

SUBJECT:	<i>King George V Playing Fields</i>
RELEVANT MEMBER:	<i>Councillor L Walsh, Portfolio Holder for Healthy Communities</i>
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1. Purpose of Report

To obtain Cabinet's permission to undertake a public consultation to appropriate the marked site at King George V Playing Fields and the site to the rear of the electricity substation on Chiltern Avenue from open space to a planning purpose, subject to the grant of planning permission and consideration by Cabinet of any representations made during the public consultation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. To undertake public consultation to appropriate the land marked on the plans appended to this report forming part of King George V Playing Fields and to the rear of the electricity substation on Chiltern Avenue from open space to a planning purpose, subject to the grant of planning permission and consideration by Cabinet of any representations made during the public consultation.**

2. Reasons for Recommendations

2.1. Planning Committee is to consider the revised application for the Chiltern Lifestyle Centre in May/June 2019. The land forming part of King George V Playing Fields and the land to the rear of the electricity substation on Chiltern Avenue are in the ownership of the Council and are designated as Public Open Space and will require appropriation as set out in section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972 to change the purpose of the land from Open Space to a planning purpose to enable the development to proceed. Appropriation will override any third party rights and easements over the land.

3. Content of Report

3.1. The Chiltern Lifestyle Centre planning application is due to be determined by the Planning Committee for recommendation to Full Council on 23rd July 2019. If approved it will be necessary to appropriate the land marked on the plans appended to this report currently designated as Public Open Space to a planning purpose to enable the development to proceed.

3.2. The procedure established in section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972 for appropriation of land from Open Space to a planning purpose requires the Council to advertise its intention to appropriate for two consecutive weeks. If any objections are made to the appropriation, Cabinet will need to consider these before a decision is made.

3.3. Cabinet is asked for permission to undertake the public consultation. The minimum public consultation period required is 21 days.

3.4. Following the public consultation a further report will be made to Cabinet to consider any objections made during the public consultation. After the further report, if a future decision is made by Cabinet to proceed with appropriation, then this will only be implemented on the grant of planning permission for the Chiltern Lifestyle Centre.

4. Consultation

Statutory consultation as determined by section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972.

5. Options (if any)

There are no alternative options that can be considered. Public consultation is a statutory requirement for appropriation of land from open space to a planning purpose pursuant to section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Financial – the cost of the statutory consultation is within current budgetary provision.

6.2 Legal - Statutory consultation as determined by section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972

7. Links to Council Policy Objectives

Delivering cost- effective, customer- focused services

Working towards safe and healthier local communities

Striving to conserve the environment and promote sustainability.

8. Next Steps

Consultation will be undertaken following the recommendation as to the planning application by the Planning Committee.

Background	None, other than those referred to in this report
Papers:	