishments in the area to be assessed to 70% by the end of 2009. She confirmed that 50% of the properties had been seen and a grant had been offered to assist with the process. However, it was reported that many remained uninterested after the first year. It was pointed out also that it was not a legal requirement. It had been practice that only establishments that had been assessed would be included in advertising issued by the Tourism Service.

Those present discussed Quality standards and the policy of promoting assessed accommodation only.

Resolved:- That it be confirmed that the present practice of only including establishments that had been assessed in advertising issued by the Tourism Service should continue.

29. HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Tourism Manager, detailing the support given by the Tourism Service to the Heritage Open Days in Rotherham during 2009.

It was pointed out that the event in 2009 was the same weekend as Rotherham Show.

Heritage Open Days took place at 22 venues between 10th and 13th September and received approximately 3,000 visitors. In particular Swinton St. Margaret's Church, in conjunction with its Flower Festival, attracted 1,500 visitors.

A promotional leaflet was produced and the event was advertised on the web page. It was pointed out that a bid would have to be made to the central promotional budget for the 2010 event.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received, and the success of the Heritage Open Days be noted.

(2) That the bid to the central promotional budget to promote Heritage Open Days in Rotherham in 2010 be supported.

30. MYSTERY SHOPPER RESULTS FOR ROTHERHAM VISITOR CENTRE FROM VISITBRITAIN

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Tourism Manager, relating to the results of the annual Mystery Shopper exercise undertaken by Visit Britain in relation to the Tourist Information Centre.

Reference was made to the positive comments made in respect of:-

- Telephone enquiry
- Face to face enquiry/interaction with staff
- Email enquiry
- The overall good score

Reference was also made to the following recommendations set out in the Executive Summary of the report:-

- provision of information leaflets re: public transport: it was reported that this had been agreed with the SYPT-
- changing the fascia and signage of the building: - noting that the Tourism Manager intended to challenge this
- encouragement to purchase additional services and products

- automated acknowledgement for all email enquiries:- it was pointed out that the Service was not in a position to action this recommendation at this time

Resolved:- That the report be received and contents noted.

31. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following issues were reported:-

- (i) production of Rotherham Mini Guide – Fun, Exciting, Welcoming

copies of the leaflet were made available at the meeting, and received good comments from Members present.

- (ii) Yorkshire South Tourism – update

Councillor Boyes and Tom Waldron-Lynch gave an update in respect of the current position of the local authority in relation to Yorkshire South. Reference was made to change of personnel/management and to significant meetings taking place shortly to sort out governance.

Reference was also made to Welcome to Yorkshire being the funding body, having been given the tourism funding from Yorkshire Forward. Concern was expressed about how local authorities could have a voice, together with the role of elected members. The private sector also expressed concerns about % payments.

It was also pointed out that the Tourism Service, together with the industry representatives had received very short notice to put together a business plan/bid to Yorkshire South.

The opinion was expressed that the TV promotion of Yorkshire was going very well and the schemes and vouchers were also working well.

It was reported that to date at least 5,000 jobs were supported in Rotherham that were related to tourism.

32. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Tourism Panel take place on MONDAY, 18th JANUARY, 2010 at 2 p.m. at Bailey House (room to be confirmed).

RMBC TRANSPORT LIAISON GROUP
Monday, 23rd November, 2009

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Atkin, Falvey, Goulty, Littleboy, McNeely, Pickering, R. S. Russell, Swift, Wootton and Whysall.

together with:-

Stephen Hewitson	Rotherham Community Transport
Gillian Palmer	South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority
Richard Simons	First
David Stevenson	Stagecoach East Midlands
Martin Beard	RMBC Parking Services Manager

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dodson, Hodgkiss, Sharman, Sims and Whelbourn; and from Mrs P. Horner (SYITA) and Mr. S. Howarth (Stagecoach Yorkshire)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 22ND JUNE, 2009

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd June, 2009 were noted.

2. UPDATES FROM THE TRANSPORT OPERATORS

(i) First

Richard Simons reported on the effects of First's recent service changes. Services to the south of the Rotherham Borough (eg: Aston and Swallownest) had been particularly affected. The chairman commented that many of these buses travelled along Moorgate, past the hospital. These buses often filled up with people just visiting the hospital, leaving no room for passengers intending to travel longer distances. First were collecting feedback from customers and passengers about these recent service changes and would be making some minor adjustments as a result. There had been a noticeable reduction in the number of bus passengers recently, largely due to the economic downturn.

(ii) Northern Rail (no-one present to report)

(iii) Rotherham Community Transport

The Annual Meeting of Rotherham Community Transport would be taking place on Wednesday morning, 2nd December, 2009. The Transport Liaison Group asked if Management Board meetings could be arranged at a more convenient time, which would enable Elected Members to attend.

Stephen Hewitson supplied various leaflets about the Rotherham Community Transport Services, including the 'Shoppa' timetable, Care Link, Door 2 Door, Bus Club and the Rotherham Hospital Link and the CT Saver which offered a cheaper and easier way of paying Community Transport fares. It was noted that fares for the Door 2 Door service were

cheaper because this service received a subsidy from the South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority. Members asked for the Shoppa Timetable to be amended to include the destination for the Thursday service from Harthill and area.

(iv) South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority

Gillian Palmer reported on the passenger numbers for the first weeks of operation of the 'free' bus within Rotherham town centre:-

Week 1	2,400 passengers
Week 2	3,500 passengers
Week 3	4,100 passengers
Week 4	figures still being collected (possibly a slight reduction)

The most popular journey appeared to be the one between the Rotherham town centre and the Retail World shopping mall at Parkgate. It was apparent that some people were using this service as a park-and-ride facility, parking at Retail World instead of within the town centre. There was some concern that the 'free' bus was taking customer trade away from the town centre, to Retail World. There had also been negative feedback from the local taxi cab trade.

The results of the forthcoming survey about the use of the 'free' bus would be reported to the next meeting of this Transport Liaison Group.

Gillian Palmer also reported on the proposed re-development of the Rotherham Central Railway Station, with construction work due to begin during late January or early February, 2010. Reference was made to the assistance which would be available for people with a disability and people with mobility difficulties, in view of the restricted access to Platform 2 during the period of construction works.

Members referred to the condition and quality of some of the current rolling stock and expressed the view that new or newer vehicles ought to be introduced in the near future.

Reference was made to the recent pilot scheme whereby passengers with mobility difficulties would carry an 'awareness card' to be shown to bus drivers, who would wait until the passenger had become seated on the bus, before setting off.

The Transport Liaison Group welcomed this new scheme and suggested that the South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority ought to consider introducing a full scheme in conjunction with all of the bus operators.

(v) Stagecoach East Midlands

David Stevenson reported on the South Yorkshire dispute affecting the forthcoming three Mondays in November and December, 2009.

Information would be displayed informing passengers of the effects upon bus services.

It was noted that the difficulties at Dinnington bus station had now been resolved.

Service changes effective from 26th October, 2009 included:-

Service 19b which provided a link from Rotherham Town Centre to the hospital and vice-versa.

Service 19 operating via Thurcroft – School Road and Laughton Road.

(vi) Stagecoach Yorkshire (no-one present to report)

3. UPDATES FROM RMBC TRANSPORTATION UNIT

The Transport Liaison Group noted the following information concerning the Rotherham town centre:-

(a) Car parking – there had been positive feedback from town centre traders to the Council's decision to introduce free car parking from 3.00 pm (introduced in May 2009);

(b) Free car parking on Saturdays during November and December 2009 – similarly, the Council had also sought to assist local trade and commerce during the pre-Christmas period by allowing free car parking in the town centre, on Saturdays, from 21st November, 2009 until 26th December, 2009;

(c) Additional car parking spaces – provided on street at High Street near to the Corn Law Rhymer public house and the re-opening of the Riverside surface car park off Corporation Street brought 35 spaces back into use;

(d) Multi-Storey Car Parks – the first two floors of the town's multi-storey car parks (at Wellgate and above the bus station) would have short-stay, two hours maximum parking time, to assist the turnover of vehicles and also help to generate increased trade in the town centre;

(e) On Street Car Parks – the minimum waiting period would increase from one hour to two hours at certain on street parking areas;

(f) Car Parking charges – it was also noted that the Council had not increased parking fees since April 2006 (for on street car parks) and since April 2008 (for off street car parks);

(g) Rotherham Renaissance – a further riverside parking area would be developed off Corporation Street, with a new public realm area above the car park, during 2010/11;

(h) Bicycle Parking Shelters – six vandalised bicycle parking shelters had

been replaced with more robust shelters, at Corporation Street (near to former cinema building);

(i) Site of the former All Saints Building, Corporation Street – the Council was still considering the future use of this cleared site; however, the site would not be used for car parking;

(j) Car Parking for Disabled People – the Council's Parking Services continued to take enforcement action to prevent the unauthorised use of parking bays for disabled drivers. The spaces for disabled drivers had been reallocated at Howard Street to form a loading bay between the hours of 16.00 and 09.00.

(k) Temporary Surface Car Park at St. Ann's Road/Centenary Way – it was noted that the temporary use of this land for car parking would cease at the end of March, 2010; the principal users of this site (commuters working in the Rotherham town centre) were expected to use alternative car parks at Fitzwilliam Road;

(l) Wharncliffe Flats – reference was made to the car parking areas located beneath the Wharncliffe Flats building; it was noted that these areas were the responsibility of 2010 Rotherham Limited.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following items were noted:-

(a) Swinton Railway Station – this railway station has been assessed as being one of the safest and most secure stations in the country and scored highly in the Government's Secure Stations Scheme; there had also been additional car parking provided adjacent to the station, with landscaping works soon to be completed;

(b) Bus driving at Ulley – a Member referred to a bus being driven erratically through Ulley village; this matter would be reported to the bus operator;

(c) Rotherham Passenger Transport Interchange – Members again urged bus operators to ensure that their drivers switched off the bus engines when stationary within the Rotherham Passenger Transport Interchange, to ensure that there was no build-up of exhaust fumes; it was noted that some newer vehicles were fitted with a device which switched off the engine if the vehicle remained motionless for several minutes.

5. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Agreed:- That future meetings of the Transport Liaison Group be held as follows:-

Monday, 22nd March, 2010, commencing at 10.00 a.m. – Bailey House*

*please note the start time and venue for the March 2010 meeting. It is proposed that the South Yorkshire Safety Camera Partnership will attend to give a short presentation and provide an opportunity for you to view the camera vans and equipment.

Monday, 14th June, 2010, commencing at 10.30 a.m. (venue to be confirmed)

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Economic Development, Planning and Transportation Matters
2.	Date:	14 December 2009
3.	Title:	Hall Street Rotherham Town Centre Proposed amendments to parking restrictions
4.	Programme Area:	Economic and Development Services

5. Summary

To report to Cabinet Member receipt of an objection to a proposed amendment to a length of unrestricted parking on Hall Street in Rotherham Town centre.

6. Recommendations

It be resolved that:

- i) **The objection be acceded to such that the area identified for vehicles to park remains on the side of road where it is currently located,**
- ii) **and that the time period when vehicles cannot return to park is amended from 3 hours to 2 hours**

7. Proposals and Details

As part of changes to the controlled parking zone in the town centre which became operative in September 2008 it was proposed to introduce time limited waiting on Hall Street as it is immediately adjacent to the extended zone. Once implemented representations were received from the representatives of the Mosque and from Mr K Swift; owner of S. W. Haulage Ltd.

Mr Swift raised a concern that the parking on Hall Street made access to his business premises difficult and requested that the spaces either be removed or as a compromise it be relocated to the opposite side of Hall Street as shown on the attached Drawing No.16/18/TT391HS2 attached at Appendix "A". At a similar time representatives of the Mosque requested that the no return period for vehicles to be able to park again in the parking spaces be reduced from 3 hours to 2 hours. Consequently following Head of Service approval a proposal was advertised on the 26 June 2009 indicating that the current parking arrangement would be moved from one side of the road to the other and that return would be prohibited for 2 hours rather than 3 hours as is currently the case.

When this proposal was advertised representatives of the Mosque formally objected to the parking bay being relocated. A copy of the letter of objection is attached as Appendix "B ". The representatives of the Mosque are primarily concerned with safety of visitors to the Mosque being compromised as the bay in its current position is used by elderly and young visitors to the Mosque.

In view of the concerns expressed by the representatives of the mosque and that the operator of the haulage company appears to be operating satisfactorily with the waiting restrictions maintaining access to his premises it would be prudent to leave the parking bay in its current position. The period that return is prohibited should be reduced from 3 hours to 2 hours to enable visitors to the Mosque to attend morning and afternoon prayers.

8. Finance

The proposal as outlined would have minimal cost implications.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Leaving the current arrangement may adversely affect the operation of the business associated with S. W. Haulage Ltd, however the situation appears to be operating satisfactory.




10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

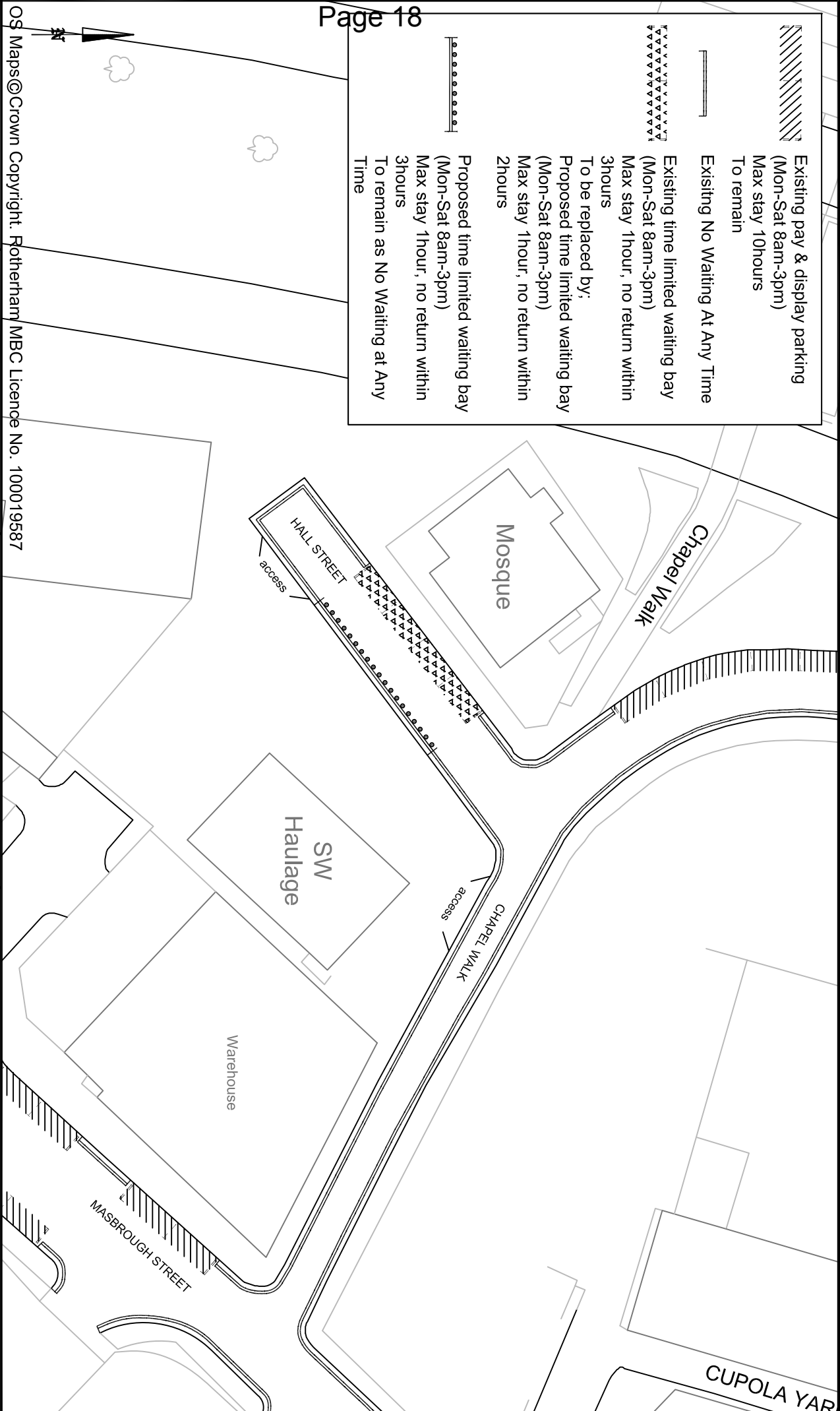
To relocate the parking bay may make the Mosque less accessible to some elements of the community and may impact upon the safety of young and elderly visitors.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

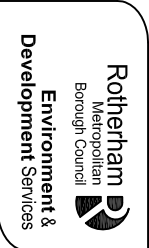
public notice for amendment to traffic orders
drawing no.16/18/TT391HS2 attached at Appendix "A"
the letter of objection attached as Appendix "B "

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-  Existing pay & display parking
(Mon-Sat 8am-3pm)
Max stay 10hours
To remain
-  Existing No Waiting At Any Time
-  Existing time limited waiting bay
(Mon-Sat 8am-3pm)
Max stay 1hour, no return within 3hours
- To be replaced by;
- Proposed time limited waiting bay
(Mon-Sat 8am-3pm)
Max stay 1hour, no return within 2hours
- Proposed time limited waiting bay
(Mon-Sat 8am-3pm)
Max stay 1hour, no return within 3hours
To remain as No Waiting at Any Time



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Client:



Title

Alterations to time limited waiting bays
Hall Street, Rotherham Town Centre

Dwg. No. 126/18/TT391HS2

Scales (if A4) 1:500

Drawn PH

Date Nov 09

Chd. by ASB

26 July 2009

28 JUL 2009

T C Mumford
Assistant Chief Executive
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RE: 042269 Parking & Parking bay changes Hall Street, Rotherham Town centre – outside Chapel Walk Mosque

Dear Mr T C Mumford

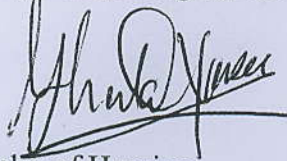
We were very surprised to learn of parking changes on Hall Street outside Chapel Walk Mosque in The Rotherham Advertiser (10 July 2009). These changes seriously impact the use of the Mosque- And we are surprised that we were not approached directly.

Never the less, we would like to make the following observations:

- (i) **The removal of the parking bay outside the main entrance of chapel walk mosque-**
This change would materially and detrimentally affect the mosque and its users. The parking bay is actively used by the elderly, disabled, parents picking up and dropping off children, by the resident imams, visitors to the mosque. During funeral prayers it is used to take bodies into and out of the mosque. Without doubt the removal of the parking bay from its current position would massively inconvenience the community using the mosque facility. Moreover, the current parking bay took many years of negotiation with senior council officials and councillors. To have it removed would be a travesty of justice- causing massive inconvenience to the community using the mosque facility.
- (ii) The new proposed site is not convenient for the users of the community who regularly and actively use the facilities at chapel walk mosque.
- (iii) Disabled people would be put in danger and inconvenienced by the new proposed parking bay on the opposite side of the road to the mosque.
- (iv) All visitors would be put in danger and inconvenienced by these changes.
- (v) Children actively use the facilities at the chapel walk mosque everyday 365 days a year. They would be put in danger by moving the parking bay across rather than right opposite the main gate of the mosque.

I hope after carefully considering the above points you will abandon the proposed changes.
Yours faithfully

Ghulam Yasseen



CC Councillor Mahroof Hussian
CC Councillor Jahangir Akhtar
CC Mayor Shaukat Ali

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Economic Development, Planning and Transportation Matters
2.	Date:	14th December 2009
3.	Title:	A57 Worksop Road - Sheffield Road Improvement M1 Junction 31 to Todwick Crossroads Ward 18 Wales and Ward 6 Holderness
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To seek Cabinet Member approval to acquire an additional parcel of land as detailed on drawing No.122/A57.51/2009CPO2 by agreement and/or if necessary by compulsory purchase order in connection with the A57 Worksop Road-Sheffield Road Improvement Scheme. The land is required for the construction of the Scheme but was omitted from the schedules and plan in The Rotherham Borough Council (A57 Worksop Road-Sheffield Road Improvement M1 Junction 31 to Todwick Road Crossroads) Compulsory Purchase Order 2009 (“the CPO”). As land cannot be added to the CPO, a supplementary order is required. The report details the reasons for the need to acquire the land for the scheme as a whole.

6. Recommendations

The Cabinet Member is requested to resolve that:

- i) in exercise of its powers under Sections 239, 240, 246, 250 & 260 Highways Act 1980 and all other enabling powers and having regard to the “Convention rights” as applied by the Human Rights Act 1998, the Council makes a Compulsory Purchase Order entitled ‘The Rotherham Borough Council (A57 Worksop Road-Sheffield Road Improvement M1 Junction 31 to Todwick Crossroads) Supplementary Compulsory Purchase Order 2009’, for the acquisition of land and interests shown on the CPO drawing No. 122/A57.51/2009CPO2 which is required for the widening of the A57 Sheffield Road/Worksop Road from a single carriageway to a dual carriageway;**
- ii) the Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the said Supplementary Compulsory Purchase Order;**

- iii) **the Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Democratic Services submit the said Order to the Secretary of State;**
- iv) **the Strategic Director for Environment and Development Services pursue the acquisition of land and interests by agreement wherever possible and deal with all issues of compensation for any land or interest acquired compulsorily or by agreement;**
- v) **the Strategic Director for Environment and Development Services and the Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Democratic Services prepare and issue all associated documents and publish and serve all necessary notices and thereafter take all necessary steps including the conduct of a Public Inquiry to obtain the confirmation of the Supplementary Compulsory Purchase Order by the Secretary of State;**
- vi) **The Strategic Director for Environment and Development Services approve any modification to the Compulsory Purchase Order (including deletion of any land therefrom) as may be found to be appropriate following consultation;**
- vii) **The agreement of the Mayor be sought to exempt this decisions from the provisions of the call in procedure on the grounds that they are urgent as additional delay could set back or result in the loss of the scheme and therefore seriously prejudice the public interest.**

7. Proposals and Details

The A57 Sheffield Road-Worksop Road Improvement Scheme consists of an improvement of the existing single carriageway to dual carriageway and improvements to the intersections at Todwick Crossroads (A57/B6463) and the priority controlled A57/Goosecarr Lane junction.

The scheme improves the A57 to a dual two lane carriageway between the termination of the existing dual carriageway of Worksop Road; 400m east of the M1 Junction 31 to a point approximately 350m east of the existing Todwick Crossroads. Junction improvements include the replacement of the existing signalised junction at Todwick Crossroads with a roundabout with a 70m diameter, and a left in / left out arrangement at the junction of the A57 with Goosecarr Lane.

Pedestrian crossing facilities will be incorporated into the scheme by means of a new signalised pedestrian crossing on Worksop Road adjacent to the western arm of the new roundabout, and facilities for pedestrians to cross the A57 in the vicinity of Goosecarr Lane by means of a new underpass. New and improved footways will be provided in the vicinity of the new roundabout junction and to the south side of the A57. Improved bus stops and linkages are to be incorporated on the A57 to the west of the Goosecarr Lane junction.

To facilitate the construction of the improvement and the widening of the existing carriageway it will be necessary to acquire areas of land to both the north and south of the existing alignment of Worksop Road, in addition to areas of land adjacent to the B6463 Todwick Road in the vicinity of the Todwick Crossroads junction.

To allow the scheme to be progressed, and to meet the appropriate timescales, a Compulsory Purchase Order and a Side Roads Order were made on the 15th October 2009 and have been submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport for confirmation. Negotiations to acquire the land by agreement will continue in parallel with compulsory purchase proceedings.

Purpose

The Scheme has been developed in order to mitigate deficiencies caused by present and future conditions and in particular to meet the following objectives:

- i) To promote and improve safety for all road users, through the reduction in the number of killed and seriously injured accidents within this section of the A57;
- ii) To address existing highway capacity issues and improve transport economic efficiency by reducing levels of delay and improving journey time reliability for all road users;
- iii) To provide wider economic and regeneration benefits, including supporting the continued regeneration of the Dinnington area and other local areas;
- iv) To improve access to employment in the area, an improved road link will play a significant role in achieving economic regeneration and associated employment growth;

v) To provide environmental improvements in terms of reduced carbon emissions as a result of reduced vehicle queues, enhanced accessibility, and improved facilities for vulnerable road users.

Cabinet Member may recall Minute Number 33 from the 27th July 2009 when it was resolved that 'the Council make a Compulsory Purchase Order entitled the 'The Rotherham Borough Council (A57 Worksop Road -Sheffield Road Improvement M1 Junction 31 to Todwick Crossroads) Compulsory Purchase Order 2009', for the acquisition of all the land and interests required for the widening of the A57 Sheffield Road/Worksop Road from a single carriageway to a dual carriageway as shown on the CPO drawing No. 122/A57.51/2009CPO1';

Unfortunately, a parcel of land required for the scheme was omitted from the CPO schedules and plan and additional land cannot be added to a CPO once it is made. The Council is therefore required to make a Supplementary Compulsory Purchase Order ("the Supplementary CPO") for the omitted parcel. It should be stressed that the scheme extents have not changed in any way and the Supplementary CPO is required only to include land which should have been included in the original CPO.

The Scheme has been approved for programme entry by the DfT and, subject to the satisfactory completion of statutory procedures and the CPO and SRO made and submitted to DfT for confirmation, the scheme can then be submitted for final approval. With the Supplementary CPO, subject to confirmation, the Council will be able to acquire all the land necessary for the construction of the Scheme.

The drawing numbered 122/A57.51/2009CPO2 attached shows the land to be acquired under the Supplementary CPO.

8. Finance

The proposals are to be funded primarily by the Department for Transport together with a local contribution up to an agreed level.

9. Reasons for Urgency

The period for objections to the CPO and SRO expires on the 4th December 2009 and, as objections have been submitted, there will almost certainly be a public inquiry. No date for a public inquiry can be set by DfT until the period for objections to the Supplementary CPO has expired and an additional 5 weeks is required to notify the date of the Inquiry to the Council and to all objectors. DfT then have up to 22 weeks after that notification date to hold the Inquiry, which could be as late as August 2010. The earlier the Supplementary Order can be made and advertised, the earlier the Inquiry date can be set.

Although the sole purpose of the Supplementary Order is to add land which was identified as required to deliver the Scheme but inadvertently omitted from the CPO, the Director of Streetpride recommends that the Mayor be asked to exempt the Cabinet Member's decisions from call-in. The Scheme is required as soon as possible for all the reasons outlined in the Statement of Reasons submitted with the CPO and SRO. Further delays will not only cause the costs of the Scheme to rise but also, and more importantly, risk the loss of vital financial support from DfT.

Consequently, it is considered that the decisions are urgent as additional delay could set back or result in the loss of the Scheme and therefore seriously prejudice the public interest.

10. Risks and Uncertainties

Every delay to the Scheme involves a risk that DfT will withdraw their financial support, without which the Scheme could not go ahead. There are many competing demands on public funds and this is likely to worsen in the future. It is therefore essential to get authorisation for the acquisition of the land as soon as possible so that the Scheme can be implemented.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The proposed scheme is a named major highway improvement scheme in LTP2 and accords with the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan in assisting the improved management of traffic, offering road safety benefits and supporting regeneration initiatives. The improvement supports the aims and objectives of the Traffic Management Act 2004 in reducing congestion.

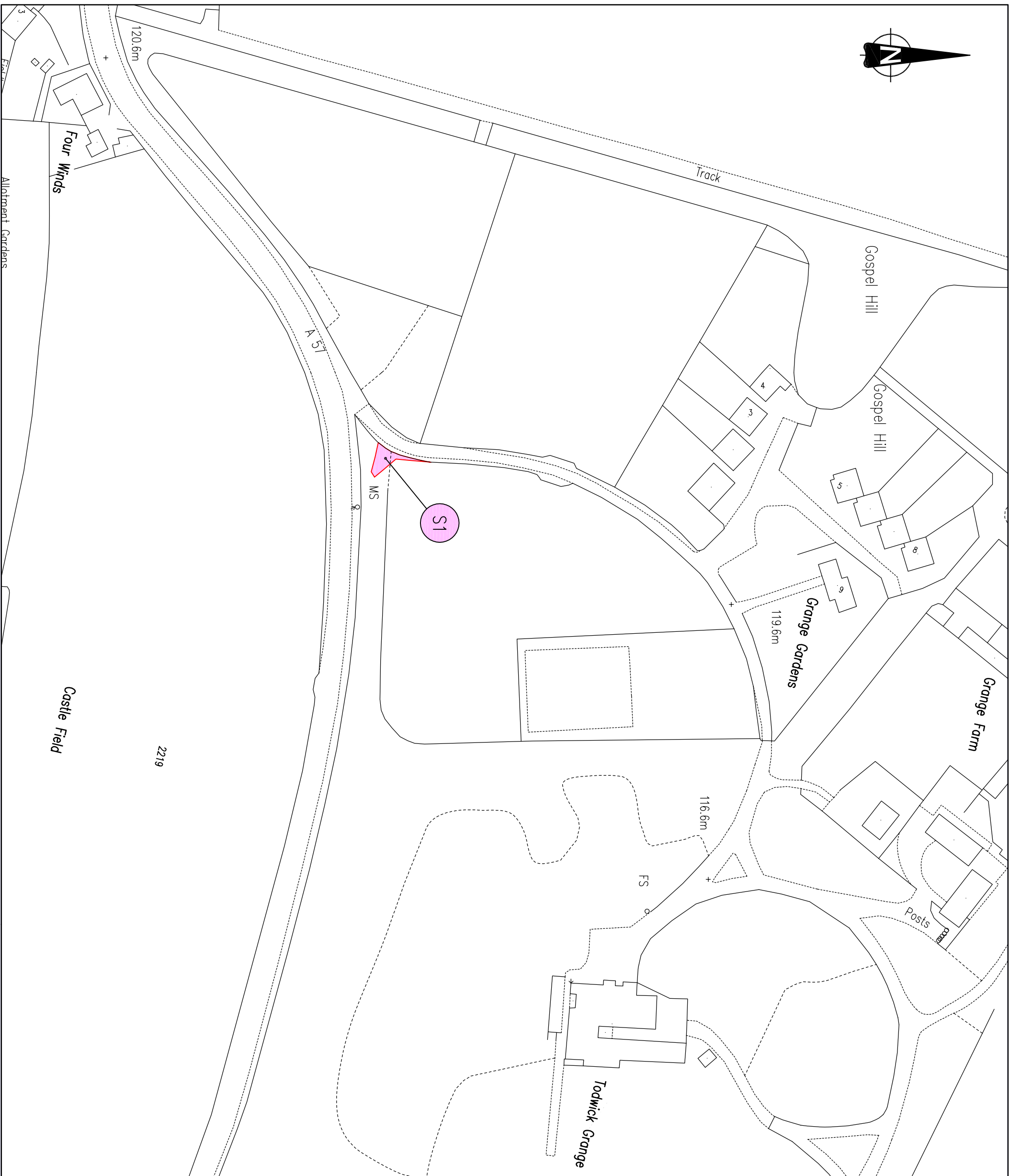
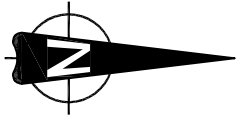
Article 8 (right to respect for private and family life) and Article 1 of the First Protocol (protection of property) of the European Convention on Human Rights is engaged whenever the Council proposes to acquire property compulsorily. The Council may not interfere with these Convention rights unless it is acting in the public interest and in accordance with the law. In essence this means the compulsory purchase of property must be for a legitimate purpose, necessary and proportionate to the attainment of the purpose and non-discriminatory.

In this case the proposed highway improvements are required to address safety and capacity issues. Adjacent land and properties required to implement the Scheme would be acquired in the absence of agreement using statutory compulsory purchase powers and statutory compensation would be payable. As a consequence the Council should not breach the human rights of affected property owners.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

The proposal was granted conditional planning consent on 4 June 2009.

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