

Inner Ring Road Stages 3 and 5 and Five Lamps - Surplus Land

SUMMARY

- 1.1 To ensure that land not required for the Connecting Derby Project and which is currently reserved for highway use for Stages 3 and 5 of the Inner Ring Road and for highway improvements within the Five Lamps area may be released for other purposes it is necessary to rescind the reservation order on the land.
- 1.2 The land concerned and currently reserved for highway use is not included in the City of Derby Local Plan which was adopted January 2006.
- 1.3 Subject to any issues raised at the meeting, I support the following recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To Authorise the Director of Regeneration and Community to rescind the reservation currently in place on the land that is currently reserved for the completion of the Inner Ring Road Stages 3 and 5 and for highway works within the Five Lamps area and is not required for the Connecting Derby Project.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Land that is reserved for highway use cannot be developed and is therefore potentially subject to blight.
- 3.2 Land that is currently reserved for highway use within 200m of any property which has been subject to a Local Land Charges Search (a search) carried out by the Council on behalf of prospective purchases of land has to be declared by the City Council.



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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 In 1998 a public consultation exercise was undertaken to identify problems and opportunities within the city centre area.
- 1.2 This consultation exercise led to the preparation of a Problem Statement.
- 1.3 In 1999 the results from the Problem Statement were noted by the Planning and Technical Services Committee and specific transport objectives and work programme were approved as a basis for developing of the strategy
- 1.4 Planning and Technical Services Committee gave approval in March 1999 to go out to public consultation on a number of different options and proposals for improving transportation in the city centre and a public exhibition was held in June 1999.
- 1.5 In February 2000 the results of the consultation were reported to Committee.
- 1.6 In June 2000 a preferred City Centre Transportation Strategy was adopted.
- 1.7 This Strategy was submitted to Government for approval as a Major Scheme as part of the July 2000 Derby Joint Local Transport Plans and became known as Connecting Derby.
- 1.8 For most of the route for the completion of the Inner Ring Road, Connecting Derby kept within the land already reserved for highway use. The major difference is within the Friar Gate area, where it was decided that instead of a dual carriageway passing over Friar Gate utilising Handyside Bridge that an on-line improvement would be constructed along Ford St and Stafford Street.
- 1.9 This has meant that a large area of land within the boundary of the Friar Gate Goods Yard will not be required for the highway.
- 1.10 This was recognised within the Derby City Council Local Plan Review in 2006
- 1.11 Although the Local Plan now shows the proposals for Connecting Derby, the land reserved for the Inner Ring Road Stages 3 and 5 is still declared in a Search.

- 1.12 At Five Lamps the area reserved is much greater than the proposals being put forward within the Connecting Derby Scheme.
- 1.13 Land required for the completion of the Inner Ring Road Stages 3 and 5 has been reserved for highway use since the 1950's, and that required for the purposes of junction improvements in the Five Lamps area since at least 1990.
- 1.14 In these circumstance it is therefore appropriate to release the land for alternative uses, which will hopefully enable development of the Friar Gate Goods Yard land.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2. There were no other options considered, as this report only relates to the rescinding of the use of land for highway purposes.

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Background papers: None
List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 The Council does not own any properties in the area of land that will be rescinded.
- 1.2 There is no impact on the Connecting Derby capital programme as no property purchase for these areas has been built into the scheme costs.

Legal

- 2.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report

Personnel

- 3. None directly arising.

Equalities impact

- 4. None directly arising.

Corporate Priorities

- 5.1 The proposal comes under the Council's Objectives of **job opportunities; a healthy environment; shops, commercial and leisure activities.**
- 5.2 The proposal furthers the priorities of **promoting the city as a major force for industry, commerce, culture and tourism.**