



Report for Officer Executive Decision

Date: 17th June 2021

Title: Substation on Broom Way (Bellfield Road)

Relevant councillor(s): Paul Turner, Maz Hussain, Melanie Smith

Author and/or contact officer: Robert Turner

Ward(s) affected: Downley

Recommendations: To sell to Last Mile Electricity Ltd for a token sum of £1, approximately 25m² of land on Broom Way for the purposes of erecting and electricity sub-station

Reason for decision: The Hughenden Quarter Upper Site is the final part of a local long-term regeneration strategy begun by Wycombe District Council some 15 years ago.

The Upper Site plans are for an estate of lock-up type light industrial workshops (HQube), a 68 unit residential block for affordable sale, and the upgrading of the access road (Bellfield Road) to adoptable standard.

In support of these development proposals the site has been provided with electricity, water, telecoms and drainage services. This decision is in connection with the electricity supply and is for a transfer of land for siting of an electricity sub-station

Authority to take this decision: The wider regeneration strategy was approved at various WDC cabinet meeting in advance of, and during the regeneration process, the most recent and relevant being 4th the Feb 2019 which granted approval for the works to the Upper Site

Other options available, and their pros and cons.

- There was no practical alternative for the decision to install a substation – the electricity supply in the vicinity was not adequate for the envisaged demand.
- Alternative locations for the substation were considered but for technical reasons in connection with supply cable lengths and on-going access and maintenance requirements the site proposed was considered to be the most appropriate.
- A long lease instead of a freehold disposal was considered but no significant advantage in this was identified.

Conflicts of interest: None

Key Risks: In the absence of a sub-station it was likely that the adjacent HQube and residential developments could not be delivered

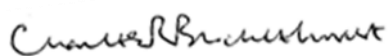
Legal and financial implications:

Next steps and review:

Exemption from publication:

Background papers:. None

Lead Officer: Charles Brocklehurst



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Director Property & Assets: John Reed



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(Where there is a financial implication to the OED)

Finance Lead Officer: Mark Preston

Signed: *M. Preston*

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