

Officer Decision Report

Title:	Acquisition of land at Roberts Lane, Chalfont St Peter
Date decision taken:	19 December 2018
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Local Members Affected	Cllr. David Martin

Decision

To purchase the land required for a turning head on Roberts Lane, Chalfont St Peter

Reasons for the decision

This project proposes to permanently close Roberts Lane to through traffic and provide a turning point for vehicles. The turning point will be large enough to accommodate farming and refuse vehicles that will require access to Roberts Lane.

Access to Roberts Lane will be maintained for residents at both ends of the road however vehicles will be unable to use the Lane as a through road. Access will however be provided for pedestrian, wheel chair users and cyclists through the provision of gates.

The emergency services have been informed of the potential road closure and have confirmed they will not require through access along Roberts Lane.

As the request for this project has come from concerns that rat running will occur along Roberts Lane during HS2 construction due to the closure of Chalfont Lane, there is a need for this project to close Roberts Lane as soon as possible as the closure of Chalfont Lane is already in place.

Appropriate consultation has taken place with the public. This decision will allow the Council to complete the acquisition of the land required for the turning head.

Summary of Transaction

Buckinghamshire County Council to purchase land on Roberts Lane as per the plan in Appendix A

Authority to take this decision

Officer Executive Decision

Other options available, and their pros and cons

Do nothing- In this situation the road would still be closed but with no provision for a turning circle. This is not seen as a sustainable long term solution.

Different location for turning head- A number of different locations for the turning head were explored but this location was chosen as the most suitable operationally.

Conflicts of interest

None declared

Feedback from Consultation

The local member is supportive of this proposal. This scheme was publically consulted on and a Traffic Regulation Order is in place for closure of the road.

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John Reed- Director of Property and Assets

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Appendix A- Plan of land to be acquired

Appendix B (Confidential) - Heads of terms

Appendix C (Confidential) - Summary of Valuation

Appendix A:

