

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development
2.	Date:	Monday 7th October 2013
3.	Title:	Fitzwilliam Road, Rotherham. Proposed deletion of Highway Improvement Line
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To report a proposal to delete a road improvement line that currently safeguards the possible future improvement of A630 Fitzwilliam Road, Rotherham.

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member resolves that:-

- a) **The highway improvement line indicated on the plans at Appendices A and B is deleted and no longer declared on a Local Authority Search Enquiry.**
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7. Proposals and Details

The Council's Land and Property team has requested comments regarding the possible disposal of parcels of Council owned land fronting Fitzwilliam Road, Eastwood. Land and property on the southern side of Fitzwilliam Road is directly affected by a long established road improvement line (imposed by the former Rotherham County Borough Council) which has been safeguarded from development over the years by successor highway authorities. The original intention was to extend the existing dual carriageway (which currently terminates in the vicinity of the fire station) in a westerly direction to St Ann's Roundabout. The retention of the improvement line restricts the development potential of land and its saleability/value. With this in mind, the Transportation Unit has reviewed whether it is necessary to continue to protect the line, bearing in mind current transportation policies. In this respect, the Fitzwilliam Road approach to St Ann's Roundabout has recently been improved and there are no further highways improvements planned or anticipated which would require land outside existing highway limits. Furthermore, at the time the Improvement line was imposed, the A630 through Rotherham was the main route between Sheffield and Doncaster and hence the east coast; this was obviously before the M18 and Sheffield Parkway were constructed. Accordingly, it is considered that the road improvement line no longer needs to be protected and can be deleted.

8. Finance

There are no cost implications in deleting the line. The value of land currently affected by the line may increase as a consequence of its deletion.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Should land currently protected by the road improvement line be developed and thereafter required for highway purposes, the implementation of a scheme may be prejudiced or incur inflated acquisition costs. However, as indicated above, it is considered unlikely that such a scheme would be promoted.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

None

11. Background Papers and Consultation

None

Location maps showing outline details are attached as Appendices A and B together with more detailed extracts indicating part of the line.

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