



Report for Officer Executive Decision

Date: 7th Feb 2022

Title: Closure of Roberts Lane, Chalfont St Peter, to through traffic

Relevant councillor(s): Cllr Isobel Darby, Cllr Jonathan Rush, Cllr Linda Smith BEM

Author and/or contact officer: Wai-Ching Lau

Ward(s) affected: Chalfont St Peter

Recommendations: Appropriation of Roberts Lane Turning Head from Property Assets team to Highways team for it to be maintained as public highways.

Reason for decision:

Roberts Lane has been permanently closed in response to the concerns raised by Chalfont St Peter Parish Council about use of Roberts Lane for rat-running due to the closure of Chalfont Lane nearby for HS2 construction traffic.

A small piece of farmland has been purchased by the Council from the Epilepsy Society as a Turning Head for refuse and emergency vehicles to access Roberts Lane.

The land purchase for the Turning Head was completed in 2021. In order to maintain it as public Highways, it needs to be appropriated to the Highways team.

Authority to take this decision:

This is a delegated decision to the Director of Property & Assets.

Other options available, and their pros and cons:

The alternative option will be for the Turning Head to be maintained by the Property Assets team. However, public highways in the Council is maintained by the Highway teams who is the appropriate team to take on the maintenance responsibility.

Conflicts of interest: None known.

Key Risks:

No known risk as the land has already been bought and registered.

Legal implications

This land is not currently appropriated for planning purposes and that the Council intends to formally appropriate the land under section 122 LGA 1972.

Financial implications

The cost to maintain the turning head will be minimal.

Next steps and review:

As the land is already opened to the public, the land will immediately become a public highway once this is accepted.

Exemption from publication:

There was an Officer Decision Report for the purchase of the turning head. Construction was completed in 2019. The Completion of Registration was issued by the Land Registry in 2021 which has already been forwarded to the Property Assets team.

Background papers

Office Decision Report for the purchase of Roberts Lane Turning Head.
Completion of Registration, Register of title and Title Plan.

Lead Officer: Richard Lumley

Signed: 

Date: 11.02.2022

Director Property & Assets: John Reed

Signed: 

Date: 11-02-22

(Where there is a financial implication to the OED)

Finance Lead Officer: Claire Hunter

Signed: 

Date: 13/02/22