

Officer Executive Decisions

Land at Eastcourt Lane and Woodchurch Green, Twydall, for Proposed Residential

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date

On 14 January 2020, the Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Director Regeneration, Culture, Environment and Transformation and Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Services and the Portfolio Holder for Resources to:

- i. advertise the proposed appropriation of the land at Eastcourt Lane, Gillingham and Woodchurch Green, Gillingham, as shown edged red on the plans attached at Appendices 1 and 2 to the report respectively, to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).
- ii. consider any objections to the proposal and determine whether or not to appropriate the land at Eastcourt Lane, Gillingham and Woodchurch Green, Gillingham as shown edged red on the plans attached at Appendices 1 and 2 to the report, so that the land can be used for residential use, subject to planning permission being obtained for this purpose.
- iii. once planning consent has been obtained for housing on the land to appropriate the land to the HRA (decision 9/2020 refers).

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Decision

It has been decided that the land at both Eastcourt Green and Woodchurch Crescent will be appropriated to the HRA.

Reasons for Decision

The intention to appropriate both areas of land was advertised in the local papers for two consecutive weeks, one response was received, which objected to the appropriation of land at Eastcourt Green. This objection was considered, however it was decided that the need for affordable housing in Medway justified the restricted development on Woodchurch Crescent and Eastcourt Green. A S106 payment will be made to assist with the maintenance and upgrade of greenspace in the local vicinity.

Date of Decision

10 July 2020

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Details of any other options considered and rejected

1. Not to appropriate the land to the HRA. This would have resulted in no affordable housing units being delivered on these two sites. This option was rejected.
2. Appropriate the entire area of Green at Eastcourt Green and Woodchurch Crescent. It was decided that as much greenspace as possible should remain as greenspace, therefore only the areas being developed for affordable housing should be appropriated.

Conflicts of Interest

None