Area Panel 3 - 30 March 2005

## 57/04 Hartington Street Renewal Programme

Henry Cipcer gave a presentation detailing the current progress on the Hartington Street Renewal Programme.

A member of the public asked what was going to be done about the building on the corner of Leopold Street. It had an odd fabric extension to it which looked awful and detracted from the regeneration happening in the rest of the area. Henry Cipcer replied that the Council was in the process of applying for compulsory purchase orders - CPO for this property and a number of other empty buildings on the street.

A member of the public asked whether a sign could be put up at the building on the corner of Leopold Street saying that it was to be regenerated and for more general signs to be erected to let them know that the area was getting special attention. The panel agreed that this was a good idea and Henry Cipcer agreed to follow up this suggestion.

Councillor Hussain commented that although various regeneration projects were apparent, it was also clear that there was no coordination between the various departments involved in the regeneration of the area. Projects are done to regenerate some properties in an area, while other properties were left to run-down. He suggested that the planners should make sure that no more properties with multi-occupancy were built in this area for the next few years. Henry Cipcer replied that he was limited to the housing point of view but he was aware that the Planning department had refused multi-occupancy developments recently in the area. He commented that it was a long process and were limited with what was already there.

Councillor Burgess gave a word of caution that planning procedures may not allow a blanket refusal of multi-occupancy properties.

## Resolved to:

Ask Council Cabinet to ensure that long-term coordinated action is taken by the departments involved in regeneration to stop the proliferation of house in multiple-occupancy in Arboretum.

Ask for a full and detailed report back as to what action the Council can take to address this issue.