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Venue Astley Room - Castle
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**NEWCASTLE
UNDER LYME**
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Cabinet

AGENDA

PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA

- 1 APOLOGIES**
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest from Members on items included in the agenda.
- 3 MINUTES** (Pages 5 - 10)
To consider the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 April 2021.
- 4 WALLEY'S QUARRY UPDATE REPORT** (Pages 11 - 24)
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- 5 KIDSGROVE SPORTS CENTRE REFURBISHMENT** (Pages 25 - 32)
- 6 KNUTTON MASTERPLAN: REPORT ON PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT KNUTTON MASTERPLAN** (Pages 33 - 36)
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13 FORWARD PLAN (Pages 217 - 220)

14 URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

15 DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION

To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following reports, because it is likely that there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972.

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17 ATTENDANCE AT CABINET MEETINGS

Councillor attendance at Cabinet meetings:

- (1) The Chair or spokesperson of the Council's scrutiny committees and the mover of any motion referred to Cabinet shall be entitled to attend any formal public meeting of Cabinet to speak.
- (2) Other persons including non-executive members of the Council may speak at such meetings with the permission of the Chair of the Cabinet.

Public attendance at Cabinet meetings:

- (1) If a member of the public wishes to ask a question(s) at a meeting of Cabinet, they should serve two clear days' notice in writing of any such question(s) to the appropriate committee officer.
- (2) The Council Leader as Chair of Cabinet is given the discretion to waive the above deadline and assess the permissibility if the question(s). The Chair's decision will be final.
- (3) The maximum limit is three public questions at any one Cabinet meeting.
- (4) A maximum limit of three minutes is provided for each person to ask an initial question or make an initial statement to the Cabinet.
- (5) Any questions deemed to be repetitious or vexatious will be disallowed at the discretion of the Chair.

Members: Councillors Simon Tagg (Chair), Stephen Sweeney (Vice-Chair), Gill Heesom, Trevor Johnson, Paul Northcott and Jill Waring

Members of the Council: If you identify any personal training/development requirements from any of the items included in this agenda or through issues raised during the meeting, please bring them to the attention of the Democratic Services Officer at the close of the meeting.

Meeting Quorums :- 16+= 5 Members; 10-15=4 Members; 5-9=3 Members; 5 or less = 2 Members.

Officers will be in attendance prior to the meeting for informal discussions on agenda items.

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CABINET

Wednesday, 21st April, 2021
Time of Commencement: 2.00 pm

Present:- Councillor Simon Tagg – Chair

Councillors Stephen Sweeney, Trevor Johnson,
Helena Maxfield, Paul Northcott and
Jill Waring

Officers David Adams, Martin Hamilton, Simon
McEneny, Daniel Dickinson, Denise
French and Sarah Wilkes

101. **HRH PRINCE PHILIP, THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AND THE MAYORESS, MRS ANGELA COOPER**

Since the last meeting of Cabinet, the death on 9th April, had been announced of HRH, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh.

On Monday 19th April, the Mayoress, Mrs Angela Cooper, had passed away after a long illness.

Members paid tribute to Prince Philip noting his sense of duty and the legacy of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Members paid tribute to Mrs Cooper, who all remembered as a friendly and bubbly personality who had embraced her role as Mayoress.

All present observed one minute's silence.

102. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

103. **MINUTES**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March be approved as a correct record.

104. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest stated.

105. **UPDATE ON ON-GOING ODOUR PROBLEM AFFECTING THE BOROUGH**

Cabinet considered a report on the on-going odour problem that was affecting the Borough and was widely believed to come from Walley's Quarry Landfill Site in Silverdale.

The Chief Executive introduced the report. The odour issues had been the subject of the Extraordinary Council meeting on 18th March. A number of actions had been taken following that meeting and the Chief Executive updated:

- The Environment Agency (EA) had been requested to require RED to suspend operations. They had responded that this action would have little practical effect as RED had suspended accepting new waste in March. The EA also explained that odour issues were from older waste that was decomposing rather than new waste;
- The CCG and Public Health England (PHE) had been requested to arrange health screening to those who were impacted. PHE had advised they were to use a process called Real Time Syndromic Surveillance; and were looking at accessing information directly from GPs. The CCG was working with Keele University to analyse historic health data and Air Quality data.
- Aaron Bell MP was to meet with the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs regarding both the odour issues in general and the Council's request that an investigation be held into the EA's handling of the permit relating to Walley's Quarry.
- Neighbouring Councils were in support of the Council's action.

The Chief Executive then updated on each of the recommendations from the Scrutiny Review which were specifically for action by the Council:

- Recommendation 1: undertake a review and appraisal of EA monitoring data and work with the EA for any future monitoring – Air quality consulting company Ricardo had been commissioned to review the first two EA monitoring campaigns. Their findings were set out in the report and had been shared with the EA. They concluded that the EA monitoring focused on the health risk rather than the associated nuisance impact arising from odours and hydrogen sulphide.
- Recommendation 2: prepare and undertake air pollution monitoring, the results of which shall be made available on the Council's website – the Council was to jointly fund with the EA and County Council an additional two monitoring units. The data would be reviewed weekly by Public Health and rated as Red, Amber, Green against World Health Organisation thresholds. It would be published after a validation process and be shared with agencies; it was important that data was validated to give confidence. A similar approach would be taken to rate odour in terms of nuisance ratings.
- Recommendation 3: request confirmation from the EA as to the odour source(s) and specify appropriate method of control. As noted in the report, there had been recent breaches of the EA permit including one significant breach. The Council and EA had also been informed by RED that they had identified an alternative source of the odours but further detail was yet to be supplied. The EA had identified specific measures to be undertaken by RED – gas management and capping – to alleviate odours. The EA were working to a deadline of 30 April to assess the effectiveness of these measures.
- Recommendation 4: undertake odour nuisance investigations to establish whether a statutory odour nuisance exists under the provisions of section 79 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and to comply with the legal duties under that Act. The Council's Environmental Health Officers had been undertaking Odour Tours to collect consistent information on levels and source of odours; officers were endeavouring to respond in real time to odour reports; there were also a number of specimen properties in the town based on knowledge of where odours were particularly impactful.

- Recommendation 5: seek legal advice regarding any other legal routes to remedy odour and other issues identified to support the local community, business and residents. The Council had taken legal advice on potential action as outlined in the report. The Council had also commissioned work from a technical expert with specific knowledge of landfill who was reviewing information and providing reports on findings.

The Leader referred to a number of questions submitted via social media:

- Could an explanation of 'statutory nuisance' be given? The Head of Environmental Health gave a detailed explanation. In summary, the Council would need to consider if the odour was prejudicial to health or causing a nuisance; there were 7 criteria to take into account. There would need to be notice taken of existing Case Law and precedents. If, after detailed consideration, the Council concluded there was a Statutory Nuisance there would be a duty to serve an Abatement Notice. This would prohibit, restrict or require works to be taken but the Council could not require the site to be closed. There would be a right of appeal to the Magistrates Court. One of the main defences would be for the operator to show they were using Best Practicable Means (BPM). It was likely the EA would be called as a witness and their procedures included requiring use of Best Available Techniques – this was very similar to BPM. It should also be noted that the site held an Environmental Permit and should any further action be considered, beyond an Abatement Notice, this would require the permission of the Secretary of State.
- When would the investigation be concluded? The Chief Executive explained that the Council would continue to investigate as long as complaints were received. The Council had also put in place a number of measures, as outlined above, which would provide information and evidence to produce a consistent picture.
- Would the Council take legal action against the operator? The Chief Executive referred to the above answer from the Head of Environmental Health. The Council had taken legal advice and if the Council identified a Statutory Nuisance then there was a duty to serve an Abatement Notice.

Members then discussed the report and presentations and raised issues as follows:

- It was noted that the EA had now acknowledged in written communications to residents that odours were emanating from Walley's Quarry rather than stating the odours were arising from the vicinity.
- Members raised concerns that the odours were similar to gas odours and this could cause issues of dismissing gas leaks as being Quarry odours.
- Were the EA attending on site? It was confirmed that the EA were on site on a regular basis and were undertaking planned and unplanned visits; they had advised the capping works were progressing.
- There appeared to be pools of liquid on site and this had been shown on drone footage; had this been identified? The Chief Executive explained that this had been raised with the technical expert and their comments awaited.
- Did Council officers visit the site? The Head of Environmental Health explained that the Council had attended on site on one occasion but the Council's focus and role in line with legislation was to look at the impact on residents and businesses and communities. Council officers were visiting the area and specimen properties on a daily basis including weekends. It was not the Council's role to regulate the site.
- Was there a timeline for when further action might be taken? The Chief Executive advised this was dependent on evidence. It was expected that a

decision would be made fairly soon as to whether a Statutory Nuisance was occurring based on all the evidence and criteria as outlined at the meeting.

A number of other questions had been received:

- What advice could be given to vulnerable members of the public experiencing hydrogen sulphide in their homes? The Chief Executive explained the Director of Public Health had advised the risk of sustained health impact was low but he encouraged people experiencing a physical or mental health impact to speak to GPs or NHS Direct or A&E as necessary; this would ensure help was given and would also build an evidence base. Secondly, he suggested they report it to the Council, the EA and RED industries.
- Could people access temporary accommodation to gain respite? The Chief Executive explained the Council's responsibilities here were in relation to Emergency Planning which related to extreme circumstances such as an explosion or risk of explosion. In such a case the response could include opening a rest centre for a temporary period to deal with an emergency. It was not appropriate in these circumstances.
- Could the Council do some health monitoring? The Chief Executive suggested such monitoring would need to be ongoing rather than a snapshot. The Council needed to be guided by health professionals who advised gathering the information from the health services above – GPs, NHS Direct (111) and A&E and residents were urged to report issues as outlined.
- Reference was made to Thistleberry Residents Association and their role and remit. The Leader advised that Aaron Bell MP was in contact with this organisation and they were part of the Liaison Committee. The Council's role was to communicate with all groups on an equal basis.
- A question was raised about the impact of HGVs, traffic levels and queuing on local roads. The Chief Executive said the planning permission set the operating hours from 7.00am but it was unclear if this extended to queues outside the site. If vehicles could not queue on adjoining roads it could push the issue further out onto other roads. This matter was being considered by the County Council as Highway Authority. If residents were aware of tipping outside the set hours they should report it.
- Was there any knowledge of a financial bond with the operators? This had been raised with the County Council and information awaited; there was no bond with the Borough Council.
- Could residents withhold Council Tax? This was advised against; it could impact local services both those provided by the Borough and by the County Council.
- Could EA data be publicised especially relating to March and April? The Council was urging the EA to publicise data as soon as it had been validated.

The Leader referred to information from the operator about an alternative source of problem odours but as noted in the report, the Council had not had sight of the reports from REDS's advisors.

There had been requests that meetings of the Liaison Committee be webcast but to date the operator had refused this request. The Leader advised he would not be attending the meetings in his role as County Council representative until the operators were willing to webcast the liaison meetings and understood that the Borough representative, Councillor Jones, had also taken this approach.

Resolved: That:

- (a) the latest position regarding problem odours in the borough be noted;

- (b) the progress made on the actions arising from the extraordinary meeting of full Council on 18th March 2021 be noted; and
- (c) the programme of work as set out in the report be endorsed.

106. NEWCASTLE TOWN CENTRE FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND AWARD

Cabinet considered a report on the Future High Street Fund grant award. MHCLG had confirmed the grant award in December but had allocated 69% of the submission amount due to overall demand for the Fund. The Council had accepted the reduced amount and removed the Midway Car Park demolition from the scheme along with reducing expenditure on public realm projects. The report set out that the grant had now been received and recommended some match funding towards the scheme of projects.

The report also listed the key projects which included:

- Demolition of the former Civic Officers at Ryecroft
- A new multi-storey car park at Ryecroft
- Improvements to the market area
- Improvements to part of upper High Street
- Pedestrian wayfinding

Resolved: That:

- (a) The Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government Future High Street Fund grant of £11,048,260.00 be accepted.
- (b) The scheme of projects that the grant amount will fund be accepted.
- (c) The £3.5m of match funding towards the scheme of projects be approved; and
- (d) The Executive Director Commercial Development and Economic Growth be authorised to work with the Leader of the Council to deliver the projects as set out within the grant award.

107. NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY 2021 - 26

Cabinet considered a proposed Playing Pitch Strategy for the period 2021 – 2026 which set out the Council's strategy for identifying and meeting the playing pitch and associated facilities needs of the Borough from the present until 2026. It included all playing pitches in the Borough both in public and private ownership. It included natural and artificial pitches used for a wide variety of sports including football, netball and bowls. The Strategy would be a useful document towards bidding for funding towards sport and leisure needs. It was also an important document for the Borough Plan as part of the evidence base.

Resolved: That:

- (a) The Newcastle under Lyme Playing Pitch Strategy 2021 – 2026 (PPS) be approved and be the basis for making strategic decisions on future playing pitch provision and associated facilities across the Borough; and
- (b) A review of the PPS be carried out by the Steering Group on an annual basis and any significant changes be reported to Cabinet, to ensure that identified local priorities continue to be achieved.

108. INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT UPDATE

Cabinet considered the Services Agreement for Internal Audit Services between Stoke on Trent City Council and the Borough Council. The Agreement needed

approval to ensure the continuation of the Internal Audit service provided by Stoke on Trent City Council along with their service to the Council of fraud detection and prevention.

Resolved: That the updated Internal Audit Service Level Agreement be approved.

109. **FORWARD PLAN**

Consideration was given to the Forward Plan listing upcoming key decisions to be made by Cabinet.

Resolved: That the Forward Plan be received subject to one amendment to move the report on Newcastle Crematorium from the July Cabinet meeting to the meeting of Cabinet on 9 June 2021.

110. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Urgent Business.

COUNCILLOR SIMON TAGG
Chair

Meeting concluded at 3.14 pm

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO CABINET

9 June 2021

Report Title: Walleys Quarry Update Report

Submitted by: Chief Executive

Portfolios: Environment & Recycling; One Council, People & Partnerships

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To provide Cabinet with an update regarding ongoing work to address problem odours in the Borough associated with Walleys Quarry.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet is recommended to:

- (1) Note that work to date by Council officers, supported by the efforts of other agencies, has ruled out the existence of any credible source of the borough odour problem other than Walleys Quarry, and once again call on the operator of Walleys Quarry to accept its role in this issue and work to resolve it.
- (2) Note that a letter before action has been served on Walleys Quarry Ltd informing them of the Councils work regarding statutory nuisance and affording them the opportunity to provide to this Council any information to satisfy it that the company has an effective action plan and acceptable timeline in place to prevent the emission of regular, persistent and offensive odours detectable beyond the site boundary.
- (3) Note that any information received from Walleys Quarry Ltd to the letter before action will be considered after the expiry of the 14 day period for response, to inform the subsequent decision on the appropriateness of the Council serving a statutory abatement notice.
- (4) Agree that the Council continues to work with and support multi agency partner organisations in order to investigate and resolve the odour issues.

Reasons

To ensure that Cabinet are aware of the latest position regarding this high priority area of work.

1. Background

- 1.1 For a number of years, parts of the borough have suffered from problematic foul odours, widely believed to come from the Walley's Quarry Landfill Site in Silverdale operated by Walleys Quarry Ltd, part of the RED Industries group of companies. Addressing this issue has been a priority for the current administration, with a budget specific budget of £50,000 agreed in February to enabled specialist advice to be secured and targeted work to be undertaken.

- 1.2 The Environment Agency is the lead regulator for such sites, testing and enforcing compliance with the permit under which the site operates. The Council also has a role in influencing the operation and performance of such sites, where an operator fails to comply with actions required under an abatement notice issued by the Council in relation to any statutory nuisance caused by the site.
- 1.3 This report summarises both the latest position regarding the odours, action to regulate the Walleys Quarry site, and the actions being taken by the Council

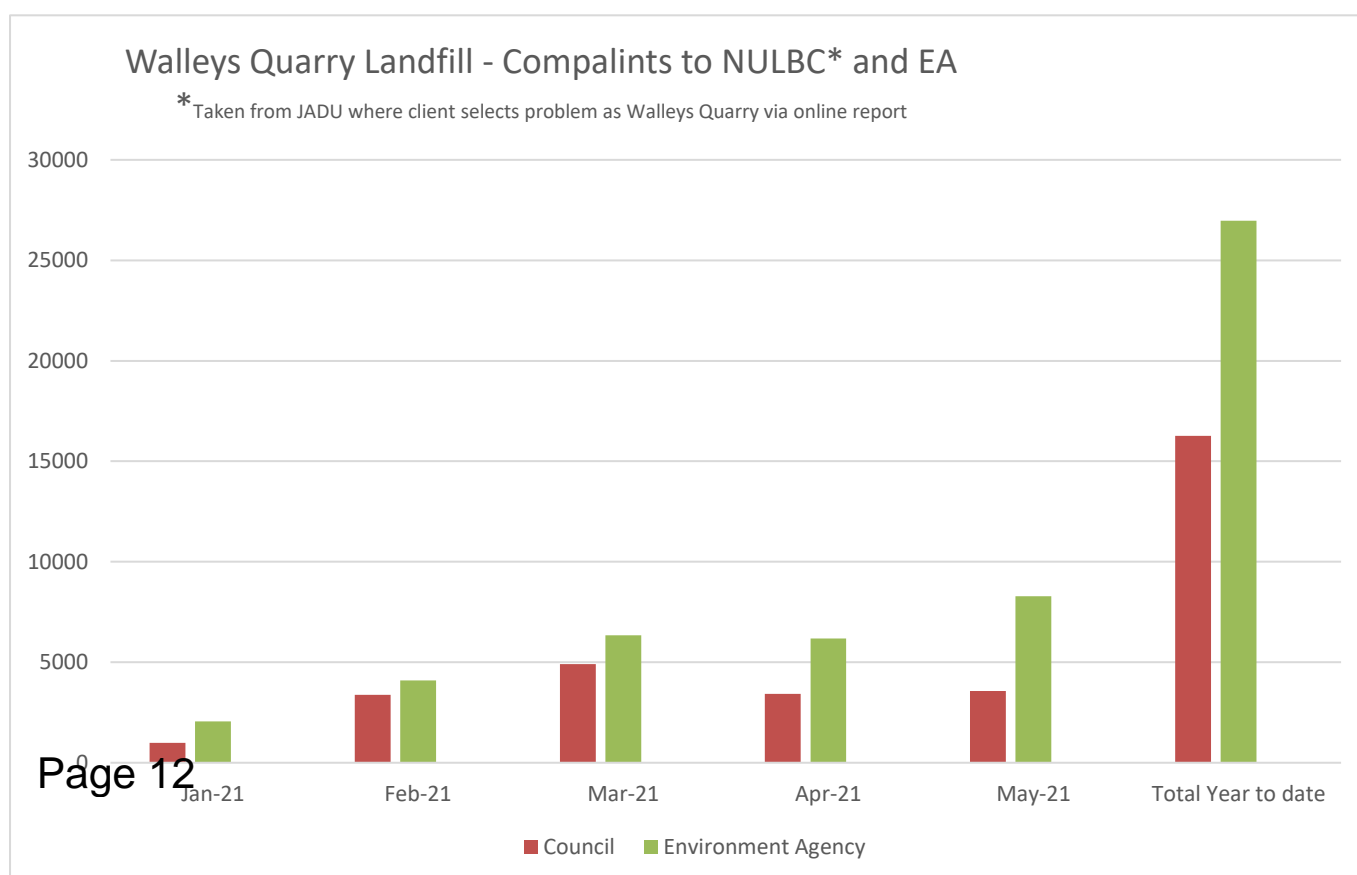
2. Issues

- 2.1 Since the incident on the 26-28 February, and the subsequent Council debate, there has been a step change in multi-agency working regarding the landfill operation, associated odours, and in particular the potential impact on health. Agencies involved in overseeing aspects of the local impact of the landfill have been in regular meetings, as well as senior level meetings between the Council and the Environment Agency. A concerted focus on the issue has enabled progress to be made in a number of key areas, as summarised in this report.

Complaints

- 2.2 Complaints of foul odours escaping from the site continue to be made by residents to both the Council and the Environment Agency. Table 1 below shows complaints made since January 2021, reflecting the major spike in complaints at the end of February 2021. In the first 5 months of 2021 the Council has received a total of 16,265 complaints, and the Environment Agency 26,996. The Council routinely shares anonymised complaints with the landfill operator so that they can be aware of and address community concerns. In some cases the same complaint will have been submitted to both the Environment Agency and the Borough Council.

Complaints To	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021	Total Year to Date
Council	993	3372	4913	3421	3566	16,265
Environment Agency	2050	4098	6347	6181	8290	26,966



Council Activity in relation to the Odour Problems

- 2.3 As previously reported, the Council is engaged in a multi-agency effort to secure co-ordinated action to address the issues related to Walleys Quarry. This work involves colleagues from Environment Agency, Staffordshire County Council, Public Health England and the Clinical Commissioning Group. Work to date, and the conclusions drawn are set out in detail below.

Source & Cause of Odour Problems in the Community

- 2.4 In the operation of a landfill site the successful management of odours emanating from the site involves three closely connected issues:

- **Containment of Gas** – typically by having both effective capping of the site and impermeable base and sides. If effective temporary and permanent capping is in place, over sufficient areas of the site, the opportunity for “fugitive gas” escaping from the surface and flanks of the landfill is greatly reduced, and makes more of the gas generated by the site available for capture.
- **Capture of Gas** - A gas management system comprising wells and pipework will provide a means to extract gas contained in the site in a managed way, and direct it to equipment used for its destruction.
- **Destruction of Gas** – Gas collected from the site is destroyed by burning, either in engines designed to burn the gas and generate electricity, or in flares, which burn the gas, but do not have an associated energy plant.

- 2.5 In addition to the three items above, the other variable is the material contained in the waste which results in gas production during its decay.

- 2.6 Walleys Quarry Ltd issued a statement on 25 March 2021 indicating that they had found that a likely source of hydrogen sulphide contamination in the area, not linked to the landfill site and which, according to their assessment, could not originate from Walley's Quarry. The assertion was that ground water that had collected onsite, but which originated from outside of the landfill liner, was found to be contaminated with Hydrogen Sulphide. The suggestion being that the ground water was already contaminated before it arrived on site.

- 2.7 The Council and the Environment Agency have both asked the Walleys Quarry operator to share any evidence that they have underpinning this assertion, but no credible evidence has been provided. However, three distinct strands of work have been progressed by partners:

- The Coal Authority has reviewed their data and dismissed the possibility of the issue being related to former coal workings.
- Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council acts as the regulators for private water supplies (any supply of water not from a public undertaker or licensed supplier). These Regulations place a duty on local authorities to conduct a risk assessment of each private water supply within their area and to undertake monitoring to determine compliance with drinking water standards (except those to single dwellings, unless requested). If the quality of water at a private water supply fails to meet drinking water standards, or if it is considered necessary following a risk assessment, the local authority must ensure that action is taken to address those issues. The conclusion of the work to identify and assess relevant private water supplies was that there were none which posed any risk.

- It is notable that the Environment Agency now directly attribute the odours in the borough to the operation of the landfill site in their public statements, and have determined the existence of breaches of the Walleys Quarry permit in relation to “odour off site at a level of annoyance”. No alternate source has been identified and any suggestion that contaminated groundwater is at the heart of the problem can be rejected for absence of any evidence.

2.8 Council officers are clear that the foul and problematic odours experienced in the borough originate from the Walley’s Quarry site, and are content that there are no credible alternative sources of the odour.

3. **Air Quality Monitoring**

3.1 The Council, Staffordshire County Council, and the Environment Agency are jointly funding a campaign of air quality monitoring which will run until August utilising four static air monitoring stations. Data from these stations is reviewed to provide information in relation to two standards relating to Hydrogen Sulphide (H₂S) – the WHO Health threshold and the WHO annoyance threshold, with this analysis published by stakeholders.

3.2 Hydrogen sulphide concentrations were above the World Health Organization’s odour annoyance guideline level (7 µg/m³, 30-minute average) for the following percentages of each week:

Location	19/4 – 25/4	26/4-2/5	3//5 – 9/5	10/5-16/5	17/5-23/5	24/5 – 30/5
MMF1 - Silverdale Cemetery	18%	4%	6%	15%	1%	7%
MMF2 - Silverdale Road	8%	10%	21%	20%	9%	15%
MMF6 - NuL Fire Station	4%	13%	6%	1%	10%	16%
MMF9 - Galingale View	21%	35%	48%	10%	53%	47%

3.3 From this data it is apparent that there was potential for significant odour complaints to occur over these periods, with the Galingale View area most significantly impacted.

3.4 At MMF1, MMF2 and MMF6 24-hour average values were significantly below the WHO 24-hour average guideline value of 150µg/m³. However, at MMF9, the 24-hour average guideline value was exceeded on two days during the monitoring period: 7 & 8 March 2021, the highest of which was 202µg/m³. Exposure to concentrations of hydrogen sulphide above the WHO 24-hour guideline value mean that notable discomfort and irritation. It does not necessarily mean eye irritation or other health effects will occur, but it reduces the margin of safety that is considered desirable to protect health.

3.5 Whilst health experts have advised that the current levels of H₂S exposure are unlikely to lead to long-term health effects, it is nonetheless unacceptable that residents are exposed to the short term effects identified, and routinely reported by residents.

- 3.6 The Analysis of the April data by Public Health England is attached at https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/west-midlands/walleys-quarry-landfill-silverdale/user_uploads/health-risk-assessment-air-quality-monitoring---april.pdf . The Council has also used the above data for March as the key input to its analysis as outlined in section 4.

4. Odour Nuisance Investigations

- 4.1 The Council's environmental health officers have been following up complaints to establish whether a statutory odour nuisance exists under the provisions of section 79 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- 4.2 In addition to the air quality work outlined above, the Council has deployed two Jerome hand held devices to monitor air quality in the area and also inside the homes of a sample of properties where the occupiers have agreed to such monitoring.
- 4.3 Static units - Typically, one unit has been left for periods of time in a sample property to identify concentrations of H₂S over a prolonged period. The device used in this way has recorded instances where there are elevated concentrations of H₂S in residents' homes at a level exceeding the WHO annoyance level.

Occupiers of candidate properties have been assisting investigations by maintaining records of when the odour is present, how strong and offensive the odour is and how it impacts upon using their home. These records are in the process of being collated. In addition these findings are to be assessed against the Jerome readings and also the air quality monitoring data.

In the previous report, it was detailed that in excess of 25,000 odour assessments had been completed by Officers during odour tours. The data from "odour tours" carried out in February, March and April have likewise been analysed and these demonstrate that the strongest odours are witnessed downwind of the landfill site. This information has been assessed by an independent odour advisor in relation to elements of nuisance.

- 4.4 Officers have conducted regular odour assessment visits, both within the normal working day and out of hours, to monitor and witness odours. During May the team operated a permanent nightshift, responding to approximately 100 night-time calls from the candidate properties. About half the calls resulted in odour assessment visits and provided varied results where the odour was detected but also occasions whereby no odour was detected.

The Council has commissioned external odour experts to use the jointly commissioned Environment Agency's air quality monitoring data to model the likely odour footprint around Walleys Quarry. The prediction from this modelling is consistent with the complaint data; this analysis points to Walleys Quarry being the source of the odour, as reported by residents.

The Council has engaged an advisor who has specific expertise in landfill management and enforcement. This advisor has indicated that the solution to the odours from the landfill site lie in ensuring appropriate capping on the site and the effectiveness of the gas management arrangements on the site – essentially the Contain, Capture and Destroy process set out above.

5. Environment Agency Enforcement Action

- 5.1 The Environment Agency are engaged in a programme of compliance checking and enforcement activity relating to the Walleys Quarry site, with the priority objective of addressing the odour issues associated with the site experienced by the community.

Since February, the Environment Agency has issued 10 Compliance Assessment Report forms to Walleys Quarry, each identifying areas of non-compliance with the operating permit and

specifying works to be undertaken in remedy. These are summarised below. Members will note that in the main these relate to improving the approach to capping and gas management.

- Each breach is classified as being at a particular level:
 - CCS1 - Major impact on human health, quality of life or the environment
 - CCS2 – Significant impact on human health, quality of life or the environment
 - CCS3 – Minor impact on human health, quality of life or the environment
 - CCS4 - no impact on human health, quality of life or the environment
- **4 February – Site visit (1 breach)** Breach for collected contaminated surface water which has the potential to generate odour and reduce flow of gas to treatment; **(1xCCS 3)**
- **5 March – Gas review (2 breaches)** Breach for not operating in accordance with LFG Risk Assessment and LFG Management **(1 x CCS 2)**;
- Breach for failure to notify Agency infrastructure was compromised by and take action to restore compliance in shortest time possible **(1 x CCS 3)**
- **23 March – Site visit (2 breaches)**
 - Breach for Odour off site at level of annoyance **(1 x CCS3)**
 - Breach for the cause of odour, failure to undertake permanent and temporary capping in a timely manner **(1 x CCS3)**
- **26 March – Enforcement notice** relating to capping with a deadline of 30 April
- **18 May – Review of Dust Management Procedures (1 breach)**
 - Failure to complete annual review as required by procedure **(1 x CCS4)**
- **19 May – Review of surface emissions and action plan (2 breaches)**
 - Breaches for failure to follow requirements of LGFG Management plan and Odour Management Plan **(2 x CCS 3)**
- **21 May – Site visit (2 breaches)**
 - Breach for Odour off site at level of annoyance **(1 x CCS3)**
 - Breach for the cause of odour, failure for delay in the detection of fugitive emissions and taking remedial actions **(1 x CCS3)**

5.2 Actions Required by the Environment Agency of Walleys Quarry Ltd

The table below sets out actions that have required by the EA of Walleys Quarry Ltd together with due dates and the EA's of whether the works are complete. The EA have advised that items 17, 19, 21 and 22 are either not yet complete or not due for completion.

	Action	Due Date
1	Remove leachate contaminated surface water to treatment	20 Feb 21
2	Submit weekly reports on operation of gas management system	15 Mar 21
3	Provide information on technical details of capping material and extent of temporary capping.	2 Apr 21

4	Provide amendments to permanent capping plan	
5	Submit a programme of works including gas management and treatment apparatus, telemetry and additional wells	12 Apr 21
6	Confirm quality of surface and settled ground waters in compliance with emission standards.	
7	Required cell 1, which is the completed cell, to be permanently capped. Permanent capping is a term used when the cell is no longer being used for the deposition of waste and the cell is considered to be closed, and significant assists in containing and capturing gas.	30 Apr 21
8	Required cell 2 to be temporarily capped. Where capping work is being carried out on an area of the landfill which is not completed but no waste is being added for some time, it is termed temporary capping, as waste may still be added on top.	30 Apr 21
9	Provide an updated plan of infrastructure for managing gas collection.	
10	Submit the results of a surface emissions survey to be carried out by the site following completion of the installation of new wells in February 2021.	12 May 21
11	Submit notifications for instances of telemetry failure	ongoing
12	Ensure any planned disruption to infrastructure is managed in accordance with the site's Landfill Gas Management Plan and it is for the shortest time necessary.	ongoing
13	Provide information for Fugitive Gas Management Plan and Action Plan.	28 May 21
14	Complete works specified in Fugitive Gas Management Plan and Action Plan.	various
15	Submit a report on their response to the complaints received over the weekend of 26-28 February.	26 Mar 21
16	Complete the actions operator has identified following its surface emissions survey work.	1 June 21

17	Repeat a full surface emissions survey by 18 June and report its findings by 25 June to allow the regulator to evaluate the effectiveness of the actions.	25 June 21
18	Liaise with gas contractor and take all appropriate measures to ensure gas emissions are controlled.	ongoing
19	Given the reported corrosion identified to some pipework at the gas utilisation compound, investigate as a matter of urgency the integrity of the rest of the gas utilisation plant and flares to ensure there are no leaks of landfill gas which could lead to potentially hazardous and/or explosive atmospheres of fugitive emissions off site. Submit a report detailing the findings of this investigation and what remedial works have been undertaken by 4 th June 2021.	4 June 21
20	Ensure that the odour management plan and landfill gas management plan are followed in full and complete the specified works in the action plans.	ongoing
21	Complete a methane flux box survey, which is a different type of emissions survey used to test the capping	30 Sept 21
22	Submit a revised dust management plan	14 June 21

The current focus of the remedial work being required by the Environment Agency is consistent with the issues identified by the Council's own advisors as being necessary to bring the odour problems under control.

6. Health Surveillance

- 6.1 Public Health England (PHE) are using the air quality data gathered by Public Health England to provide an ongoing assessment of the health risks associated with the odours from Walleys Quarry. The work of PHE has established that there is little likelihood of long term health effects from the levels of exposure being monitored. There is, however, a likelihood of short term effects such as irritation to eyes, nose and throat.

Staffordshire County Council have launched an online "Symptom Tracker" to enable residents to log any health impacts which they are experiencing, and work is ongoing with Keele University to review existing health data to identify whether there are any identifiable changes in GP or other medical presentations which correlate to the impact of the landfill operation.

7. Lobbying

- 7.1 In addition to the multi-agency effort to bring Walleys Quarry into full compliance, operating without a negative impact on the community, lobbying of government on the issue has continued in the interests of accelerating the process of arriving at a solution.
- Matt Hancock MP, Secretary of State for Health & Social Care wrote to the Chief Executive of the Environment Agency on 4 May 2021 urging the agency to “exercise the full range of their regulatory and enforcement powers over the company and, with Local Authority partners, engage effectively with the affected community to urgently resolve the problems at the site, for the benefit of the community’s health and wellbeing.”
 - The Chief Executive wrote to Rebecca Pow, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, following up on the resolution of Full Council, and asking again for a full review of the regulatory performance of the Environment Agency in regard to Walleys Quarry. In the letter attention was drawn to gas concentrations in the gas collection infrastructure on site which were indicative of a site in need of intensive management and regulatory attention.
 - Cllr Alan White, leader of Staffordshire County Council wrote to the Chief Executive of RED Industries on 14 May 2021 expressing dismay at their stewardship of the site and urging urgent action to resolve the odour, and to re-impose the suspension of deliveries until the odour problem is permanently resolved.
 - Aaron Bell MP secured an Adjournment Debate in Parliament , held on 19th May 2021, in which testimonies from local residents as to the ongoing adverse impacts on their daily enjoyment of their homes, their physical and mental health were shared with the House.

In response, the Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Rebecca Pow MP sympathised with the thousands of residents who have raised complaints and confirmed that the changes to the gas management being made at the moment by the operator, overseen by the EA, are the things that ought to help to reduce the gas and that The EA’s priority is to reduce the gas, hold the operator to account and bring the site back into compliance. The debate ended with the Minister agreeing to continue to closely monitor the situation, holding the operator responsible for reducing the odours from the site.

8. Proposal – Letter Before Action

- 8.1 The Council’s current work programme regarding this issue is currently focussed on collating and analysing data for the purposes of assessing the existence of a statutory nuisance.
- 8.2 In addition, due to the ongoing prevalence of odours being experienced within the community and based on the information within this report, it has now become appropriate to write to Walleys Quarry Ltd in a letter before action to give the company the opportunity to provide to this Council any information to satisfy it that the company has an effective action plan and acceptable timeline in place to prevent the emission of regular, persistent and offensive odours detectable beyond the site boundary.

Issuing a letter before action is an essential preliminary step in the process that the Council must follow. A Court would expect such a letter to have been served and the company afforded the opportunity to respond ahead of any legal action including an abatement notice

- 8.3 It is also proposed that any information received from Walleys Quarry Ltd to the letter before action is considered after the expiry of the 14 day period for response, to inform the subsequent decision on the appropriateness of the Council serving a statutory abatement notice

9. Reasons for Proposed Solution

9.1 To ensure that Cabinet are aware of the latest position regarding this high priority area of work

10. Options Considered

10.1 Consideration has been given to a variety of forms of monitoring and enforcement activity, however the expert advice secured has informed the direction selected.

11. Legal and Statutory Implications

11.1 The Environmental Protection Act 1990, section 79 is the legislation concerned with statutory nuisances in law. This is the principal piece of legislation covering the Council's duties and responsibilities in respect of issues relating to odour nuisance

11.1 The Environmental Protection Act 1990, section 79 sets out the law in relation to statutory nuisance. This is the principal piece of legislation covering the Council's duties and responsibilities in respect of issues relating to odour nuisance.

11.2 The relevant part of Section 79 defines a statutory nuisance as any smell or other effluvia arising on industrial, trade or business premises which is prejudicial to health of a nuisance. The Council is responsible for undertaking inspections and responding to complaints to determine whether or not a statutory nuisance exists.

11.3 Where a statutory nuisance is identified or considered likely to arise or recur, section 80 of the Act requires that an abatement notice is served on those responsible for the nuisance. The abatement notice can either prohibit or restrict the nuisance and may require works to be undertaken by a specified date(s).

11.4 There is a right of appeal against any abatement notice issued on a number of grounds, one of which is that the site operator is using "best available techniques" to prevent the odours complained of. Compliance with the Environmental Permit issues by the Environment Agency, and any actions required by the Environment Agency will often be sufficient to demonstrate that an operator is using "best available techniques" and that can result in an abatement notice being quashed on appeal.

11.5 The appeal process represents a significant resource commitment for the council in both time and expense, so it is important for the Council to be content that it stands a reasonable prospect of defending an appeal against any abatement notice that it issues.

11.6 If the council succeeds in securing an abatement notice following any appeal process, it is then a criminal offence to breach the terms of the abatement notice. Because the site is regulated by the Environment Agency under an Environmental Permit, the council would need to obtain the consent of the Secretary of State before it is able to prosecute any offence of breaching an abatement notice.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

12.1 The work of the Council in this regard recognises that the problematic odours in the area may impact on some groups more than others. The work is focussed on removing this impact.

13. Financial and Resource Implications

13.1 None directly arising from this report

14. Major Risks

- 14.1 While the complaints from the public remain at their current level, the Council faces a reputational risk in terms of the public perception of the action it takes to reduce the harm experienced by the public. It needs to balance that risk against the risk of issuing an abatement notice in circumstances where it does not stand a reasonable prospect of succeeding in any appeal against any notice that it issues.
- 14.2 These risks are best abated by the Council continuing to work alongside its partner agencies to shape action taken by the Environment Agency as the primary regulator of the site and to encourage all partners to play active roles in addressing this issue.

15. Unsustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)



16. Key Decision Information

- 16.1 This is not a Key Decision.

17. Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions

- 17.1 This matter has been variously considered previously by Economy, Environment & Place Scrutiny Committee, Council and most recently, Cabinet on 21 April 2021.

18. List of Appendices

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Officers of the Environment Agency

Derrick Huckfield
20 Cherry Hill Lane
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Newcastle
Staffs.
ST5 6EE

4th June 2021

Re: Walleys Quarry Ltd.

Proposals:

1. Close the site to enable the site to be capped completely. Allow boreholes to be drilled and install a suction pump or pumps to extract the gas out into gas engines.

I believe that the Engineers, Planners and the EA can sort out these problems and I hope that all here today can agree this.

2. The other major issue is the leachate. A geological fault goes across the site. Years ago, the land off Silverdale Road dropped by 40 ft. The Coal Authority in conjunction with Staffordshire County Council reinstated this. The land is on the move again. If the membrane splits, we will have a serious problem. The leachate could go into the watercourse. My understanding is that the Leachate Plant has not been updated. We need to ensure that facilities are in place to recover the leachate on a permanent basis. Better to be safe than sorry.
3. As a precaution, flares should be installed in case of surplus gas or electrical failures. The Engineers and Planners can decide how this is organised. I believe that currently there are only two.
4. Sprinklers to be installed to reduce the dust clouds that are affecting people with lung problems. The residents do not want any more investigations - they want action.
5. When all these issues have been resolved, we can then look at the restoration of the site, which needs to be done sooner rather than later. If it is all capped off now and the leachate is sorted out as well as maintenance, I cannot see why the restoration should be delayed any longer. This is achievable with all parties concerned, excluding Walleys Quarry.
6. I feel that as a team we can achieve these proposals.

If anyone feels that amendments should be added please feel free to do so, as this will be a team effort.

Derrick Huckfield

c.c. Newcastle Borough Council
Staffordshire County Council
Aaron Bell MP, Newcastle-under-Lyme

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NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S
REPORT TO**

Cabinet
09 June 2021

Report Title: Kidsgrove Sports Centre Refurbishment

Submitted by: Executive Director Commercial Development and Economic Growth

Portfolios: One Council, People and Partnerships

Ward(s) affected: Kidsgrove & Ravenscliffe

Purpose of the Report

To note the progress made to date on the refurbishment works to Kidsgrove Sports Centre.

Recommendation

That Cabinet

1. Notes the progress made on the project since the March 2021 Cabinet meeting in terms of scope, design and budget in consultation with the Kidsgrove Leisure Centre Community Group.
2. Notes that expenditure to date is £1.063m.
3. Notes that the Kidsgrove Town Deal funding allocation announced by MHCLG on the 3rd March including £2.45m towards the overall cost of the project has now been confirmed as guaranteed funding by MHCLG on 10.05.21.
4. Approves the overall capital cost of the project is £7.5m (which includes the works undertaken to date on site and the funding, including external funding sources, for the scheme is contained in section 8.1).
5. Approves the revenue support from the Council for the scheme for the first five years of the sport centre operation to the Community Group – Kidsgrove Sports Centre – is £480k worst case scenario.
6. That a further contract award is given to Willmott Dixon Construction Ltd for the amount of £6.437m to complete the works in readiness for opening in May 2022.
7. Authorises the Executive Director – Commercial Development and Economic Growth, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, One Council, People and Partnerships to take such actions and enter such agreements as are reasonably necessary or prudent to ensure the refurbishment is complete and the centre operational by the target date.

Reasons

This project will allow the council to fulfil its commitment to provide sports facilities in Kidsgrove that are modern, attractive and high quality that meet public expectations.

1. **Background**

- 1.1 The refurbishment and redevelopment of Kidsgrove Sports Centre and Swimming Pool is a corporate priority and will enable the centre to fully reopen to the public under community management, through the Kidsgrove Sports Centre Community Interest Company (KSC CIO)
- 1.2 Previously Cabinet has approved that this scheme be developed in line with the expectations of the KSC CIO to refurbish Kidsgrove Sports Centre. Work on the design, surveys and costs and guaranteed funds for the scheme has now been substantially completed and is the subject of this report.

2. **Update**

- 2.1 Since Cabinet received its March 2021 update on the project, there has been significant progress on the scheme costs and funding sources, as listed below:

- Willmott Dixon Construction Limited have confirmed that the overall target cost for the scheme is £7.5m (note that this amount includes all works undertaken to date).
- The Community Group have confirmed that the first five years of operation will require £480k of revenue support from the Council in the worst case scenario.
- A Green Book assessment has been undertaken by Stantec (an independent economic development consultancy) which appraised the capital and operational costs of the Centre, which concluded that the refurbishment of the Centre is the most cost effective approach to re-opening the Centre at this point and that the revenue support requested by the Community Group aligns with the business model being proposed.
- Confirmation from MHCLG that the £2.45m is now guaranteed on the submission of all appropriate application paperwork on the back of the Green Book assessment on the overall capital and operational costs for the Centre.
- The lease for the Sports Centre has been issued to the Community Group and agreed in principle and will be completed prior to the award of the construction contract to Willmott Dixon.
- A management agreement with the Sports Centre is to be developed so that there is a framework through which the Council can support and ensure the operational success of the centre in light of the capital and revenue investment it is making in this project.
- The signing of the community use agreement for the new adjacent 3G pitch and the associated finding agreement with the Town Deal Board and The Kings Academy which both highlight the access rights for the sports centre's boiler room across the new pitch.
- Successful discussions between the Community Group and The Kings Academy on sharing of facilities and the undertaking to jointly appoint a facilities manager across both sites / operations.

Contract Cost Build Up

- 2.2 Willmott Dixon have concluded the cost development exercise and this has resulted in a scope of works that the Community Group have approved in line with their business plan. Previously the agreed budget for the refurbishment was £5,998,000, including the works undertaken to date. The results of the above work by Willmott Dixon have increased this cost to £7,500,000, including works to date.
- 2.3 The Capital Programme allocation for this project is £5,998,000, including sums from Staffordshire County Council, Sport England and Town Deal Advance Funds. In addition, funds have now been approved from Town Deal totalling £2,450,000, as noted above.

3. **Proposal**

- 3.1 It is proposed that Council officers and the CIO finalise the lease and management agreements in order for the construction contract to be awarded.

4. **Reasons for Proposed Solution**

- 4.1 The decision to will enable the project to progress at its increased target cost, in a way which is compliant with both the MHCLG requirements for Town Deal and with the Council's own Financial Regulations relating to projects involving grant funding.

5. **Options Considered**

- 5.1 Over the past eighteen months Council officers and Members have investigated several options for the centre, which included doing nothing to the centre, a minimal refurbishment through to the full refurbishment option now being considered.
- 5.2 The Council have made a commitment to the Kidsgrove community for the re-provision of swimming and sports hall facilities in the area and therefore the do nothing option was discounted at a very early stage.
- 5.3 A minimal refurbishment was investigated at the outset of the project at feasibility stages to assess likely budget and potential life span of such works and the centre. This option was discounted due to the fact the state of the building, the age (and decay) of the support systems within the building infrastructure (heating, electrical and pool filtration equipment) and the structural issues (leaking roofs, decaying concrete structures) which would need significant work and investment to provide a sustainable future proved facility. This was not considered best value for the investment regardless of the value of that investment.
- 5.4 The recent Green Book assessment has again investigated the various options, including demolition and rebuilding, a do nothing, a minimal refurbishment and the complete refurbishment options. It was concluded that at this stage the most economical and timely option for the centre was the complete refurbishment option to complete the works that have already resulted in the strip out of the centre.
- 5.5 The Council has also made a further commitment that any investment in the facility would need to provide a building and associated systems that would last for 25 years, thus providing an 'as new' facility that could focus on operational issues rather than facing building maintenance issues as soon as the facility opened.
- 5.6 The selected option, full refurbishment, was selected as it provided best value against the objectives of the Council as set out in the considerations detailed above.

6. Legal and Statutory Implications

- 6.1 Section 2(1) of the Local Government Act 2000 permits local authorities to do anything they consider likely to promote or improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of their area. That would include the intended provision at Kidsgrove Sports Centre which has been designed to meet an unmet need in the area, delivering key health and wellbeing outcomes and significant indirect economic advantages as a result.
- 6.2 In addition, the Council has a general fiduciary duty in respect of achieving best value in the proper use of public funds. Cabinet needs to be content that the proposal still represents value for money and meets an identified need which remains present and relevant in a post Covid 19 climate and market place.
- 6.3 If minded to proceed with the proposal, there will be a need to ensure proper and effective agreements are entered into in order to ensure that the site is effectively and efficiently managed once operational, so that it meets the identified need for which it is being provided. In addition to a lease, there will need to be a management agreement defining the rights and obligations of the various parties which ensures that the council is adequately protected against operating risks. There will also need to be agreements in place (if not the management agreement) around the basis upon which any ongoing revenue support is provided which will need to comply with rules around public sector subsidies affecting market provision. The various contractual arrangements necessary to bring about the refurbishment will have to be undertaken in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Financial Regulations, which allow procurement through the use of frameworks such as SCAPE.
- 6.4 In particular, the Council must ensure, through the processes described at paragraph 2.10 above, and factoring in the matters mentioned in that paragraph, that a viable end-user occupier able to provide the leisure services required is contractually secured by way of completed lease, management agreement and any other necessary ancillary agreements before the construction contract is let. A decision to let the substantive contract prior to securing a viable end-user occupier would likely be unlawful for *Wednesbury* unreasonableness (or for being irrational).

7. Equality Impact Assessment

- 7.1 Leisure has an important contribution to make to the wellbeing of the community. Programmes at the Centre can contribute to economic and social activity; improve the health of residents; bring communities together and introduce an identity; enable groups to represent themselves; develop sport and other skills; and provide opportunities for the voluntary sector and community activity.

8. Financial and Resource Implications

- 8.1 As previously reported, an options appraisal has been completed to compare the value for money offered by refurbishment of the existing Sports Centre and the alternative option of building a new Sports Centre in Kidsgrove. The appraisal has confirmed that the option of refurbishing the existing Sports Centre provides better value for money than the rebuild option with both a lower cash outlay and a lower NPV. The total capital cost of the project is now £7.5m. This cost will be accommodated via funding within the existing approved capital programme, together with funding from the Town Deal as referred to in paragraph 2.3. The table below summarises the revised project funding.

Funding Summary	£ (000)
Revised budget requirement	7,500
Existing 2021/22 Capital Programme allocation	5,600

Advanced Town Deal Funding	398
Supplementary budget approval required	1,502
Revised Project Funding	
Staffs County Council Contribution	355
Sport England Contribution	100
Revised capital programme allocation	4,197
Town Deal Advance Works	398
Town Deal Funding	2,450
Total	7,500

- 8.2 A project contingency is contained within the overall project budget of £7.5m.
- 8.3 The total expenditure incurred against the capital allocation for the scheme as at 20 April 2021 is £1.063. This expenditure predominately covers site and structural surveys and strip out works which have taken place in order to be able to calculate the refurbishment costs. These costs are being monitored and reported to the “Capital, Assets and Commercial Investment Review Group” (CACIRG) as part of the overall Capital Programme.
- 8.4 As previously reported, there is a requirement for the Council to provide a subsidy to the CIO over the first 5 years of operation of the refurbished centre. The amount of subsidy will be between £61,000 based on the CIO best case business plan and £248,000 realistic case scenario and an extreme worst case scenario of £482,000 based on the Councils modelling. In addition to any operating subsidy required the Council’s revenue budget will also bear the cost of 20% of the business rates for the centre estimated at £20k.
- 8.5 The Council will need to make provision in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for business rates and a level of subsidy. The first year of trading will inform the amount of subsidy required in the initial years and whether there is an ongoing requirement for underwriting and if so at what level which will need to be addressed in future years MTFS.
- 8.6 It should be noted that based on the business plan submitted by the CIO the centre will incur losses in the first three years of operation and will not achieve a break-even position until year 4 at the earliest. The CIO have requested that the Council provide cash flow funding of up to £100,000 on a draw down basis until such time as the centre achieves a cash positive position. Appropriate agreements will be entered into once the necessary due diligence checks have been completed through the S151 Officer, in consultation with Legal Services.
- 8.7 The amounts contained in this report (£7.5m) are exclusive of VAT as the Council can reclaim VAT payments on capital projects.
- 8.8 In accordance with the Council’s Financial regulations, “no expenditure shall be incurred on any scheme which is to be financed, in whole or in part, by means of a grant or contribution from central government or another person or body until a written commitment, to the satisfaction of the S151 Officer, has been received by the Council from the relevant government department, person, or body that it will be paid”. Therefore the Town Deal process of completing a detailed business case in line with the Green Book needs to be completed and signed off prior to awarding and commencing the refurbishment works.

9. **Major Risks**

- 9.1 Risk has been considered as part of this report and two main specific high risks are included below:

- 9.1.1 The financial projections supplied by the Community Group are not achieved and the facility runs at either a loss (which the Council has to cover) or closes and the Council takes back possession. The Council will work with the Community Group to support its efforts to maximise income and achieve the projected business plan.
- 9.1.2 Should the Community Group fail to deliver a sustainable operation and the building transfers back to the Council. This scenario is the worst case as all efforts will be put into making the operation a success, which will include revenue subsidy in initial start-up years. Should this occur the Council will need to secure another third party to operate the facility.
- 9.1.3 There is insufficient capital budget – A sizeable capital allocation, sufficient to re-open the sports centre, is being resourced by the Council and the opportunity for external funding is being explored on behalf of the Council.
- 9.1.4 Community expectations - it is clear from the latent demand analysis that the community demand is not currently being met. The refurbished sports centre provides the opportunity to address this. However, there remains a risk that commercial leisure operators will enter the local leisure market seeking to capture this demand and in particular the more profitable elements. The Post COVID operating environment may impact on this but as yet it is untested.

10. UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)

10.1 This project is intended to enable the updating and re-use of a dilapidated community leisure facility bringing with it sustainability improvements, regeneration and economic benefits as well as social and health benefits associated with leisure provision. In that respect, the project supports the realisation of the following UNSDG objectives:-



11. Key Decision Information

11.1 This is a Key Decision

12. Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions

12.1 The following previous reports relate:-

- Cabinet 17 March 2021
- Cabinet 9 September 2020
- Cabinet 22 April 2020
- Cabinet 18 March 2020
- Cabinet 15 January 2020
- Cabinet 6 November 2019
- Cabinet 16 October 2019

13. List of Appendices

13.1 ANNEX C and the Green Book Assessment submitted to MHCLG

14. **Background Papers**

14.1 None

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NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO

Cabinet
09 June 2021

- Report Title:** Knutton Masterplan: report on public consultation and suggested amendments to the draft Knutton master plan.
- Submitted by:** Executive Director, Commercial Development and Economic Growth
- Portfolios:** Finance, Town Centres & Growth
- Ward(s) affected:** Knutton and Silverdale

Purpose of the Report

To report on the public consultation which has taken place on the Draft Knutton master plan and to consider what amendments should be made to the draft plan in the light of the response received.

Recommendation

1. That the draft master plan be amended along the lines set out in section 3 of this report.
2. That a further report be made shortly on the level of funding offered to the Newcastle Town Deal Board which will have a significant bearing on the financial implications to the Borough Council in implementing the proposed investment in Knutton set out in the master plan.

Reasons

1. To reflect local views and how best these may be met.
2. To ensure that the proposals set out in the master plan are readily implementable.

1. Background

- 1.1 In November 2020 Cabinet approved, for consultation purposes, the draft Knutton masterplan, which set out proposals for new housing development in and around the village, together with investment in modernising the community, business and leisure infrastructure of the village. This report summarises the results of that consultation and proposes a number of amendments to the masterplan in the light of a review of comments received.
- 1.2 A further report will be made to Cabinet when the result of the Newcastle Town Deal bid is known (which may possibly have been received by the time this meeting is held) as this will clarify with greater accuracy the financial implications to the Borough Council in implementing the proposals set out in the master plan.
- 1.3 As agreed in the November 2020 Cabinet report, talks have been held with Aspire Housing over the establishment of a joint venture arrangement between Aspire and the Borough Council to effect the speedy development of a number of sites in Borough Council ownership identified in the master plan and ensure a number of 'early wins'. These are ongoing and will be subject to a later report. In the context of these discussions, your officers have agreed to

make a submission, along with Aspire Housing, for funding under the recently announced 'Brownfield land Release Fund' to address the abnormal costs associated with the redevelopment of the former Recreation Centre site in the centre of the village. This requires to be submitted by 2nd June. The outcome of the bid will be reported to Cabinet in due course.

2. The Public Consultation

2.1 The public consultation was designed and carried out by planning consultants White Young Green (WYG) in January and February this year. Because of the social restrictions resulting from the Covid pandemic it was not possible to carry out a conventional 'face to face' consultation in a local hall or community centre with consultation boards and with the consultants, WYG, and representatives of the client team on hand to engage with local people. As a result of this a *virtual* consultation was designed comprising a series of consultation boards explaining the draft proposals and uploaded to a dedicated online exhibition space, showing the options considered and the proposals being put forward in the draft masterplan. The link to this was publicised by

- a number of A3 posters placed within a number of prominent public buildings and around Knutton and neighbouring Cross Heath (akin to those which publicise planning proposals),
- the Council's web site.
- a press release of the consultation provided to The Sentinel and Radio Stoke and
- backed up by a social media campaign including the use of Twitter and Facebook encouraging local people to view the web page and have their say on the proposals.

2.2 The Portfolio Holder, Cllr Northcott, and local ward councillors for Knutton and Cross Heath have been kept abreast of the consultation process and made their own contributions to the consultation.

2.3 As a result of this publicity, WYG received 93 responses to the consultation (together with a larger number who visited the web page but chose not to leave comments). This number, together with the depth and detail of the responses themselves, is encouraging, demonstrating that in spite of the restrictions on public meeting, local people have participated in the process and have had the opportunity to express their views on

- what they liked / didn't like about the proposals,
- what they thought should be changed / improved and
- what they thought were the priorities for investment in the Knutton area.

WYG have analysed the responses and have provided a report on the consultation. This is appended to this report (Appendix A). The majority of respondents agreed with the priorities for investment set out in the consultation, believed that Knutton would benefit from this investment and considered that the masterplan was focussing on the right areas (more detail – see attached appendix).

2.4 The client team overseeing / steering the preparation of the master plan, comprising officers from Newcastle Borough Council, Aspire Housing and Staffordshire County Council has subsequently met with WYG to review the consultation and discuss the weight and nature of the responses received. In this regard, comments can be divided into three broad groupings

- those which can be seen as *improvements* to the draft and which are both desirable and capable of being taken on board,
- those which are already included in the master plan (but perhaps not set out as clearly as

they should have been), and

- those which lie outside the scope of the plan (e.g. the problems associated with Walleys Quarry) or which are not capable of being implemented (e.g. the re-provision of the old Recreation Centre in the centre of the village).

This has led the team to recommend a number of amendments to the draft master plan and these are summarised in the next section.

3. **Proposal - suggested amendments to the draft masterplan**

These suggested amendments are summarised in the WYG report 'Consultation', attached as Appendix A to this report. In brief, these are:

- to introduce 'traffic calming' at the entrance into Knutton from the west of Black Bank Road / Knutton High Street,
- to introduce flood risk mitigation as part of the development of the Black Bank Road site,
- investment in shop frontages on the High Street,
- footpath and cycleway improvements,
- a reconfiguration of the proposed Acacia Avenue play facilities, and
- a more ambitious range of use and activities of the proposed Village Hall.

4. **Reasons for Proposed Solution**

4.1 The amendments suggested have been made after assessing the comments received, how desirable and how practical they are to take on board and the weight which should be attached to those comments (for instance, in terms of numbers commenting and alignment with the aims of the commission). Those recommended amendment are considered to be *improvements* on the draft masterplan and are achievable (albeit, some at additional cost).

5. **Options Considered**

5.1 In the wider sense, three options might be said to be considered

- ignore the comments and proceed as per the draft master plan. Realistically this was never an option, otherwise the consultation process would have had no purpose
- review the comments received and make a judgement on which were both desirable and implantable (as discussed in para 4.1), and
- take on board *all* the comments received. This is unrealistic; it would have led to some changes that were not improvements and some, in any case, would have been unimplementable.

6. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

6.1 The Borough Council is not under a statutory obligation to invest in Knutton. It is, though, under an obligation to consult on its plans and to take note of comments received - and this, largely, is the purpose of this report.

7. **Equality Impact Assessment**

- 7.1 Knutton and Cross Heath are amongst the least well off parts of Newcastle Borough and investing in modern housing development, new community facilities, employment, leisure and the environment will have the effect of reducing the level of inequality the area experiences.

8. **Financial and Resource Implications**

- 8.1 This section will be completed as part of the *next* Cabinet report on the outcome of the Newcastle Town Deal submission which includes a significant proposal for funding elements of the Knutton masterplan entitled 'Putting the Heart back into Knutton Village'

9. **Major Risks**

- 9.1 This section was completed in the earlier report on the draft Knutton masterplan. (The current report addresses the *consultation* process on the draft masterplan).

10. **UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)**

- 10.1 The trend towards greater suburbanisation and long-distance commuting between where people live and where they work and spend their leisure time encourages greater car use as facilities are, inevitably, further apart and difficult to reach by foot, cycle or public transport. Investing in *urban* communities and providing more homes in *urban* areas, on the other hand, reduces this trend, since it encourages people to want to live in those nearby urban communities. Furthermore, redeveloping brown field land reduces the pressure on undeveloped (green field) land. These are small wins, but the alternative – the continued 'hollowing out' of the core urban area as people aspire to live further out, is significantly more damaging in terms of the UNSD Goals.

11. **Key Decision Information**

- 11.1 This content of this report impacts on more than one ward. The report deals with proposals which *will* have a financial impact on the Borough Council and this will be the subject of a later report.

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

- 12.1 'Knutton Masterplan' report to cabinet November 2020.
12.2 'One Public Estate – Knutton Masterplanning Project' report to Cabinet November 2018.

13. **List of Appendices**

- 13.1 Knutton Masterplan Section 6 'Consultation'.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO CABINET

Cabinet
09 June 2021

Report Title: Proposed Extension to Newcastle Crematorium Grounds and Development of Adjacent Land off Chatterley Close

Submitted by: Executive Director Commercial Development and Economic Growth

Portfolios: Environment and Recycling; Finance, Town Centres and Growth

Ward(s) affected: Bradwell directly; All indirectly

Purpose of the Report

For Cabinet to consider:

- the outcome of the consultation process, following its meeting on 11th November 2020,
- the observations of Finance, Assets and Performance Scrutiny Committee on 24th May 2021 in respect of the consultation responses received,

in respect of extending the grounds of Newcastle Crematorium into adjacent land within the Council's ownership, and developing the remainder of the adjacent land for residential use with associated green infrastructure and community facilities.

Recommendation

That Cabinet

- 1. Consider the comments received following consultation with appropriate stakeholders along with observations received from the Finance, Assets and Performance Scrutiny (FAPS) Committee**
- 2. Agree to allocate space for the Crematorium extension and direct officers to look at options to finance the associated extension scope of works**

Reasons

To ensure that Newcastle Crematorium can continue to meet the needs of the residents of the Borough for a further 30 years and that the Council's land assets, where appropriate, are used to facilitate the meeting of identified housing, community facility and green infrastructure needs to encourage economic growth.

1. Background

- 1.1 Newcastle Crematorium, situated on Chatterley Close in Bradwell, was opened in 1966. As well as the crematorium building and offices, it consists of extensive grounds which have been laid out in phases over the last 50+ years to accommodate the burial of cremated remains and various forms of memorialisation, including small headstones, benches, trees, shrubs and scattering of ashes into lawned areas.
- 1.2 The grounds are now nearing capacity for burials and memorialisation and it is considered appropriate to seek to extend them onto an adjacent open space, which is in Council ownership, thus creating additional capacity of an estimated 30 years. The extension would take up approximately 2.64ha of the adjacent 6.77ha site, leaving approximately 4.13ha which currently contains a children's play area, MUGA, and general amenity open space.
- 1.3 The Council's Open Space Strategy, adopted in March 2017, identifies this site as suitable for master- planning to facilitate alternative uses and in September 2018, Cabinet approved the commissioning of a study to explore this. Consultants were appointed and a Vision and Viability Appraisal was produced. The study was completed in July 2020 and concluded the following:—the site offers the opportunity to extend the crematorium whilst creating new play and recreational facilities in the retained green spaces and the development of new homes. The crematorium shall expand into the site, improving its access and movement as well as providing space for new memorial gardens. The green infrastructure would cover almost 40% of the residential area of the site. It would accommodate an enhanced and refurbished play area and MUGA, develop new ecological habitats, retain the existing woodland and re-provide green space. The remaining site would provide the opportunity to build high quality homes.
- 1.4 Cabinet at its meeting on 11th November 2020 considered a report setting out the proposals to extend crematorium grounds and develop adjacent land off Chatterley Close.
- 1.5 The Finance, Assets and Performance Scrutiny Committee at its meeting 24th May 2021 considered the consultation responses and provided observations for Cabinet to consider.

2. **Issues**

- 2.1 The proposed extension to the crematorium grounds would consist of boundary treatments (railings/hedges/gates), a new egress road facilitating a one way access and egress system, additional car parking, footpaths, drainage, hard and soft landscaping and associated minor structures. The estimated capital cost of this scheme is approximately £1.3 million, inclusive of fees and it is proposed to fund this from the capital receipt gained from the disposal of the remaining land.
- 2.2 Memorialisation is a popular choice for bereaved families at the crematorium and a range of modest options are currently offered for sale or lease by the Council, including small headstones, benches, trees and shrubs. However, it is anticipated that there may be a latent demand for further options in this area and it is therefore proposed to commission a feasibility study to explore the market and determine the range that could be incorporated into the layout of the extended grounds. The estimated cost of this study is approximately £14,000 and it is proposed that provision

of this amount is made in the General Fund Capital Programme/Borough Growth Fund in 2020/21.

- 2.3 The existing play area and MUGA on the site is aged and in need of updating to reflect current needs in relation to play and recreation for children and young people. The masterplan provides the opportunity to facilitate this as part of a comprehensive site redevelopment and improvement.
- 2.4 The masterplan provides for 98 new homes with a mix of 35% two bedroom houses, 45% three bedroomed houses and 20% four bed houses and 25% affordable housing. These are only indicative figures and would be firmed up during the planning process. Newcastle-under-Lyme's 5 Year Housing Land Supply Statement 2020-2025 states that the minimum number of homes required is 356 per annum. These 98 homes, if built, would contribute to this figure.
- 2.5 In accordance with the Asset Management Strategy 2018-21 the public and ward Councillors have been consulted on this proposal. There have been 153 responses, set out below is a summary of these responses (the detailed responses form part of the appendices). In addition a petition of over 1700 signatures, has been received, objecting to the land being built on and wanting it to be retained as local community green space. It should be noted that the petition was electronic and did not contain any addresses or signatures (full petition can be viewed in the appendices).
- 2.6 Set out below are the summary of the public comments:

Summary of comments	Outcome of desktop assessment and response to consultation comments
The local school Bursley Academy have no objections to the proposed development and they currently have capacity as they have had a classroom extension	No response required
Insufficient facilities/ infrastructure overload – The doctor's surgery and dentist are already under strain as is UHNM, The nearest doctors are in Wolstanton and Chesterton. A new high school is required	These issues will be considered at the planning stage
Loss of green open space which is used by the local community for play, rambling, socialising and dog walking	The masterplan proposes an improved children's play area and MUGA
The land was donated to the people by George Poole to be used in perpetuity	There is no evidence within the deeds that this is the case
Only green space left in the community, residents particularly the elderly will have to drive to a green space to exercise or walk the dog – impacts on the carbon footprint of the area	There is a green space opposite this site and it is located very close to Bradwell Woods
Wildlife will have nowhere to go	

<p>Roads already very busy, extra housing will make it worse and increase traffic congestion and pollution</p> <p>Bradwell is already overdeveloped</p> <p>The lack of green space will impact the residents mental, psychological and physical health</p> <p>Residents views will be affected/overlooked Reduce value of adjacent properties – expects compensation</p> <p>Increase in anti-social behaviour as children won't have a place to go to burn of excess energy</p> <p>There must be brownfield Council sites that could be developed for Housing</p> <p>Environmental vandalism</p> <p>Given the climate crisis and threatened biodiversity we should be planting more trees not removing then</p> <p>Open space was left around the Crematorium to allow for odours to dissipate – the smell can be offensive if the wind is blowing in the right direction</p> <p>The land is adjacent to a small reservoir and there are water mains that run through the site</p> <p>Poor public transport</p> <p>I moved into Chatterley Close fully aware of the proximity of this public facility, and also fully aware that time would require its expansion. If that time is now, so be it</p>	<p>This will be considered at the planning stage</p> <p>This will be considered at the planning stage</p> <p>This will be considered at the planning stage</p> <p>There will be a new play area provided and there are other areas to walk nearby</p> <p>Not considerations in view of the wider public interest, nor is this a planning consideration</p> <p>A children's play area is being re-provided</p> <p>The Council is not developing greenfield sites as opposed to brownfield ones.</p> <p>This will be considered at the planning stage</p> <p>A tree survey would be commissioned for submission with planning application</p> <p>Regular checks are carried out on emissions as part of EHO licencing as well as there being an independent annual emission check</p> <p>This has been considered in the masterplan and will also be considered at the planning stage</p> <p>No response required</p> <p>No response required</p>
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2.7 The primary aim of the consultation was to identify any issues that might prevent the site from proceeding to a stage where more detailed development proposals are worked up for consideration. It is believed that no such issues have emerged from the consultation process. As the table above shows, some of the responses are concerned with perceived impacts on views and prices of existing residential properties. Whilst these concerns are understood, there is a need to balance these concerns with the wider public interest requirement of making adequate provision to meet interment and memorialisation needs. This proposal presents opportunity to do that whilst minimising the impact on the public purse and making a contribution to the borough's housing needs. All of the other issues raised are more properly considered through the planning process where there can be a detailed evaluation of each concern in light of specific scheme proposals which will include measures to mitigate any harm identified.

2.8 A summary of the comments received from the FAPS committee are set out below:

Scrutiny recognises that this is an ongoing process of consultation about the proposals but requests Cabinet to consider the set out below:

- Request the undertaking of a traffic survey to identify any measures to address and improve traffic issues in the area
- Work with existing local groups and organisations to identify any possible areas of compromise for example whether there can be a reduction in the capital receipt so that it only generates sufficient funding to cover the crematorium extension and public open space provision
- To directly engage with residents on the issues raised through the consultation process in recognition of the difficulties in responding to a consultation during a pandemic
- Confirm the position regarding the existing 7 sites of green space mentioned during the consultation.

3. **Proposals**

3.1 Following consultation with appropriate stakeholders and FAPs Committee that Cabinet consider the comments received.

3.2 The rationale for the extension to the existing facility is based upon lack of remaining space for interment of cremated remains and any new site selected away from the present location would require a large level of investment, such as a new Chapel of Rest and new Crematory. The present site has received large amounts of investment into the crematory and associated equipment over the past few years. For these reasons the extension option proved to be the best value for money for any further investment. Additionally residents who have interred ashes of relatives at the site will be able to opt for any future interments at the same location.

4. **Reasons for Proposed Solution**

4.1 To ensure that Newcastle Crematorium can continue to meet the needs of the residents of the Borough for a further 30 years and that the Council's land assets, where appropriate, are used to facilitate the meeting of identified housing, community facility and green infrastructure needs to encourage economic growth.

5. **Options Considered**

5.1 The Vision and Viability Appraisal explored a number of options before arriving at the current proposal.

6. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

6.1 The Council has a duty, both fiduciary and operationally to utilise its Assets for the benefit of the community.

6.2 Local Government Act 1972 – Section 123 - the Council has a duty to achieve best consideration for its assets.

6.3 Local Government Act 2000 - powers to promote the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the Borough

6.4 The Council is a Burial Authority and has a duty to ensure the safe burial and cremation of the deceased. It currently operates Newcastle Crematorium as part of this duty.

7. **Equality Impact Assessment**

7.1 Not applicable at this stage.

8. **Financial and Resource Implications**

8.1 The financial appraisal which formed part of the commissioned Masterplan estimated the capital receipt for the residential development land to be in excess of £2.5m. This is based on the assumption that there are no abnormal costs relating to the site and Covid does not have an impact moving forward on land values.

8.2 It is estimated that £100,000 is required to cover the fees for commissioning consultants to prepare and submit a planning application and any associated reports.

8.3 The estimated capital cost of the works to extend the crematorium grounds is approximately £1.3 million inclusive of fees. It is proposed to fund the work from the capital receipt gained from the sale of the residual land.

8.4 The cost of the various fees associated with the seeking of planning permission and the preparation of a business case for memorialisation options will be derived from the capital programme.

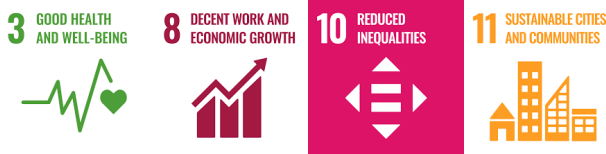
8.5 This would result in an estimated residual capital receipt of approximately £1.2 million, subject to the assumptions above.

9. **Major Risks**

- 9.1 As the consultation responses demonstrate, there will be resistance to the proposals. To try to accommodate all of the concerns raised, and best balance the public and private interests, the master-planning process for the site will consider the issues raised and how to best address them. The proposals seek to find a way to extend the Crematorium so that the needs of the local community can be met for the next 30 years, deliver community benefits and needed housing within the locality. Without development within the Borough the Council would need to find additional resources to provide the additional Crematorium space.

10. **Sustainable Development Goals and Climate Change Implications**

- 10.1 This project will ensure that Newcastle Crematorium can continue to meet the needs of the residents of the Borough for a further 30 years and that the Council's land assets, where appropriate, are used to facilitate the meeting of identified housing, community facility and green infrastructure needs to encourage economic growth. The project supports the realisation of the following UNSDG objectives:-



11. **Key Decision Information**

- 11.1 This is referred to in the forward plan

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

- 12.1 12th September 2018 – Asset Management Cabinet report
12.2 11th November 2020 - Cabinet report

13. **List of Appendices**

- 13.1 Copy of all responses
13.2 Petition <http://chnq.it/Qwrb58vh>

14. **Background Papers**

- 14.1 Masterplan of the site

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From:

Sent: 15 January 2021 14:41

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject:

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I have lived in Arnold grove for 40 yrs my house backs onto this recreation space to build on this field is putting families lives at risk for there is no other green spaces for them to play and exercise also all the pollution from extra traffic from the a500 racing along 1st and 2nd ave up hillport along Arnold grove up bursley way past the school to get to the a34 to add more traffic children couldn't cross this road safely.doctors/dentist schools are full capacity. Trying to get out of my drive anytime of day is ridiculous so have the burden of extra traffic is an accident waiting to happenAccording to government children should have recreational ground for exercise and wellbeing to stop obesity and anxiety / depression The crematorium could be planned out better than making this decision .

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From:

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell field next to Crematorium

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I strongly object to the plans to develop the field next to the Crematorium.This area is widely used by the community and would be a great resource lost forever.We will contest these proposals with all it takes.

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From: Sent: 24 February 2021 21:01

To:

<propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell crem plans

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Good evening martin.

I hope you are well and keeping very safe during this pandemic ?

Im just sat here watching the borough councils live meeting, nice to see everybody keeping there distance, and some working from home like boris has advised.

I heard that there will be postal votes due to the current pandemic, to minimise the spread of covid 19.

Its a really great idea, but you will not extend our public consultation period that ends today, due to covid, i guess so we as a community can not get out to meet up with others and discuss the plans you have for our green field that you will make millions on selling to build new houses on it that bradwell does not need.

Getting it through the back door comes to mind, and not playing fair is another.

The council can not maintain the streets that you already have with out building some more, pavements, roads are shocking, litter all over the place, grass verges don't get cut enough, its embarrassing, i used to be proud to say i live in Newcastle compared to stoke, but its all equal <http://now.so> i guess youre doing a great job hey ?

If you know whats fair, you will extend this period until we are out of lockdown.

Kind regards

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From: Sent: 22 January 2021 14:12

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell Crematorium development

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I am writing to inform you that as a Bradwell resident I strongly object to the potential that this land be developed or changed in any way. This is the only green space that we have in Bradwell for people to walk, play and socialise. It is a free natural resource that the residents of Bradwell can use and is important to their health and wellbeing. There is a lack of public services in Bradwell, no gyms or other places to exercise. In addition the state of the pavements means that they are not suitable for walking for lots of residents, i.e. elderly, disabled, pushchairs. The traffic in Bradwell near to where the Council would develop on the field is already dangerous. There are too many parked cars on the roads and too much speeding. If the field were used for housing then this would exacerbate the issue. Residents already feel very strongly about the traffic levels; there are many issues of road rage and Hillport Ave is considered a 'rat run'.

The local infrastructure is already overloaded and can not sustain any more people. There are no doctors surgeries, nor any dental practices in Bradwell even though I'd imagine the population exceeds 7000 people. There are no high schools in Bradwell and the primary schools have some capacity now that Bursley Academy has had an extension but I'd imagine it will be full without more housing. This area of Newcastle is one of the largest, if not the largest and there is simply no room for any further people or houses. What would this development bring to the existing population of Bradwell? Nothing just more pressure on overstretched public services, infrastructure and more traffic problems.

If the council is going to use the Crematorium needing expansion to front this development then the council will need to demonstrate that they have fully utilised the space that exists already. The car park is very rarely full and local residents are aware that in some cases there will be a need for mourners to use the side roads to park. At the Crematorium there are now burials with headstones, if space is so limited then maybe this should be stopped? There needs to be a sustainable approach to how to develop the site into the future.

I do not support the development of this land, especially for housing.

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Sent: 27 January 2021 21:15

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell Crematorium Expansion Objection

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I wish to object to the planned changes, to build houses on the field next to Bradwell Crematorium.

I have lived in Bradwell for the majority of my life and have used this field for nearly 40years. As a child I played on the park and the field. Now as an adult my family uses the field on a daily basis, to walk our dog and our son will ride his bike on the field.

There has clearly been no investment at the park over the years. It would appear to the locals that there has been a plan to run down the area so that less people use it and therefore less people to oppose the plans to make the council money by selling the land. Even though the park area is getting run down, this land is still regularly used. Which is testament to the needs of the local users of the field.

I can see in the plans that a token park will remain but the greenspace will be practical zero further reducing any greenbelt in the local area. This small space would not be suitable for any suitable recreational activities for families and children or a well balanced dog walk, where dogs and their owners can get adequate exercise, socialize and meet other's safely.

Local Infrastructure

The additional houses will bring additional needs for school and doctors etc, the local school is already oversubscribed and although expanding, the land opposite the school has had attempts to build houses. If anything, this land would better suit housing as it is unsuitable for walking on in autumn and winter, as it becomes extremely boggy. The local doctors also seem to be at full capacity.

The field is the only safe space locally

As a female dog owner, this is the only place locally I feel safe walking alone with my dog, where he is allowed off his lead. I, like many other females locally, do not feel safe walking alone in the woodland area due to inadequate police patrolling in areas with known issues surrounding Bradwell woods. Areas within Bradwell Woods are avoided by locals due to it being a known cruising area. It is also the only fenced off field locally where dogs can be suitably trained and quietly walked based on suitable guidance to a dog owner. Removing will force more owners on the streets leading to further issues with fowling.

The field is well used

This field is used everyday by my family. I walk our dog on the weekend, and my husband takes him during the week. This Sunday morning, whilst I walked my dog for 1h30 round the field, in that time, I counted 11 dogs and 13 adults, plus 4 walkers and a runner using the field to its full advantage.

Last Saturday, I walked my dog also for 1h30 in that time I saw 10 dogs and 12 adults walking them, plus 1 child using the park, 4 adults walking and a runner.

The field is not only used by Bradwell residents

This field represents the green space available in Bradwell, it is certainly one important element of why I (as many others) chose to live in Bradwell. However, the field is not just used by Bradwell residents, I know dog walkers who come from Porthill due to the lack of green space in their area.

Environmental Impact

The loss of this green space will mean that people with dogs will either need to drive somewhere increasing local pollution or resort to street walking with their dog. Street walking dogs does not allow dogs/puppies to socialise correctly. Lockdown has resulted in a huge increase in puppies, and this field is the best place for dogs to socialise with other dogs. The loss of the huge field could result in a lot more unruly dogs in the area. Dog walkers could also increasingly start to use the crematorium, as a means to exercise, which I am sure would not be ideal for the crematorium.

Also, by building houses on our green space it will bring more people to our local area, with less green space for them to use and resulting in over population.

This will also reduce house prices in the area due to a reduction of greenbelt which is always a selling point to any buyer. With this the area will result in being less sought after and become another statistic for an undesirable area in the local county.

Council Unfair and Underhanded Strategy

I feel the council has been very strategic in the timing of these plans. Choosing to do so over winter and whilst there is a pandemic on, local residents are unable to canvas support due to restrictions being placed on the county with social distancing and not being able to attend any formal meetings. Many people are unable to go out of their homes due to the pandemic or may only be able to use the field in summer and therefore may not be aware of the loss of the field, until it is too late. The council should consider this when assessing the level of objections made as I feel this underhand timing has made it very difficult and challenging to oppose.

Money Making Exercise

I feel that this is clearly a money making exercise for the local council, as the plans ensure there are additional funds over, rather than reducing spending and addressing the budgetary issues they are choosing to sell off our green space, a long term loss for a short term gain. The local council is wanting to sell off the crown jewels of Bradwell. The council is already selling off additional land in the local area for residential development off the A34 north of Bradwell Hospital, Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 8JH.

Kind regards

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From:

Sent: 20 January 2021 11:59

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell crematorium

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From:

Date: Wed, 20 Jan 2021 at 11:56

Subject:

To: propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematoruin

I OBJECT to your proposed redevelopment of the field adjacent to Bradwell Crematoruim:

- Bradwell is already a densely populated area with a considerable amount of social and private housing, it does not need more housing.
- There are existing traffic problems with First Avenue and Bradwell Lane, additional housing will bring more traffic and compounding an already controversial issue in this area. Increased traffic to the area will impact on the levels of NO2 resulting in a decline of peoples health and wellbeing.
- With no Doctors surgery in Bradwell, residents already struggle to get an appointment at neighbouring practices. With more housing this will get worse. Our local GP's have seen an increase of Asthma, COPD and Heart Disease being diagnosed (information from Newcastle Under Lyme Air Quality Action Plan) evidencing that the area does not need more traffic polluting the environment, infact we need to ensure communities have local green spaces to breath fresh air.
- Bursley Academy is over subscribed even though its had an extension.
- Bus routes as with most areas have seen significant cuts over recent years. The Council state in their marketing materials for the proposed development that there are good regular bus services, this is not true.

- Where will the children play? Taking away their green spaces will force them to play on the streets which is not safe. It's evidenced that children thrive when able to play in safe green spaces. We can expect an increase in antisocial behaviour as the children wont have a place to go to burn of excess energy.
- Our community needs the green space to exercise and get fresh air. Reports from Public Health England tells local government that green spaces are assets in supporting mental and physical wellbeing of communities.
- I do not believe that the answer is to extend the Crematotuim, there is sufficent space with in the current grounds to accommodate more parking and burial plots. With good design and planning the current space within the crematorium could be used more effectively.

We want the green space to be left as it is so the whole community can continue to enjoy it. If any changes were to be made it would be to improve the facilities on the park and look at other ways to ensure the green space remains a part of our community.

Regards

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 22 January 2021 09:22

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To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Bradwell Development

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Good Morning,

As a resident of Hillport Avenue, I am writing to state my objection of the proposed development adjacent to Bradwell crematorium.

Not only will this take away much needed green space from the community but my main concern is the volume of traffic short cutting down Hillport Avenue.

This road already resembles a racetrack following the building of a new estate some years ago, following which the value of properties significantly decreased in Hillport Avenue.

Yours faithfully

Sent from my iPhone

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From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 16:57

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell Green Space

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Hi, I'd like to let you know that I am strongly against the proposed plans to build on the green space in Bradwell. As a local resident I feel that it will have a terrible effect on the local community and wildlife. Please respond to me if you wish to discuss it further.

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From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 10:05

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell Green

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Hi

I'm writing to heavily emphasise my (and the rest of Bradwells) strong objection to your plans on Bradwell green and the crematorium.

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Whilst I appreciate the need for housing, I don't think this is the best use of space.

The road down to the crematorium when there are large funerals on is ridiculous, causing issues for residents. Adding more houses here will not only cause more issues, but is a real safety concern as a lot of children walk down and play on that road. Moreover, you're essentially over crowding an already crowded estate. Mark my words there will be an increase in road accidents due to this and not only will you devalue the area, you will cause a lot of friction and people moving away from the area.

The green space is a foundation for the community here, and is used daily by hundreds of dog walkers and recreational users. Cutting this space will be damaging for the community and users.

Do not go ahead with this, please consider other more suitable sites with less disruption.

Regards

Sent from my iPhone

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From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 14:46

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Crematorium Development

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I object to the crematorium development

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From: Sent: 24 February 2021 12:30

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Subject: Crematorium

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From:

Sent: 15 January 2021 14:25

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Development of land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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From:

To: propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk

Sent: Friday, 15 January 2021, 14:17:32 GMT

Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

I OBJECT to your proposed redevelopment of the field adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium:

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Regards

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From:

Sent: 21 January 2021 17:23

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Hoon Avenue Housing Development

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to raise objection to the proposed Hoon Avenue Housing Development.

This project is earmarked to be constructed on a valuable piece of green land used by many residents in the Milehouse/ Wolstanton area.

It is a popular space for a variety of different residents, from dog walkers, children, to the elderly. This area is even more valuable in the time of a pandemic when regular, local exercise is crucial for our community.

A lot of residents use this land regularly and it is vital to our community to lose it would have a detrimental impact.

This piece of land is also home to many species of animals including hedgehogs which are classified as vulnerable to extinction. Building on it would have a massive environmental impact and a huge effect on the local wildlife

The current road infrastructure would also not cope with increased traffic, Milehouse lane is already a very busy road. Any housing development would also present more danger to the pupils attending wolstanton high school, which is in close proximity. I also wonder if this is against the Councils own clean air targets?

The catchment primary school for this area is Hempstalls, which is currently already well oversubscribed. More housing would increase the pressure on the local schools, doctors and dentists, which are already full.

Where are the amenities to accommodate new residents?

Perhaps there are brown field sites that could be utilised for the building of new homes.

Kind regards

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Sent: 24 February 2021 13:23

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Subject: I Object - Crematorium Development

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Dear Sirs

I object to the Crematorium development.

The green area is greatly used by all members of the public even more so over the last 12 months, it is a great green space for all families for exercise and relaxation and for wellbeing purposes.

This area also homes a wide range of wildlife which would also be a great loss.

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From:

Sent: 21 January 2021 17:27

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: I OBJECT - Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

Importance: High

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Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

I object to the redevelopment of the field next to Bradwell Crematorium.

Bradwell does not need anymore housing as this is already densely populated.

There are already existing traffic problems within the area, this would only worsen the issue. Increased traffic could result in a decline in peoples health and wellbeing within the area.

There is currently NO GP surgery in Bradwell. It is already a struggle to get an appointment at the surgeries in Wolstanton. With more housing, more residents this will only get worse.

There are 2 primary schools within the area. More housing brings forth more children. Where will these children be educated or will the schools continue to be oversubscribed. What effect does that have on the childrens education.

Bus routes- Bradwell has not had a decent bus route for years. Not everyone drives.

Where will children play? Taking away the field will force them to be on the streets. This may cause an increase in anti social behaviour as there will be nowhere for the children to go to play/burn off energy. For years the field has been used for dog walking, exercise, football on a Sunday and during the week, kids camping. Where will they go?

This green space is needed for fresh air and exercise for everyone to enjoy.

As an alternative could the space already within the crematorium be used more effectively?

Regards

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From:

Sent: 22 January 2021 16:06

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

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Regards,

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From:

Sent: 23 January 2021 12:30

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Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Subject: Land adjacent to bradwell crematorium

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From:

Sent: 22 January 2021 13:21

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Fwd: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Please find attached our letter of objection to this land being developed on.

Save Bradwell Green Space

Save Bradwell's Green Space
savebradwellgreenspace@gmail.com

4th January 2021

Louise Beeby – Property Manager, Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council

SENT VIA EMAIL

RE: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

Dear Councillors of Newcastle under Lyme

We write to you to highlight our concerns about and **objection** to the proposed redevelopment of the field adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

An overview of our concerns;

- Loss of only remaining green space in Bradwell
- Adverse impact to local residents mental health and wellbeing
- Increased traffic congestion and increased pollution
- Infrastructure overload for local schools and amenities
- Reasoning behind the site selection

Bradwell is a densely populated area with approximately 7000 residents. Over recent years there have been continuous housing development projects which have led to the demise of green space access within this area. There is now only one remaining green space that is well used by our community, the field that you are planning to redevelop for housing. Bradwell is disproportionately developed in relation to other areas of the Borough and already an over developed ward. How would this development benefit the people of Bradwell? We already have an online petition with over 1100 signatures.

Public Health England released its '*Improving access to greenspace*' in March 2020. It highlights how green spaces are an essential requirement to support resident's health and wellbeing. They mention how green spaces can reduce health and social care costs, reduce health inequalities, promote social cohesion and support positive action to address climate change. All of these are major issues in the Bradwell area, which means we have a duty to take a proactive approach and look at solutions that do not take away our precious green space. The Council should be investing in our local green space and support the national Government with this initiative. The report recommends that local councils should look at green spaces as critical assets and invest in their future. There would be increased pollution from this proposed development and no green space, reduced trees, and plants to sequester or absorb carbon in the atmosphere in the form of CO2.

The social demographics of Bradwell indicate that many people live on low incomes. If we lose this green space then families would not have a playing field within walking distance. This is a well used space by people that may not have cars or the money to take their families to paid attractions during their leisure time. During Lockdown this field is used so well by families, groups and walkers. It was a lifeline to many.

A huge concern currently by local residents is the traffic in Bradwell. It is a talking point that all residents feel strongly about and are concerned. The roads are heavily congested from Porthill bank across First Avenue and Hillport Avenue. This area is considered a 'rat run' to avoid Bradwell Lane. Arnold Grove is a terribly busy road already without further development. This is likely to increase in usage once Basford Bank is closed. Most high school children are not within walking distance to their school. Bus routes have been slashed. There are no doctors surgeries in Bradwell, residents use neighbouring practices in in Wolstanton and Chesterton and they are already struggling to cope with demand. There is no other primary care available to the residents of Bradwell. There are no gyms in Bradwell or places to exercise. The local infrastructure is failing the people already in this area without expanding the population further.

The field adjacent to the crematorium which is being considered for redevelopment is an area frequently used by the people of our community. You can find children playing on the field and in the park, numerous people walking their dogs or just getting fresh air and socialising interacting with others. We have an 80-year-old gentleman who litter picks on the field every evening, children's football teams training in warmer months and Dads and their Sons practicing their golf skills. Even though the area has been neglected by the council and the facilities are

run down the area is still well used. The green space is a true asset to the people of Bradwell and should it be lost we fear the health and wellbeing of the community will be affected.

We understand there is some need for the Crematoriums parking to be redesigned but we feel other options should be considered first rather than taking a large chunk of well used green space. Very rarely is the existing car park full and residents accept that there are times when the surrounding estate roads will be used to park. The proposals refer to taking some of the green space for future burial sites, however on surveying the crematorium site there is potential to use areas within the grounds in a more effective way. There has been an introduction of headstones being used on burial plots which clearly uses more space than before, is this a sustainable idea for the future if space is so limited? We would be happy to share our thoughts on how carparking and burial plots could be improved without taking away our precious green space should you wish to hear them.

We ask that before you make your decision about our green space please come and speak to us. We feel that developing on this land will be detrimental to our community and going against everything that the government are saying about green spaces. You will hear the stories of how lifelong friendships have been forged by meeting on the field and how children can play for hours in a safe environment, which is something we all want for our children and future generations. If the field were not used, we would not be complaining but it is a valued part of our community which we want to secure for future generations.

As a residents group we do not oppose reasonable plans to expand the Crematorium if it is proven that it is fully utilised and expansion is the only way forward. We do however not support such a large scale housing development on our only green space which would place more pressure on our over developed community and bring no benefit to local people only unhappiness.

Kindest Regards

Save Bradwell's Green Space

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Sent: 15 January 2021 18:37

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Sent: 24 February 2021 08:12

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From:

Sent: 20 January 2021 14:59

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc: Cooper, Jennifer (Cllr) <Jennifer.Cooper@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>; Fox-Hewitt, Andrew (Cllr) <Andrew.Fox-Hewitt@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to development of land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Dear Ms Beeby

I am writing to object in the strongest terms to the proposal to build on greenfield land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium. I am representing myself and also my mother, who lives in Hillport Avenue. What is most shocking about this outrageous plan is the

complete disregard to the needs of the local people for a place to exercise and enjoy the environment. This really is a classic case of selling the family silver to supposedly address a need when you are just using it as an excuse to solve a short term financial problem. I can think of no other local open space nearby where people can walk, play football, exercise their dogs and lots of other healthy activities. The government is telling us all to exercise more but in this proposal you are actively discouraging this. It's not as if you haven't got enough empty brownfield space to build on in places like Newcastle centre. You are also proposing to remove a beautiful area of maturing woodland at a time when there is a great effort to plant more trees. It would also put an unacceptable load on the infrastructure - Hillport Avenue already has far too much traffic. I am concerned that the tone of the letter suggests that it is a 'done deal' and the consultation relates only to practical matters. My mother and her neighbours were completely unaware of the proposal prior to this letter.

Put simply, what you are proposing is environmental vandalism which will be opposed in every way possible. I hope you cancel this ill-judged action which will reflect very badly on the council.

Regards

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From:

Sent: 27 January 2021 13:15

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to development of the field in Broadwell

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Hello,

I am writing to object to the development plans for the field next to the park in Bradwell. I have lived just off the field in Hillport Avenue all of my life and I have seen first hand how vital the space is to the local community. The space provides somewhere to exercise and somewhere for people to walk their dogs. I know for a fact that a lot of people in the surrounding streets have limited mobility and some disabilities, my parents included. Take this space away and you take away their only usable space as they do not have the means to drive or travel to another accessible area. In addition to this, the traffic on Hillport Avenue has gotten worse since the speed bumps were added to Bradwell Lane and adding more houses to the area will only make this worse.

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From: Sent: 26 January 2021 10:41

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to proposed development of Bradwell Green Space

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Good morning

I am contacting you in regards to the proposed development of the green space in Bradwell, connected to the Crematorium.

My husband and I live on Cheswardine Road, very close to this area and feel very strongly that this would significantly impact our lives.

One of the reasons we purchased our house was because of the quietness of the area which would be affected by the development.

It will also lead to more traffic pollution combined with busier roads.

We hope to one day have children and to lose the green space for them to play would be a great shame.

We sincerely hope you can reconsider this proposal and look for an alternative solution.

Kind regards

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 23 January 2021 14:35

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc:

Subject: Our field

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During this pandemic Newcastle Borough Council seem to be ploughing through plans to take away what few green spaces we have, particularly in Bradwell, Porthill & Wolstanton.

Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

Because of the COVID-19 virus our only means of communication is virtual. This rules out a whole group of people who do not use social media & given the number of bungalows / flats in the Bradwell area, there are a lot of elderly people who would oppose the development but don't use the technology that's needed to voice their objections.

We cannot use a paper petition during these times.

Such decisions, affect so many people's lives in so many ways and should not be made during a pandemic.

It seems that what has become a lifeline to many, during these difficult times, is being taken away from our community with little consultation.

Yours faithfully,

Personal details removed

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From:

Sent: 17 January 2021 19:55

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Planning Application Bradwell Crematorium

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you to Object to the Planning Application to build on one of the very few the Green Open Spaces we have left in the area, this one right next to Bradwell Crematorium! 150 New Houses, that's at least 300+ to 600+ extra people, probably at least 150+ to 300+ Extra Vehicles of all kinds! The roads in Bradwell are already congested! Arnold Grove is already being used as a cut through to Porthill Bank and the A500, using Hillport Avenue and First or Second Avenue, making this area extremely busy most of the day! This from very early, 4am onwards in the morning till late at night, 11pm, 7 days a week! Cars of residents already double parked all the way down Arnold Grove, 7 days a week as well as most other roads in this direct area! Public Transports a complete and utter joke in Bradwell, with No Services on Sundays or Bank Holidays, it's as if Residents don't have to go to work on those days! Add two access roads one off Arnold Grove and the other off Chatterley Close, probably directly opposite Cheswardine Road, is absolutely crazy!

The infrastructure cannot continue to be used and abused like this! Most drivers already appear not to know there's a 30 mph limit on these roads as it is! Add an extra 300+ vehicles on top of these already very busy roads, which are getting busier and busier already, without those extra 300+ vehicles from a new estate, is a clear recipe for disaster and without doubt more accidents! There have been plenty of accidents over the years on Arnold Grove and the Roundabout at the end of Arnold Grove, Riceyman Road over the years, adding even more vehicles unnecessarily makes no sense whatsoever! The local infrastructure also just cannot continue maintain all these extra people, schools, shops, Drs Surgeries! It's time for common sense to prevail, if as it appears we need more homes, why not compulsory purchase the very many empty and those poorly maintained homes that are throughout the Borough! Problem solved!

Regards

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From:

Sent: 17 January 2021 16:20

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Planning permission objection

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Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematoruin

I OBJECT to your proposed redevelopment of the field adjacent to Bradwell Crematoruin:

- Bradwell is already a densely populated area with a considerable amount of social and private housing, it does not need more housing.
- There are existing traffic problems with First Avenue and Bradwell Lane, more housing will bring more traffic which is not supportive to healthy communities. Increased traffic to the area will impact on the levels of NO2 resulting in a decline of peoples health and wellbeing.
- With no Doctors surgery in Bradwell, residents already struggle to get an appointment at neighbouring practices. With more housing this will get worse. Our local GP's have seen an increase of Asthma, COPD and Heart Disease being diagnosed (information from Newcastle Under Lyme Air Quality Action Plan) evidencing that the area does not need more traffic polluting the enviroment infact we need to ensure communities have local green spaces to breath fresh air.
- Bursley Academy is over subscribed even though its had an extension.
- Bus routes as with most areas have seen significant cuts over recent years, how can the council state in their marketing materials that there is a good regular bus service when in fact there isnt.
- Where will the children play, taking away their green spaces will force them to play on the streets which is not safe. Its evidenced that children thrive when able to play in safe green spaces. We can expect an increase in antisocial behaviour as the children wont have a place to go to burn of excess energy.

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- Our community needs the green space to exercise and get fresh air. Reports from public health England tells local government that green spaces are assets in supporting mental and pyhsical wellbeing of communities.
- I do not believe that the answer is to extend the Crematotuim, there is sufficent space with in the current grounds to accommodate more parking and buriel plots. With good design and planning the current space within the crem could be used more effectively.

We want the green space to be left as it is so the whole community can continue to enjoy it. If any changes were to be made it would be to improve the facilities on the park and look at other ways to ensure the green space remains a part of our community.

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From: Sent: 27 January 2021 13:57
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: PLANS TO DEVELOP FIELD NEXT TO BRADWELL CREMATORIUM

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Dear Sir,

I wish to register my objection to plans to build new houses on the recreation field next to Bradwell Crematorium.

The field is needed for recreation and much used by many of the local residents.

It will also add traffic noise and traffic air pollution to neighbouring roads and homes. For example many people from Bradwell, when travelling by vehicle to Burslem, Hanley, Stoke, or onto the southbound A500, do so via Porthill Bank. This is already one of the worst roads in the Borough for air pollution and congestion. A large new development in Bradwell will only add to this problem.

Regards,

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From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 21:08

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Proposed crematorium development - Bradwell.

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I am sending this email to voice my strong objection to the proposed crematorium development In Bradwell. Based on the plans set out I believe this will cause havoc on the roads and create additional safety issues. Further to these concerns i and many people within community value the open green space for dog walking and for children to enjoy the outdoor open fields to play.

Best Regards.

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From:

Sent: 19 January 2021 20:03

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Proposed redevelopment Bradwell

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- With no Doctors surgery in Bradwell, residents already struggle to get an appointment at neighbouring practices. With more housing this will get worse. Our local GP's have seen an increase of Asthma, COPD and Heart Disease being diagnosed (information from Newcastle Under Lyme Air Quality Action Plan) evidencing that the area does not need more traffic polluting the environment, infact we need to ensure communities have local green spaces to breath fresh air.
- Bursley Academy is over subscribed even though its had an extension.
- Bus routes as with most areas have seen significant cuts over recent years. The Council state in their marketing materials for the proposed development that there are good regular bus services, this is not true.

- Where will the children play? Taking away their green spaces will force them to play on the streets which is not safe. It's evidenced that children thrive when able to play in safe green spaces. We can expect an increase in antisocial behaviour as the children won't have a place to go to burn off excess energy.
- Our community needs the green space to exercise and get fresh air. Reports from Public Health England tell local government that green spaces are assets in supporting mental and physical wellbeing of communities.
- I do not believe that the answer is to extend the Crematorium, there is sufficient space within the current grounds to accommodate more parking and burial plots. With good design and planning the current space within the crematorium could be used more effectively. There are not that many large funerals and they park on the road to be 1st away on most occasions.

We want the green space to be left as it is so the whole community can continue to enjoy it. If any changes were to be made it would be to improve the facilities on the park and look at other ways to ensure the green space remains a part of our community.

Regards

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From:
Sent: 24 February 2021 11:49
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Save Bradwell's Green Space

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you as I am concerned about the plans to remove Bradwell's green space by the crematorium, to instead be used as housing and a carpark.

As I walk from my house, the nearest green space is Bradwell woods and the surrounding field area by the Crematorium (my house actually overlooks the field by the crematorium). There is nothing, within walking distance, that replicates this green space - and that is a huge concern.

I use the green space regularly, which is used by families, dog walkers, children, teenagers, fitness groups and I'm sure others that I am unaware of too. Whilst the plans show that Bradwell woods will remain (which is a hive of natural wildlife so the thought of that being removed is devastating), it is the woods that provide a space for antisocial behaviour - regular used by motorbikes and quadbikes, littered with alcohol and drug paraphernalia, making it a

space that I cannot safely use when I'm on my own. The large, green space by the crematorium is a safe space where there is no antisocial behaviour; to take this away from the hundreds of people that use it regularly, is just simply awful.

My other concern is the road links to the crematorium and the planned housing. First Avenue/Hillport Avenue is tight enough as it is with all the parked cars and traffic - and is the direct link to the A500. To get direct links to the A34, roads such as Bursley Way and Cardway, again, have many cars parked on the side of the roads (and a school on Bursley way) which is a huge concern for traffic (and potential accidents) when you have more people walking on the roads as the green space would be taken, and more traffic due to more housing.

All in all, removing the green space in Bradwell is a big worry. There are plenty of spaces that the local councils could use to build housing if this is needed - what about all the brown space in Middleport/Longport and along the A500 towards Stoke? These are not spaces used by people to exercise and for mental health, yet could easily be built on for housing without causing safety and mental health concerns.

I await your reply eagerly, in the hope you will be able to give me some peace of mind.

Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 27 January 2021 14:18

To: savebradwellgreendpwce@gmail.com; propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: save our field

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

To whom it may concern,

Having seen the plans to build more house around the crematorium in Bradwell, I would like to raise my objection please.

I live in Melvyn Crescent off First Avenue, and would like to oppose more building due to traffic issues which are already a nuisance along First Avenue and Hillport Avenue already, as this is used as a thoroughfare already, due to the humps in the road in Bradwell Lane.

Apart from this the local doctors would be over-run with new patients, we can't get an appointment as it is, and also potentially class sizes would increase in the local primary schools.

Yours sincerely

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From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 16:35

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Save our green space bradwell

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I object to the building of houses /crem extension opposite our house I don't like the idea of facing a junction it will cause traffic problems and parking problems. Lose the view and the freedom for walks exercise etc. It's the we have lived and this will spoil things for a lot of people in this community

Sent from my Huawei phone

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From: propertydept

Sent: 25 January 2021 12:26

To:

Subject: [UNCLASSIFIED/ORG] FW: Planning proposal Chatterley Close Bradwell

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Good Afternoon

Thank you for your email.

We are required consult with all the residents of properties adjacent to the land, for residents who's for properties that are not adjacent to the land, notices have been placed at the entrances and at the playground.

I have attached a copy of the letter sent for your information.

With Regards

The Property Team

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From:

Sent: 20 January 2021 13:28

To: PlanningDMSupport <PlanningDMSupport@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Planning proposal Chatterley Close Bradwell

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

It has recently come to my attention of the proposed change of land use of the above green space. I live on Hillport avenue overlooking the crematorium field and am concerned that my residence being directly affected by the proposal has not as yet had any written communication from your department, whilst the houses on the other side of the road have. Is this some kind of under hand measure to try to keep opposition of these plans to a minimum by only informing about 10% of the residences affected? I am looking forward to your departments response, I also shall be writing to my MP over the matter.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Se

Sent: 20 February 2021 10:46

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc: savebradwellgreenspace@gmail.com

Subject: Save Bradwell's Green Space - Objection to Development

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Hi Property Dept at N-u-L Borough Council,

I am writing to lodge my personal and my organisation's objection to the proposed extension of Bradwell Crematorium and sell-off of important community green space, for yet more housing development.

I am local resident (living in Hanbridge Avenue, Bradwell) who makes regular use of that green space as a valued local asset for exercise, socialising, wellbeing and accessing quietness of nature for relaxation and mental health.

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I also run a local social enterprise (business address based in Bradwell) called Human-Nature Escapes CIC (Community Interest Company). 'Human-Nature' is a not-for-profit community project which connects people to nature and local green space for improved wellbeing and positive mental health. Our group knows from its own 'lived experience' the important wellbeing and mental health benefits of very local and accessible green spaces.

Our project also offers support to community groups fighting against the loss of green space and has been pro-active in supporting the action group making progress in preventing development on Berryhill Fields (Stoke-on-Trent Council). We are well connected to many other green space and environmental organisations which serve to protect nature and green space.

We are now offering our voice and support to the 'Save Bradwell's Green Space' Action Group in campaigning against this proposed development, and may reach out to seek the support from other campaign groups locally, regionally and across the UK, to help safeguard Bradwell Field.

Escalating this campaign action would potentially damage the reputation of N-u-L Borough Council in respect of whether it's doing its best to protect green space and the wellbeing its local citizens.

I object to the proposed development on the following grounds:

1) Continual loss of green space in Bradwell & Over-Development of Housing:

Bradwell has already lost considerable green space and playing fields capacity due to new housing development. Significant green space was lost with the development of new housing on the former Bradwell High School site, additional new housing at Old Hall Drive and N-u-L Borough Council currently already has green space playing field land up for sale on the A34 (to the rear of Sun Academy School, Bradwell). This increases local resident numbers, puts ever-increasing pressure on roads and local services, whilst at the same time reducing the available green space resource left for leisure and wellbeing for the ever-increasing local population.

2) Plenty of Spare Crematorium Capacity:

I've personally reviewed the land available as burial site at Bradwell Crematorium, there is no shortage of land capacity. Ashes burial requires very little space and burials do not need a formal headstone (taking space). There is a huge amount of land area to the south of the site, which is yet to be utilised for any burials, which is just natural landscape. There's also huge swathes of garden/grassed areas with massive spare capacity. There is scope for extending car parking within the existing perimeter of the Crematorium. I have advised the 'Save Bradwell Green Space' Action Group to do a formal analysis of the land area to prove that the existing site has many more decades of space still available. Maybe an independent professional land surveyor could assess this capacity to prove this is the case and confirm that this is simply being used as an excuse to sell-off adjacent green space for housing. (Additional over-spill car parking could also be secured by acquiring un-used land adjacent to the water supply tank on the nearby water authority land).

3) Proposal Goes Against 'Levelling-Up':

In other parts of Newcastle Borough, 'Levelling-Up' Towns Funding is placing specific emphasis on priority projects which support community health and wellbeing, leisure, sport and green spaces - in Kidsgrove.

Both Kidsgrove and Newcastle have been identified as target areas for Towns Fund investment. It does not make any sense that in one of the ear-marked Towns Fund areas, the council are investing on leisure, wellbeing and green space initiatives for the benefit of the Kidsgrove Community, whilst at the same time proposing to take away existing green space/leisure assets for from the Bradwell (Newcastle) Community. This is not 'Levelling-Up' it's actually 'Levelling-Down' (taking away). I think there is a strong case of emphasising this point through our local MP's.

The proposal is not 'build back better', it's 'build back worse'!

4) Feasibility and Risk:

The proposed development site has significant technical difficulties for building new housing. We understand that there is major underground mains drinking water supply pipeline serving a huge area of Newcastle.

This should make the land unsuitable, or at least very costly (and possibly cost prohibitive) and therefore unattractive to a property developer. I would urge the action group to contact the water company, to assess the costs, risks, feasibility and suitability of this land for development and whether they have concerns over the risk of this proposed development.

5) Safety Risk - Construction Traffic:

The proposed new housing development is in a well developed residential area, very close to Bursley Academy (Primary & Nursery School) as well as a Community Centre. Construction traffic would pose a risk to the safety of parents and children making their way from residential areas to the school and community facilities.

6) Plenty of Spare Capacity for New Housing in Newcastle Town Centre:

We understand the need for good quality housing and accept this presents a challenge for councils against government targets for new housing.

Currently there is considerable new apartment housing being developed (and remaining partially built) in Newcastle Town Centre, right opposite your new Headquarters building. Wouldn't it make more sense to complete this partially built dwellings rather than taking away green space?

Also, we have seen a marked increase in the vacant shop/retail/office premises in the town centre (especially Newcastle). This is only likely to increase as a consequence of the pandemic and more home/on-line working. Surely it makes more sense to convert vacant shops/retail/office premises in the town centre on existing occupied land, rather than taking away green space from local communities. This would have the added benefit of re-imagining and re-vitalising our town centres, which are now at serious risk of becoming ghost-towns. More residents living directly in the town centre would increase footfall and spending in the remain shops/retail, preserving future business rate income for the council.

8) Importance of Local Green Space for Wellbeing, Wildlife & Climate Change:

Lastly our project will shortly be working on a '15 Minute City' concept with local students, academics and local citizens. This will analyse a model of how residents/communities can walk or cycle to all the local assets and facilities they need within a 15 minute time frame. Taking away very local green space flies in the face of these concepts which would address climate change and result in happier healthier neighbourhoods and help the council meet their climate change objectives and promises. Removing access to very local community green spaces like Bradwell Field, forces people to use their cars and travel to green space further afield - in all likelihood Westport Lake, which already has capacity issues and parking problems impacting local residents.

Continual loss of green space also has an impact on wildlife at a time when we are facing massive biodiversity loss. It discourages wildlife entering our urban areas, and blocks passage of wildlife through and across our urban centres.

We believe these are strong and indisputable arguments against the proposed development and loss of vitally important green space which currently enhances the wellbeing, appeal and enjoyment of living in Bradwell, Newcastle and helps us as residents lead flourishing, healthy lives.

Could you (and the 'Save Bradwell Green Space' Action Group' please acknowledge receipt of this email as my personal and my organisation's objection to the proposed development and loss of local community green space.

Regards,

Councillor Andrew Fox-Hewitt
Bradwell and Porthill Ward
Newcastle-Under-Lyme
09-01-2021

Louise Beeby – Property Manager, Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council
SENT VIA EMAIL

Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

Dear Louise

I write further to your correspondence dated 26th November 2020 where you sought the views / representations of local residents, community groups and local ward councillors. In response I wish to record my own views based on dialogue with a large number of residents since the proposals were published by the council cabinet.

The proposals have generated a large vocal response by local residents, whom have been unanimous in their opposition to the plans.

Residents generally support a small expansion of the Crematorium to enable sufficient capacity in the future in terms of burials and remembrance. The expansion of the car park has drawn numerous questions as many have commented that the car park is very rarely full and this is something I have also witnessed on each occasion I have visited the crematorium.

The element of the proposals which have not drawn any support are the plans and redevelopment being linked to the selling off of land for what appears to be large scale housing. This is also something that I unequivocally oppose.

The land next to the crematorium is a well-used community asset, with dog walkers, children, parent and toddler groups and local sports teams all using the green space. As you will be aware, Bradwell is already overdeveloped, indeed it is the largest ward by population and density in the whole borough. This is the only green space for community use.

Urban green spaces reduce the UHI effect by providing shade and by cooling the air through the process of evapotranspiration. Overall, urban green spaces take in more carbon than they return to the atmosphere. Greenspace is multifunctional – it provides social, economic and environmental benefits

The importance of green spaces on air pollution cannot be overstated. Trees and plants “sequester,” or absorb, carbon from the atmosphere in the form of CO₂. Urban green spaces relieve the effects of what is referred to as the ‘urban heat island’. The urban heat island effect appears in towns and cities that are highly populated. It refers to the heat that’s generated from houses, shops, industrial buildings, vehicles and people simply living their day-to-day lives in close proximity. Unfortunately, the buildings, pathways and roads prevent the heat from rising into the atmosphere. This means that the temperature increases within the city, sometimes by 34-37,5° F, in comparison to surrounding rural areas.

The effects on mental health is also a fundamental objective consideration when deciding on whether to support these proposals. Urban green spaces, such as parks, playgrounds, and residential greenery, can promote mental and physical health, and reduce morbidity and mortality in urban residents by providing psychological relaxation and stress alleviation, stimulating social cohesion, supporting physical activity, and reducing exposure to air pollutants, noise and excessive heat.

Finally, a large number of residents have been clear that this land was gifted to the people of Bradwell by the Land owner (George Poole) to be used in perpetuity. Put simply it is not viewed as the Councils land to ‘sell off’.

You will be aware that within 7 days of these proposals being published, a community petition was launched on the ‘Change.org’ platform with more than 1100 signatories. It is for the reasons above that I cannot support the proposals as I do not believe they are in the best interests of the local community and hope that they are withdrawn in earnest. I would be grateful if you would record this as my formal response to the consultation.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew

Cllr Andrew Fox-Hewitt

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From:

Sent: 14 January 2021 17:10

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my opinion on the recent planning application to build a housing estate on the playing fields next to the Crematorium. I have lived in this area all my life and myself, my wife and three young children actively use this field on a daily basis for enjoyment and exercise.

It is a big part of the community and for the council to take that away will have a massive negative effect on the local community. There are very few other local fields in the area that the community could use if this were to disappear to build new houses on and I do not agree with this going ahead.

The need for outdoor recreational space is even more important given the current difficult times and as parents it is so important for these amenities to be left available for our children to enjoy.

I sincerely hope that this project does not go ahead and hope that you take note of the local community.

I would like for you to keep me informed with this subject.

Thank you.

Kind Regards,

From:

Sent: 14 January 2021 17:05

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Land Adjacent To Bradwell Crematorium

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Kind Regards,

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From: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Sent: 21 May 2021 10:16
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: [UNCLASSIFIED] FW:

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From:
Sent: 24 February 2021 13:31
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject:

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I object to the crematorium development,

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From:
Sent: 31 January 2021 12:16
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject:

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Bradwell green space.

Dear sir.

I would like to object to the councils plans to build on the Bradwell green space this is the only field in Bradwell that residents can walk there dogs and exercise, the area already suffers from the D road on one side. The area is already built up and there are no parks in the area for residents to get some fresh air. Over the last 20 years there has been a considerable build up of houses in the area and a further development in this area would be detrimental to the health of people living in the area especially the elder generation.

Yours sincerely

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From:

Sent: 22 February 2021 10:33

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject:

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Dear whomever this concerns

The fact remains that Bradwell is a **VERY HIGHLY AND DENSELY** populated area already. **VERY LIMITED GREEN SPACE**

Schools are limited, no doctors surgeries close by.

The roads for the most part are narrow and (when you think about the considerable amount of vehicular traffic that use these roads) **dangerous**.

Now thinking about the density of the population, in the main each of these properties has a car or two or even 3 or 4. A lot of these vehicles are camper vans , motor homes, WORK VEHICLES (which I should think should be parked at place of work, not on residential land), small wagons and all sorts.

Everybody does not have off road parking, so a lot are parked on the road or the footpath or the grass verges. This can make walking on the footpath dangerous. There a lot of people with children in buggies up and down these so called FOOTPATHS also the elderly and people in wheelchairs. Even those that have parking space choose to park anywhere but.

Arnold Grove is a main bus route and extremely busy, and since the traffic calming was put in on Bradwell Lane the traffic flow has increased considerably as people are using it to avoid the humps on Bradwell Lane, shortcutting to the 500. Besides which it is like a race track, because cars are up and down regularly, at a lot more than 30 mph.

I have also heard (I don't know details) that there have been crested newts seen there. There are bodies of water in the surrounding area, so this is possible. And there are some in Chesterton which is close by. If this is the case they and the surrounding environment are protected. It is against the law to kill, injure or disturb them.

This needs to be taken into consideration

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Regarding the Crem. The car park stands empty most of the time so what is the point in making it bigger than it already is?

The only time it is used is for funerals, not all day every day.

It would be better if the council didn't spend so much of OUR money on white elephants, they would probably be in pocket now instead of doing something else that nobody wants.

These things need to be discussed with taxpayers at the outset, not when everything is almost settled

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From: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Sent: 21 May 2021 10:16

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: [UNCLASSIFIED] FW:

[Classification: NULBC **UNCLASSIFIED**]

From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 13:31

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject:

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I object to the crematorium development,

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From:

Sent: 13 January 2021 21:39

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell crem field

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Good evening.

Having read your proposal for the above green open space, you make the plans look so attractive.

What about the disruption to the directly affected residents? I.e

All the noise, dust, dust and vibration to our houses which are pre-fabricated and any movement to this kind of property will cause a lot of damage which due to the current situation people would not be able to afford to have put right, these houses were not meant to still be standing as

they were built quickly after the war, hence why the council houses have had alterations on them to update them and the people who bought them could not afford to have the work done.

The roads around this area are not meant for big heavy trucks that will be going to and from the site for months, hillport avenue and arnold grove have a lot of parked cars so that you have to keep stopping to give the right of way, the streets are congested now without any more houses been built up here. the pavements are shocking, they hold water and the tarmac has worn off, they have not been re-surfaced for years.

The public transport in Bradwell is a joke, who wants to go to Congleton from here? I don't think you can get to Hanley without going to Newcastle first.

Please tell me in 30 years time when the crem is near capacity again, where will you extend it to? As you would have sold off the green space that could have been used to extend again.

My right of way into the field after 45 years access into the field will no longer exist if these houses are built,

We have no dentists, doctors, high schools here in Bradwell, so where will all these other people go for these services as the ones we use now are overflowing and the services are not fit for purpose as it is.

We as a community do not want any more houses up here, I know money talks and this will go through, if the council didn't waste money and ran the organisation properly and didn't waste money you wouldn't be looking for ways to raise money to get other things upgraded and extended that have been neglected over the years.

I dread to think what the pollution readings will be with new houses, more cars on the road, the crem burning and the traffic off the A500. We as a community are ready for a fight to stop this going ahead,

Kind regards

A upset resident

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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From: Planning Applications <planningapplications@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Sent: 03 February 2021 10:09

To: Beeby, Louise <Louise.Beeby@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>; propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: [UNCLASSIFIED] Bradwell Crem

[Classification: NULBC **UNCLASSIFIED**]

Hi Please find attached an objection to the Bradwell Crem

Regards

Assistant Support Officer
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk

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From:

Sent: 18 February 2021 15:12

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell crematorium expansion

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Good afternoon.

I would like to log an objection to the Bradwell Crematorium development proposal.

Kind regards,

Bradwell resident

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 21 February 2021 08:43

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell crematorium proposal

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Morning,

I wish to inform you of my strong objection to your proposals in relation to Bradwell crematorium field. My concern and objection not only arises as a resident but also as a public health nurse.

The community of Bradwell has little in the way of beauty. Taking away the field will add to this further. The field provides the community with an escapism from this. Your sense of well being through meeting others, seeing your children play or taking your dog for a walk is restored in all seasons by a walk on this field.

This is beneficial for everyone's physical emotional and mental health needs within a community known to have poorer mental health, higher levels of deprivation and lower life expectancy than other areas with the Borough of Newcastle Under Lyme.

Furthermore, I remain concerned about the impact your proposals will have upon our already over stretched local G.P and educational service provision.

I trust that you will take my objection seriously when considering your plans.yours faithfully

Sent from my iPhone

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From:

Sent: 23 February 2021 19:57

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell crematorium

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I object to the development of Bradwell crematorium

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From:

Sent: 31 January 2021 11:05

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell field

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Dear property department

My late father has a bench at the children's play area dedicated to the hard work he did as a Councillor for bradwell to keep green spaces for the people of bradwell .This was done with a quality life drive for residents in the area to build on these green spaces is a travesty and goes against everything he fought for .If anything should ever be built on the crem field it should be a new high school and a doctors surgery something the area really needs and could be used to bring various age groups together like the old High school did .Its no use building more houses without facilities that is the reason my family feel this is not an acceptable planning application for the field if these plans do go ahead I want the bench to be returned to us not just thrown in a skip .

Kind regards

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From:

Sent: 14 January 2021 13:21

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell field developments

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14 January 2021

Property Department
Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

Dear Sirs/Madam

Proposed Developments at Bradwell Crematorium/fields

I am writing to oppose the building of houses on the fields adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium. Our local population have very few green spaces around us. We have always enjoyed walking and playing games here and during this last year it has been a God-send for our mental health to be able to get out to somewhere where there are trees and grass. We are being encouraged to get out and get active but where can we if you take our fields?

Building a new housing complex will add to the traffic. Bradwell Crematorium has its own car park but on busy days every part of this location has cars in the streets. Building more houses will only add to this. The streets are narrow and there is hardly enough space for traffic corteges to pass each other. I predict there will be road traffic accidents if traffic is increased.

Taking our green spaces is an easy option for the council to find additional building sites. There must be other brown sites which are eyesores and could be used and developed for housing.

Yours faithfully
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From:
Sent: 01 February 2021 06:55
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Bradwell field

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Dear Sir/madam,

With reference to the planned development on Bradwell field I would like to raise my strong objections to these plans.

From a personal perspective, my dad lives near to these fields and uses them every day to take his dog for exercise. It's the only green space within walking distance. He's a pensioner who is recently widowed and it's not possible for him to walk for miles to find an alternative space to do this. He needs the

convenience of this nearby green space and has even mentioned he may have to move out of the area (and out of the house he lived in with my mum) if he no longer has anywhere nearby to exercise his dog. This will be extremely distressing for both him and the family if he is forced to do this especially since my mum is buried at Bradwell crematorium and dad wants to remain close to there.

Regardless of these very important personal reasons, I know that there is many local residents who use the field for exercise for both themselves, their children and their dogs. Especially in the past year when life has been so tough for everyone dealing with lockdown and the restrictions, it's even more important to have green spaces where people can exercise. For reasons of mental and physical health, green spaces are extremely important.

To take away the few remaining green areas and to remove such a valuable community resource, is very damaging. I would like you to really take the time to think about how something so simple would impact the lives of local residents. Many elderly people and children rely on these areas. To build more houses would mean more people living in an area without green space for the children and dogs to play on, making their lives more difficult when times are already so challenging.

I hope that you will consider an alternative siting for the housing you propose.

Yours faithfully,

Sent from my iPhone

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From:

Sent: 18 February 2021 15:28

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell Field

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to you to tell you I strongly OBJECT to the development that has been proposed to expand Bradwell crematorium and build new houses. You are taking away or green space as a community and also our schools in the area are already at breaking point. We don't have a GP surgery in the area and again the only local ones are hard enough to gain appointments without extra added overheads. Once again I would like to make it clear I OBJECT to any development that is being proposed in or around Bradwell crematorium.

Kind regards

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Classification: NULBC **UNCLASSIFIED** Organisational

From:
Sent: 28 January 2021 17:06
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Bradwell fields

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Sir The plan to turn the fields at Bradwell into an extension to the Crem and to build houses and a car park is both thoughtless and selfish. These fields have been used and enjoyed by many people for along time.To deprive children and adults of these facilities is against the principles of local government on behalf of the electorate and should not be allowed to take place

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From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 21:06

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc:

Subject: Bradwell Green space / recreation ground - I object to the Crematorium and Housing Development.

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

To whom it may concern,

I object to the Crematorium and Housing Development on Bradwell Green Space / recreation field.

I live at and the Bradwell Green space / recreation ground is a short walk away, and I use it on a daily basis to walk, and enjoy the open air and the views, it helps me to clear my mind and relax.

Local people use this land for walking, family time, children playing, exercise, running, etc, all activities which aid good mental health .

It is the only open and accessible area locally which can be used as such, as it is reasonably flat, the elderly, less mobile and people with children can all access it easily, whereas the woods are not accessible when it is wet, which is approx. 9 months of the year and become muddy, slippery and therefore too dangerous for these groups to access.

Also, the council has built on every other piece of green space locally, this increases traffic, pollution and demand on local health and social services which are already struggling to provide services to the local community.

We also have poor public transport links in the area, which forces people to travel in cars to get where they want to go.

This open area has been invaluable to local people since this pandemic started, and has been extremely well used by all who live locally.

The Crematorium does not require extra parking, the car park is very rarely full, and if busy, then cars do park on the access road which does not inconvenience local people. The proposal just postpones the inevitable as the Council will still need to build another Crematorium in approx. 20 years time – why not plan ahead for the future ? - rather than build on every little green space !

If this Development goes ahead, all that will be left is a postage stamp sized triangular bit of Green where locals can sit on a bench and look at a small landscaped area, which is too small to be used for anything else !

Please do not build on this land !

Yours Sincerely,

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 03 February 2021 19:17

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell green space

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I object to you building on our fields, when I was growing up we had the fields around twiggy's farm to play in, you built a housing estate on it & old people's home , we had a cricket ground & pavilion, you built a housing estate on it, I went to school at bradwell high guess what you built a housing estate on it . Could you just leave us some green space to enjoy as well as the woods which are being encroached on from the under pass of the A500, & don't suggest I use the marsh , why when I've a perfectly good green space 5 minutes away, the crematorium certainly doesn't need extra parking & I will probably end up in the crematorium one day along with my parents & grandparents who are already there & they aren't taking much room up! Generations have played on that park, football teams train on the grass , people like myself walk our dogs there chat with friends. No thanks I don't want to look at another estate, I like the green of the grass & trees not to mention the wildlife I get to see, if you build on it, it will all be lost forever

Sent from my iPhone

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From:

Sent: 11 February 2021 11:44

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell Green Space Re-Development

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Dear Sir / Madam,

I object to the re-development of land next to Bradwell Crematorium.

This is one of the only green spaces left in Bradwell and Newcastle in general. There are several brown field sites that are a complete eye-sore and the town centre is a ghost town, surely these are the areas that should be being re-developed first and foremost?

This particular green space is extremely important to the community and it is widely used. It is a place for both adults and children to walk their dogs, exercise, ride bikes, play football, run around and let off steam and get fresh air. All of these things are vital to maintain, not only physical health, but mental health. Stripping the community of this green space will be extremely detrimental to this. Over the last

year, lockdowns have reiterated just how important having green spaces within walking distance are to a community and it is being used now more than ever.

I know that Newcastle and Stoke councils are both working towards creating cleaner air in the area and for me the destruction of this green space is a total contradiction to this. People that can drive will have to travel miles to find a wide open green space like this, thus doing nothing to reduce the amount of traffic on our roads and adding to air pollution. Plus, there will be one less green space in our community to get much needed fresh air.

Another concern is where will the residents of new homes go to school? Even with the planned expansion to Bursley Academy it is over-crowded, as is Bradwell Primary. Chesterton High School and Orme Academy will also have to deal with an increase of students. Teachers will have less and less time to give children adequate support and the education of our children will surely suffer.

Likewise, which doctors surgery will residents of the now homes attend? The doctors nearest to these new homes will see an increase of patients because all doctors surgeries have a catchment area that mean people in that area can only go to those surgeries. It will be impossible to get an appointment as it is already near impossible. Again, the health of the community will suffer.

I whole-heartedly object to the re-development of this green space because it will only be detrimental to the community.

Many thanks,

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 20 January 2021 18:57

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwell Green Space

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Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematoruin

I OBJECT to your proposed redevelopment of the field adjacent to Bradwell Crematoruim:

- Bradwell is already a densely populated area with a considerable amount of social and private housing, it does not need more housing.
- There are existing traffic problems with First Avenue and Bradwell Lane, additional housing will bring more traffic and compounding an already controversial issue in this area. Increased traffic to the area will impact on the levels of NO2 resulting in a decline of peoples health and wellbeing.
- With no Doctors surgery in Bradwell, residents already struggle to get an appointment at neighbouring practices. With more housing this will get worse. Our local GP's have seen an increase of Asthma, COPD and Heart Disease being diagnosed (information from Newcastle Under Lyme Air Quality Action Plan)

evidencing that the area does not need more traffic polluting the environment, infact we need to ensure communities have local green spaces to breath fresh air.

- Bursley Academy is over subscribed even though its had an extension.
- Bus routes as with most areas have seen significant cuts over recent years. The Council state in their marketing materials for the proposed development that there are good regular bus services, this is not true.

- Where will the children play? Taking away their green spaces will force them to play on the streets which is not safe. It's evidenced that children thrive when able to play in safe green spaces. We can expect an increase in antisocial behaviour as the children wont have a place to go to burn of excess energy.

- Our community needs the green space to exercise and get fresh air. Reports from Public Health England tells local government that green spaces are assets in supporting mental and physical wellbeing of communities.

- I do not believe that the answer is to extend the Crematotuim, there is sufficient space with in the current grounds to accommodate more parking and burial plots. With good design and planning the current space within the crematorium could be used more effectively.

We want the green space to be left as it is so the whole community can continue to enjoy it. If any changes were to be made it would be to improve the facilities on the park and look at other ways to ensure the green space remains a part of our community.

Regards

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From:

Sent: 16 February 2021 16:20

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc: savebradwellgreenspace@gmail.com

Subject: Bradwell green space

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I am writing to register my objection to the expansion of the crematorium and the building of new housing on the land adjacent to Chatterley Close.

I have lived in Porthill for over thirty years and have used the field on an almost daily basis for exercise and recreation since the day I moved to the area. Green open spaces are essential for physical health and mental wellbeing. The field and play area under consideration play a huge part in this regard for a great many local residents. Many people who may not have used the field regularly in the past have certainly benefited from it during the current pandemic and will hopefully continue to do so in the future.

Additionally, the building of houses on this land will put further pressure on the local amenities and increase road congestion/pollution, which is already a problem at peak times in this area.

I urge the council therefore to find an alternative means of increasing the amount of burial land and housing within the borough without taking away valuable, well used, green space from this, or any other, local community.

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From:
Sent: 29 January 2021 12:51
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Bradwells Green space...

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sir,
i wish to object to your plans for the sale and development of the playing fields/ recreation site off Arnold grove, Bradwell. I and a number of others walk our dogs on there, whilst my wife takes the grand-children into the playground. The open field and the tree's make a welcome relief in the lockdown and difficult times...

From:
Sent: 31 January 2021 15:08
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Bradwells Green Space

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Dear Sir

I would like to put in an objection against the councils plans to destroy Bradwell's Green Space. I have lived in this area all my life and have lived on Hillport Avenue and Laurance Court off Chatterley Close for 35 years. The Green Space is the only field in this area which is used by so many people both young and old to walk their dogs and for exercise. By building a new estate is would cause more traffic congestion and pollution on Chatterly Close affecting everyone's health and well being in the area.

Please think about what you will be destroying for all the local people of Bradwell.

Yours faithfully

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From:
Sent: 21 February 2021 21:35
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Bradwell's green space

Classification: NULBC **UNCLASSIFIED** Organisational

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I object to the destruction of Bradwell's green space by the plans to extend the crematorium and other residential development.

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From:

Sent: 15 February 2021 12:15

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc: savebrdawellgreenspace@gmail.com

Subject: Bradwell's green space

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I was born in Porthill and apart from 3 years at university and 2 years working away I have lived in Porthill all my life.

I have seen Bradwell go from a council estate with a bad reputation to an area that is a pleasant place to live. The residents have done this. Houses have been improved and generally the tone of the area has calmed.

Green space is a very important and necessary feature of this improvement. The Victorians understood this and built parks.

Do **not** create the environment that takes Bradwell and its surrounding wards back to the bad old days for the sake of short term profit.

Think of the future and convert some brownfield sites for the sake of the people you represent.

Yours sincerely

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 30 January 2021 12:51

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bradwells green spaces

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Dear Persons,

Classification: NULBC **UNCLASSIFIED** Organisational

I would like to register my protest against the proposed development of the green space near Bradwell crematorium.

This area has seen enough encroachment on green areas over the past several years including by Bradwell nursing home and Bradwell community centre.

This area needs space to breathe where people can step onto grass and enjoy fresh air recreation, where our children can run and play.

Please do not remove any more open fields from this area.

From: finance <finance@bursley.staffs.sch.uk>

Sent: 15 January 2021 11:31

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Bursley Academy - Land adjacent to Bradwell crematorium

Importance: High

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Good morning,

Please find attached letter from our Principal, , in respect of the land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

Kind regards

The Praxis Trust
Bursley Academy
Bursley Way
Bradwell
Newcastle
Staffs ST5 8JQ

Property Section
Newcastle Borough Council
Castle House
Barracks Road
Newcastle under Lyme
Staffordshire
ST5 1BL

15th January 2021

Dear Planning,

Ref: Land Adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

We have been made aware of a post on Facebook that names our school in a letter of objection to the above development. Please be advised that we are not in any way affiliated with this post which is factually incorrect as, at this moment in time, we are not 'over-subscribed' as stated thanks to our classroom extension and increased PAN (intake) of 60. Bursley Academy have no objections to this development.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate in calling or e-mailing me.
Your sincerely

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Principal

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From:

Sent: 18 February 2021 19:54

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Crem

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I object to the Crematorium development

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 20 February 2021 20:38

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Crematorium development

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

To whom it may concern,

I object to the crematorium development in Bradwell

Yours faithfully,

Sent from my iPhone

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From:

Sent: 20 February 2021 21:14

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Crematorium development, Bradwell

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To whom it may concern,

I object to the crematorium development in Bradwell.

Yours faithfully,

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Sent: 20 February 2021 20:41

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Crematorium development

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From:

Sent: 30 January 2021 11:02

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Crematorium Fi

Bradwell

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I have seen in the local media that the council is proposing to sell off the open space green field next door to the Bradwell Crematorium for housing development. I object to this proposal for several reasons, there is not much green space left around this area within walking distance from my house on Hillport Avenue where wild life thrives, as most of the fields around the old Bradwell school have already been developed, in the name of progress. There is loads of space nearby in Stoke on Trent, with undeveloped brown field sites all through the Etruria and Chatterley valleys that are available to be developed before the Crematorium Park I also object on the principal that more houses in this area, will inevitably generate a lot more through traffic to Porthill Bank travelling along my street, a narrow estate road, which has become a dangerous rat run because of the ill thought out Bradwell Lane traffic calming measures. I think that an open space was originally left around the Crematorium to allow any inevitable odours to dissipate, before reaching any nearby residences. If the wind is in the wrong direction, when the crematorium is operating where I live the smell is offensive but this is not very often. There are a load of problems being caused at the moment in the borough due to an ill thought housing development

at Hamptons Fields, next door to the land fill, causing nauseous offensive smells. This is another one in the making, the Crematorium is a permanent feature but the land fill will be covered over in a decade or so every time the wind is in the north or north east there will be complaints.

Regards

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From:

Sent: 15 January 2021 14:25

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Development of land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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----- Forwarded message -----

From:

To: propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk

Sent: Friday, 15 January 2021, 14:17:32 GMT

Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematoruim

Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

I OBJECT to your proposed redevelopment of the field adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium:

- Bradwell is already a densely populated area with a considerable amount of social and private housing, it does not need more housing.
- There are existing traffic problems with First Avenue, Hillport Avenue, Arnold Grove and Bradwell Lane, more housing will bring more traffic which is not supportive to healthy communities. Increased traffic to the area will not only impact on the environment but also in the noise pollution in a decline of peoples health and wellbeing, not to mention the increased safety concerns to pedestrians.

- With no Doctors surgery in Bradwell, residents already struggle to get an appointment at neighbouring practices. With more housing this will get worse. Our local GP's have seen an increase of Asthma, COPD and Heart Disease being diagnosed (information from Newcastle Under Lyme Air Quality Action Plan) evidencing that the area does not need more traffic polluting the environment in fact we need to ensure communities have local green spaces to breath fresh air.
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From:

Sent: 20 January 2021 20:37

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>; Beeby, Louise <Louise.Beeby@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Development on land next to bradwell crematorium 200121

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Hello members of Newcastle Borough Council,

Regarding development on the open land next to bradwell crematorium/ to the rear of bradwell service reservoir, has any consideration or consultation been made with regard to the large water mains that

are the main inlet and outlet mains to bradwell reservoir (see attached plan) and the reservoir itself. Should the land be used as I have seen purposed as a burial and memorial site, this could lead to the following issues-

- 1 Possible contamination of water main or reservoir in the event of a burst and depressurisation etc, planning laws also prevent remains to be buried near water mains for this reason.
- 2 Possible severe damage to the site in the event that mains should burst or if reservoir should overflow due to level monitors showing 40% for example when reservoir is full.
- 3 possible damage to mains while site is being developed, there is a cluster of valves near a large tree that was removed on one of the proposal drawings as an example.
- 4 Issues with access- if the reservoir should ever need major works, replacement of mains or just access to repair a single burst or broken valve etc.

My personal details - I work for Severn Trent Water on the drinking water distribution network, I am not in a position to officially advise the council regarding the above, however I would strongly recommend the council look into the above and speak with Severn Trent Water through official channels before making any decision.

Thanks

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Sent: 05 February 2021 10:56

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Field adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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This is to place my objection to the above green space being sold off for housing and to extend the Crematorium car park which is quite adequate.

Please DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN. Keep our green spaces green!!!

Your serious consideration to this matter would be very much appreciated Thank you

Kind regards

Sent from my iPad

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Classification: NULBC **UNCLASSIFIED** Organisational

From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 14:49

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Green space

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I object to it been sold

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From:

Sent: 20 February 2021 19:10

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: I object to the Crematorium development

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I object to the crematorium Development!

I use that green space to take my little boy on walks and he enjoys playing on the park. Please do not take this away from us..

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Subject: Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Sent: 24 February 2021 19:02

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To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell crematorium

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I wish to object to the development of the land adjacent to Bradwell crematorium, we have very little open green space for recreation particularly noticeable in the past year following COVID-19, it would be destroying wildlife habitats. It is used by families with children for outdoor activities as well as dog walkers, play areas are all well and good, but children need areas to play football, run around on grass where they are less liable to hurt themselves. I do not necessarily object to the extension of the crematorium, even though families have to wait more than 12 months to have their loved ones interred due to the council delays in providing funding and plot numbers, but I do object to selling the land for housing and there is an area opposite the aforementioned field that could be used for an extension of the crematorium. It would cause an increase in road traffic, increasing road traffic accidents, increasing pollution which in turn affects public health with potential increase in asthma and other pollution related health problems. There are not enough primary/high school provision now for the present housing population, never mind if there is an increase in housing and Covid-19 restrictions, GP services in the area are already under pressure with their current caseloads without increasing the housing population.

There are plenty of other spaces within the wider Newcastle borough that are not as well used by the general public, that could be sold off for housing. Living in the area affected by the construction would cause an increase in noise by heavy vehicle traffic, disruption of the local roads, disruption of very valued peace and quiet in these already trialling times.

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Sent: 17 January 2021 11:16

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Classification: NULBC **UNCLASSIFIED** Organisational

Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell crematorium

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Sent: 15 January 2021 15:33

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed land development by Bradwell Crematorium. Bradwell has little green field space and this is a vital area for local families. I do not feel that developing the site is beneficial to local residents. This area is used by many local people as an area for exercise and fresh air, something that is so important especially in the current climate.

The area is also struggling to meet the demands of schooling. the local school has already expanded to meet the demand. I worry that bringing in more families will again bring this to capacity and prevent children being placed in the local school.

Please consider the needs of the local residents, there are plenty of areas that need developing in the local area. I do not see why we destroy areas of nature when we could improve other areas that are in need of improvement. I feel this development is purely for profit rather than considering the needs of the people that live here.

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Regards

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From: Sent: 21 January 2021 14:58

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell crematorium

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council ,

I OBJECT to your proposed redevelopment of our field adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

This well used and well loved green space is a priceless asset to many people now and (if left alone) for generations to come.

It would be very short sighted to give it up now for short term gain . Once gone it is gone forever ..!

The current pandemic situation has revealed to us more than ever the value of such open SPACE

.
Real measurable value to our physical and mental health .

From a personal perspective as an amateur naturalist I regularly walk across and around the field to access Bradwell woods .

The small copse planted on the field is quickly becoming a natural annex to the woods and its wildlife with many species of birds , mammals invertebrates calling it home . Over the last few years I have been adding native bluebell seed from Bradwell woods to this maturing copse. The aim being to try and bring the classic spring time bluebell beauty closer to people who might be unable to access the main woodland. With some vision this small pocket of woodland could be

managed and developed with pathways opened up to the surrounding grassland. Thus becoming a therapeutic and educational resource for the whole community ?

Surely at this time of climate crisis and threatened biodiversity we should be planting more trees not removing them ?

I do not believe the crematorium grounds should be allowed to encroach on our fields. I am sure the deceased would agree this space should be for the living !!!

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From:

Sent: 22 February 2021 18:58

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

I wholeheartedly object your proposed redevelopment of the field adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

There are a vast number of reasons for this objection, more than I could say on one email. I implore you to look at the wider implications of this decision and the negative impact it will have on the people of Bradwell and the environment we live in.

Mental and physical health are affected hugely by this decision. There are vast amounts of residents in the area who use that land for recreational purposes, for exercise, for enjoyment and relaxation. Whilst this plot is used heavily in the spring and summer, for those looking to enjoy some fresh air in one of the few local open spaces, it is also used greatly over the autumn and winter period by walkers. Without a space like this people's mental health will suffer, people's physical health will suffer and your decision to sell that land will be a direct cause of this.

Every single time you choose to remove a green space from the world you are allowing yourself to be part of a bigger environmental problem. You may look at a large open piece of land like that and not see the wildlife that makes use of it, but they are there. Whether that's insects beneath the earth or creatures that are often in hiding. It is used and the destruction of that land, proposed by building more unnecessary houses in an already heavily populated area (one with a complete lack of appropriate amenities already), will contribute further to the degradation of wildlife populations.

I do not believe that the answer is to extend the Crematorium, there is sufficient space within the current grounds to accommodate more parking and burial plots. With good design and planning the current space within the crematorium could be used more effectively. This takes

effort, but it is far more worth it in the long run to make use of land that is already fit for that purpose.

We want the green space to be left as it is so the whole community can continue to enjoy it. If any changes were to be welcomed it would be to improve the facilities on the park and look at other ways to ensure the green space remains a part of our community.

Kind regards,

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From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 00:56

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Just consider the next time you, alone or with your family or friends, are out enjoying a green space, imagine it instead being filled with houses, or even just no longer being able to return because it has become something else. That's how we feel now every time we visit this space for our daily exercise.

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Kind regards,

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From:

Sent: 02 February 2021 15:38

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Dear Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council,

I would like to state my strongest objection to the proposed planning application for the redevelopment of the green space adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

Bradwell is a densely populated area with a considerable amount of social and private housing, it does not need more housing.

The impact on our air pollution would be a catastrophe for peoples Health and Well being with higher levels of emissions, Our Doctors have already seen an increase in Asthma and Heart Disease in our area (Information from Newcastle -Under-Lyme Air Quality Action Plan). We need to ensure our community have local green spaces with lots of trees to enable people to breath fresh air.

Our local school Bursley Academy is already over subscribed even though it has had a extension built,

There is no Doctors Surgery in Bradwell, residents already struggle to get appointments at neighbouring practices with more housing this problem will get worse.

The impact on peoples Mental Health which has worsened over this pandemic would put more lives at risk if the green space was taken away from us.

This land has always been used for recreation in one form or another by the community and that should continue, Where will our children play, where will our Teenagers aged 11-17 go for recreation and happiness, where will all the Dogs go for a walk?

We want our green space to be left alone as it is for the whole community to enjoy. If any changes are made it should be to improve the facilities on the park and look at other ways to ensure the Green Space remains a part of our community.

Regards

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From:

Sent: 16 February 2021 15:37

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council,

Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

I OBJECT to your proposed redevelopment of the field adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

If there was ever a better time to prove how important this green space is to the surrounding area it is now, during a year long pandemic. It is astounding that during a time when the country has been encouraged to stay close to home and make use of the green spaces across the country for its physical and mental health this council has plans to remove one of the few in the local area. However pandemic notwithstanding, this field is used by many, many people from the surrounding areas all year round, every year...many more than those that the council chose to inform of their plans, as reflected in the amount of support already gathered against them.

There are many, many studies available outlining the benefits of green spaces in urban areas, as I'm sure the council is well aware of, regardless of its propensity to ignore these. One such study is the World Health Organisation (WHO) Urban green spaces and health - a review of evidence ([2016](#)) which states that:-

Urban green spaces, such as parks, playgrounds, and residential greenery, can promote mental and physical health, and reduce morbidity and mortality in urban residents by providing psychological relaxation and stress alleviation, stimulating social cohesion, supporting physical activity, and reducing exposure to air pollutants, noise and excessive heat.

Also to take into account would be the increased amount of traffic generated, not only whilst during the construction of the new homes planned, but by the residents living within them. There is already a high volume of traffic created by the Crematorium itself, far too high at times for the road infrastructure that surrounds it. These plans would make this situation even worse and increase air pollution in the local area.

This area is already overdeveloped, with little or no alternative green spaces for the local population to utilise and facilities such as the local School and GP Surgeries already under pressure and oversubscribed.

In short these plans are simply unacceptable and to summarise I believe that they show a complete disregard by council members of the physical and mental health and well-being, as well as the safety of, it's constituents.

Yours sincerely

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From: Sent: 23 February 2021 19:44

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Sent: 14 January 2021 20:04

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Sent: 15 January 2021 21:43

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

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From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 08:12

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

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From:

Sent: 18 February 2021 15:39

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematoruin

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Regards,

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From:

Sent: 13 January 2021 20:30

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematoruin

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- Bus routes as with most areas have seen significant cuts over recent years, how can the council state in their marketing materials that there is a good regular bus service when in fact there isn't.
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- Our community needs the green space to exercise and get fresh air. Reports from Public Health England tell local government that green spaces are assets in supporting mental and physical wellbeing of communities. I am passionate about nurturing people's wellbeing, taking this field away will result in the deterioration of the older people who use the field. For some it's the only time they see people, combining this with the exercise is fundamental in keeping these people independent, without I fear we would see a quick change in the physical and mental wellbeing. The Care Act 2014 tells us that we should work to prevent people needing services, taking away the field will only increase the needs of the community.
- I do not believe that the answer is to extend the crematorium, there is sufficient space within the current grounds to accommodate more parking and burial plots. With good design and planning the current space within the crem could be used more effectively.

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I OBJECT to housing and expansion of the crematoruim.

Regards

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From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 17:10

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Land at Chatterley Close, Bradwell - BRADWELL Crematorium Extension, Play Area Refurbishment & New Homes

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Dear Sirs,

I wish to register my objection to the planning application mentioned above.

Yours faithfully,

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 15 January 2021 13:05

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: My objection

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I am sending you this email on regards to the land adjacent to Bradwell crematorium. building homes will add to the all ready immense traffic problem and overcrowd local school. There will be a lack of a doctors service and no where for children to play and sledge in the winter.

SAVE OUR GREEN SPACE!!

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From:

Sent: 14 January 2021 20:26

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection is o the land adjacent to bradwell

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Dear to whom it may concern

Re: Objection to the Land adjacent to Bradwell
the area and had been a great help outdoor area for our mental health during and out of
lockdown. Getting our children out into the open air makes a big difference. Instead of being
stuck in on computers etc;

Our local community adults and children needs this green space to exercise and get fresh air.

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ways to ensure the green space remains a part of our community.

Kind regards

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From:

Sent: 18 February 2021 16:19

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection letter

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Hi,

I am writing to object to the proposed development of the playing field next to bradwell
crematorium for many reasons. Mainly, I am deeply concerned about the congestion this will
cause on the roads as well as the lack of green space which I and my family often use for leisure
purposes.

Regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 10 February 2021 20:03

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection Re. Proposed plans to develop green space adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

Classification: NULBC **UNCLASSIFIED** Organisational

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Good evening,

I wish to lodge a formal objection to the proposed plans for the development of green space adjacent to the Bradwell Crematorium.

This green space is well used by the local community and I feel that the proposed development would have a detrimental impact on the health and well being of local people who use the green space for exercise and mental well-being.

I do not see how this development is in keeping with the governments 10 point plan for a green industrial revolution.

With item 9 of that 10 point plan being “protecting our natural environment” in which it details that the government will ‘safeguard our cherished landscapes’.

I am certain that this landscape is cherished by all those that reside in the local community.

I note from recent literature that the council stand to make an estimated profit of £1.2 million from the sale of the land. Could you please confirm how this money is to be reinvested in Bradwell and how the local community stand to benefit from any such investment?

Regards

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From:

Sent: 22 February 2021 14:57

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: [UNCLASSIFIED] RE: Objection to Bradwell crematorium development

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Hello

I object to the development at Bradwell crematorium as a local Resident and an asthma sufferer, green spaces are vital for air quality for better breathing. “ studies show that being around trees and greenery is good for your breathing” is from Asthma UK’s website.

Regards

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From:

Sent: 19 January 2021 19:31

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Planning for House on the land off Arnold Grove stretching to the Crem in Bradwell

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Hi,

I want to lodge my objection to the above planning proposal. The land is valuable green space for all the local residents in Bradwell, especially for the kids with the park and footballing area.

There's not enough facilities for the local kids, the park in the centre of Bradwell as had it's equipment removed so it doesn't make sense to keep removing the facilities available to our younger generation, the need to keep active and without things to do the anti social behaviour will increase.

The traffic flow along First and Second Avenue's is really busy, these roads are not designed for the current traffic level's, there is no off road parking so the car's are parked on the roads, it's not fair on these residents that the traffic flow will increase. All the people who will live in these new house's will work out that the quickest way from the A500 is via these 2 roads.

Furthermore Bradwell Lane is very busy road, very difficult for people to cross and the junction of Bradwell Lane, Claire Ave and Arnold Grove is a nightmare to use, we have already had one death of Mick Thompson who died at that junction a few years back. We have asked for traffic lights which would help with the access onto the estate where the new house's would be, but this was rejected so more houses mean more cars and this brings a greater risk of more accidents at this junction.

Extra residents will put pressure on our local GP facilities, there is no local GP surgery in Bradwell and the other surgeries are that busy so it's not going to fair to overload these doctors. Extra traffic means extra pollution in the area and I've been lead to believe that there's already an issue with the air quality in our area.

As the proposals are to build family housing where are the kids from these house's going to go to school, Burlsey way school is having an extension just to cope with current levels, how will this cope with all the extra children for this new estate.

I live on Cheswardine Road, so I'm very close to the crem and it's only occasionally busy, it's ridiculous to think that a massive housing estate is needed to fund the expansion, all the crem need's is a larger car park and burial facility – this no way justifies taking away all our local green space that we use.

Yours faithfully

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From:

Sent: 23 February 2021 12:02

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to plans for sale and development of land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium/Chatterley Close.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to object in the strongest terms to the proposed sale and development of land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium/Chatterley Close. This I believe is a truly awful potential blow to the local area, and has, in my view, the potential to diminish the quality of life of current and future generations. The area has few green spaces as it is, and the loss of this green space would I feel be devastating to the physical, emotional and mental wellbeing of residents. This green space is a vital exercise resource for local people, particularly children and young people. I myself played sports on this field as a young person, and can truthfully state that I benefited not only from recreation with friends but also from physical exercise that I would not otherwise have had. This field is also a source of connection with nature and a green space to aid people's mental health in an area which is predominately urban. I therefore feel that any sale or development of the land brings costs which far outweigh any potential benefits for local people, and would like to clearly state my objection to this. I implore the council to reconsider this plan, for the good for current and future generations in Bradwell and the wider area. Indeed, I would suggest that the council should if anything be attempting to increase public access to green spaces and physical exercise, rather than diminish them.

Thank you,

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 20 January 2021 23:13

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: OBJECTION to Proposed development of Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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(I previously submitted an incomplete draft in error. I now submit this email as my completed communication for inclusion in your file)

To the planning committee, Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council.

As a Newcastle under Lyme resident, living close to the area of Bradwell, the field and the Crematorium, I have become aware of the proposals to extend the Crematorium parking onto Bradwell Field and sell off the remaining land as parcels for housing development.

I must add my voice to those of other local people and register an objection.

I object for several reasons.

The first being that the space under threat is an outdoor 'community centre' for the people of the area, we need it and use it. Bradwell is a densely populated area, home to working class people, people with young families, people on low and middle incomes who need access to green space locally, for both their physical and mental well being and I include myself. The area is surrounded by major/busy roads (A34, A500, Porthill Bank and Bradwell Lane) and the air quality is affected by the pollution that they generate. This is borne out by Newcastle under Lyme Air Quality Action Plan that reports local GP's have seen an increase of Asthma, COPD and Heart Disease.

Green space and trees are vital, as they provide a place to get away from noxious fumes. The field has been invaluable, this year in particular, as an easily accessible green space to relax, to be mindful and enjoy nature;(the bird population is magnificent year round);also to take some exercise for an hour or so before returning to our houses and complying with the 'stay at home' message.

There was mention of the developers 'improving' The Dingle in exchange for the privilege of building on the field. Do you know the Dingle? It isn't in Bradwell, it isn't an open green space, it is a small wooded area with a large duck pond, it's a place to 'cut the corner' between Porthill Bank and Wolstanton High Street, it isn't a place anyone lingers and doing it up would not benefit the people of Bradwell.

Secondly, I feel the same mistakes are being made over and over again across the country. We understand the need for more housing but why does it have to be on soft green earth that importantly soaks up and holds the excessive rain we are seeing more and more frequently, floods are in the news tonight. It is to maximise the profits for developers/shareholders who want an easy job and quick profit. Please don't take away our green space for short term financial gain, only to see ill health and mental ill health increase as a result.

We would like to see developers move in and revive derelict land and transform it into lovely places to live. This area (Newcastle and Stoke) has its share of blighted/ugly land; along the A500, along the canal, crumbling pot banks and other derelict buildings, let's see those areas enhanced. The new building at Middleport, where the terraced streets were cleared, is a great example of building that lifts an area.

I was initially confused by Bradwell Crematoriums need to expand and I was shocked to be told that ashes are buried there, in plots. I don't want to be disrespectful to anyone's memory but at this time when available land is at a premium we are talking about squeezing the living population off their 'park', to make room for the dead. My own father died in 2019 and was cremated, his remains are in a canister in mums wardrobe, not taking up a plot of green space. If the crematorium needs to expand, perhaps it could relocate too, to land off the A500, although I've chatted with others, while on the field funnily enough, who feel the Crematorium could use the land it has, more efficiently.

We want our green space left as it is so the whole community can continue to enjoy it and benefit from it.

Thank you

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From:

Sent: 19 January 2021 10:37

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Proposed Land Development Adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Objection to Proposed Land Development Adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

Dear Property Department,

My letter of objection is attached.

Regards,

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From:

Sent: 13 February 2021 16:45

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to proposed redevelopment of the field adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematoruin

I OBJECT to your proposed redevelopment of the field adjacent to Bradwell Crematoruim:

- Bradwell is already a densly populated area with a considerable amount of social and private housing, it does not need more housing.
- There are existing traffic problems with First Avenue and Bradwell Lane, additional housing will bring more traffic and compounding an already controversial issue in this area. Increased

traffic to the area will impact on the levels of NO2 resulting in a decline of peoples health and wellbeing.

- With no Doctors surgery in Bradwell, residents already struggle to get an appointment at neighbouring practices. With more housing this will get worse. Our local GPs have seen an increase of Asthma, COPD and Heart Disease being diagnosed (information from Newcastle Under Lyme Air Quality Action Plan) evidencing that the area does not need more traffic polluting the environment, in fact we need to ensure communities have local green spaces to breath fresh air.
- Bursley Academy is over subscribed even though its had an extension.
- Bus routes as with most areas have seen significant cuts over recent years. The Council state in their marketing materials for the proposed development that there are good regular bus services, this is not true.

- Where will the children play? Taking away their green spaces will force them to play on the streets which is not safe. It's evidenced that children thrive when able to play in safe green spaces. We can expect an increase in antisocial behaviour as the children won't have a place to go to burn of excess energy.
- Our community needs the green space to exercise and get fresh air. Reports from Public Health England tells local government that green spaces are assets in supporting mental and physical wellbeing of communities.
- I do not believe that the answer is to extend the Crematotuim, there is sufficent space with in the current grounds to accommodate more parking and burial plots. With good design and planning the current space within the crematorium could be used more effectively.

We want the green space to be left as it is so the whole community can continue to enjoy it. If any changes were to be made it would be to improve the facilities on the park and look at other ways to ensure the green space remains a part of our community.

Regards

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From:

Sent: 18 February 2021 15:16

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection

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To whom it may concern, I object to the crematorium development in Bradwell.

From:

Sent: 23 February 2021 16:55

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc: Beeby, Louise <Louise.Beeby@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objections RE: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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23rd February 2021

Property Department
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council
Castle House
Barracks Road
Newcastle-under-Lyme
Staffordshire
ST5 1BL

Dear Sirs

RE: LAND ADJACENT TO BRADWELL CREMATORIUM

I oppose the proposal for the development of land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium on the following grounds:

1. HM Treasury states “*The fiduciary duties of those handling public resources to work to high standards of probity*” (*1) and a fiduciary duty to spend public money prudently. The proposed plan’s extension, additional car parks, boundary extension and burial garden is disproportionate to the value for the money the taxpayer will receive, and therefore cannot go ahead as it is a breach of mandates proposed by national government, local borough council and the local planning department itself.

2. “*Local authority members are involved in planning matters to represent the interests of the community and must maintain an open mind when considering planning applications*” (*2). The minutes of the cabinet meeting dated 11th November 2020 and the detailed level of the plans received, debated, reviewed and provisionally agreed, show it is clear that the council have not met the correct statutory conditions regarding delivery of the fair, open, transparency of the planning procedure in this way. As “*at the point of making a decision, members must carefully consider all the evidence that is put before them, and be prepared to modify or change their initial view in the light of the arguments and evidence presented. They then must make their final decision at the meeting with an open mind based on all the evidence*” (*3). As not all the evidence and arguments were known prior to the meeting and preliminary agreement to the proposal, it shows that the cabinet has breached its obligation in light of this.

3. “*A distinction can be drawn between pre-determination and pre-disposition. Members must not have a closed mind when they make a decision, as decisions taken by those with pre-determined views are vulnerable to successful legal challenge*” (*3). I believe if approved, this proposal would indeed risk a successful legal challenge, incurring further costs to the taxpayer.

4. The proposal contravenes the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) - “*The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. At a very high level, the objective of sustainable development can be summarised as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs*” (*2). The proposed plan would remove access to irreplaceable green space, currently fully utilised by the local community, and therefore cannot be considered to be a sustainable plan.

5. The plan contravenes both the Joint Local Plan (JLP) & the Local Plan Update (LPU) - “*To make sure sound planning decisions to deliver sustainable development in the future can continue to be made*” (*3). To appropriate the majority of the usable green space available in just one small area flouts this.

6. The proposal would lead to damage of the social and environmental sustainability objectives and targets set out in the NPPF. The proposed development would inhibit “*accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities’ health, social and cultural wellbeing, and an environmental objective to contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment*” (*4).

7. The report has quantified the site boundaries at Hillport Avenue, Chatterley Close and Arnold Grove as having “sensitive interfaces” to the development, which shows the anticipated and accepted disturbance, disruption and, crucially, the loss of privacy, which is a material planning consideration for all the affected residents, meaning the development cannot possibly go ahead as planned.

8. The proposed development would undoubtedly irreparably damage the existing environment, through the increase of impermeable covered surfaces; increasing rapid run-off of surface water; increased flooding risk and subsidence damage, already seen in some Hillport Avenue properties. Increased traffic, including many heavy vehicles, will lead to the damage of highways and an increased probability of road traffic accidents, especially considering the close proximity of two schools. Congestion will rise, as will the associated noise, as Hillport Avenue is already used as a shortcut; and the associated rise in emissions, toxins and contaminants surrounding, supposedly, the green land where the plan suggests we exercise

and relax, and our children play. We would also suffer from the light pollution that will affect all current residents that back onto the development.

9. The proposed reduction in the amount of green space, and particularly factoring in the potential increase of new residents in the area, will mean the outdoor space to be provided for a healthy lifestyle will be insufficient. Long-term, this will lead to a surge in health-related illnesses such as obesity, putting further strain on the NHS and the mental health of the community as a whole, due to lack of usable outdoor space for exercising, and the need for it to be utilised for positive mental health, particularly in light of the Coronavirus pandemic.

10. I believe that due to the strong feeling and magnitude of opposition of the local residents to the development, these factors are obliged to be deemed a material planning consideration.

11. I believe that due to the strong feeling and magnitude of opposition of the local residents to the development, there has been an oversight of risk of disruption posed to the site being developed, and the contractors and equipment used.

Yours faithfully

(BY EMAIL)

References:

*1 www.assets.publishing.service.gov.uk HM Treasury: Managing Public Money, Chapter 1

*2. www.gov.uk, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Paragraph 16

*3 www.gov.uk, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Paragraph 18

*4 www.gov.uk, Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, Section 2 Paragraphs 7-14.

From:

Sent: 23 February 2021 13:07

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc: Beeby, Louise <Louise.Beeby@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Objections to Proposal for Land Adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium (closing date 24/02/2021)

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With attachment this time!

Regards

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From:

Sent: 11 February 2021 21:54

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Planned development of land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Your ref : LB/

F.A.O. Louise Beeby (Property Department) and officers of Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

Dear Sirs / Mesdames,

May I first extend my thanks for providing access to the highly informative materials presented under Item 8 of the 11th November 2020 Cabinet meeting Agenda Report, and the proposal for the development of land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

As a resident of Chatterley Close and a regular user of the playing field in question, I have significant interest in the various forms of proposed development put forward for the site, some of which I am inclined to favour, others not.

1. Of the proposal to extend the Crematorium site to *'meet the needs of the community for the next thirty years'*, I can see that this is a likely necessary requirement that might affect any community in time. Wherever they may live, it is a simple fact that the deceased need a form of 'disposal' for which, in this case, the Crematorium at Bradwell serves its necessary purpose, along with its excellent presentation of forms of memorial and remembrance which it provides in its gardens. The space required for such activity will always at times need increase, such is the activity it represents. I have no issue with this. I moved into Chatterley Close fully aware of the proximity of this public facility, and also fully aware that time would require its expansion. If that time is now, so be it. The extension of parking there is a valid proposal. It is an infrequent event but there are occasions when parking can 'back-up' a significant way along the length of Chatterley Close, and additional parking space would help to mitigate against this. I anticipate the day when those dear to me will make use of the Bradwell facility, and there is some reassurance to know that the provision there will be of high quality and thoughtful in its physical presentation.

SUMMARY : SUPPORT EXPANSION OF BRADWELL CREMATORIUM SITE.

2. Of the proposal to address the aging play facilities on the south-western side of the site, I applaud the Council's consideration of the social and recreational requirements of the community. The facilities

provided at present are indeed *'aged and in need of up-dating to reflect the current needs in relation to play'*. If we have learned one thing through-out this period of COVID restriction the need for open space, fresh air, for exercise, and for social interaction are of paramount importance to us as human beings. These ideals would be encouraged by the provision of up-dated recreational facility, as proposed ... though I hope that those members of the community who might be deemed age-appropriate to the use of the facility might be consulted on what might be their preferences for the equipment provided. It is a very rare day that I see the current facilities in use by young children at all; in fact, the only 'signs of life' appear after dark in the form of teen-age children who utilise it at that time of night, for what purpose I know not. Updating the facility might encourage its use by children there to play and exercise properly and an additional provision of lighting and means of surveillance would, may I suggest, discourage potentially less desirable gatherings and behaviour. At other parks I have seen in other areas, items best-described as being similar to robust 'gym' equipment appear popular with the older child, and indeed even the adult.

I would also add, that whilst provision of recreational equipment for the older child is one thing to consider for their health and social benefit, I question whether better use might come from the re-instatement of a youth club in the locality, where constructive and meaningful activity could be accommodated. Bradwell has been in the local newspaper recently for its anti-social behaviour around the Hanbridge shops area, and Police presence is reported to have been required on several occasions. The youth population of Bradwell in general is not well-served with social facility, and the social-education that a youth club might provide could reap dividends in the addressing of anti-social behaviour. The youth club scheme used to do so much more than 'just' keep kids off the streets; involvement in schemes such as The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and other voluntary activity would promote social awareness and cohesion, foster commitment, and encourage a sense of pride in self and community. This is not to say that this spirit has all gone in the Bradwell area but it has most evidently suffered with the demise of the local provision for youth. Combine the demise of the Youth Club with an apparent lack of responsibility on the part of some parents, who allow their offspring out (even under COVID restrictions!) without awareness of or care for their whereabouts or activity, and the resultant negative reports in the newspaper become understandable.

Whilst I applaud the recommendation for health-enhancing improved play equipment, the proposal does not extend to the health needs of other members of the community. As a dog-walker who visits the site regularly, I use the field for the benefit of my own physical and mental health and that of my dog, and indeed, my interest in my property in Chatterley Close at time of purchase was in part motivated by the provision of the field for such activity. Removal of the open space for this activity for housing development would remove a vital asset for many local residents and indeed even those who come a distance by car. It might be said that there is land adjacent to the field which could be used for similar activity (the rough grassland extending from the other side of Chatterley Close, adjacent to Bradwell Woods) but were this ever to become as popular with dog walkers it would require management. Long grass, rough shrubbery and water-logged terrain limit its use now, and frankly it feels less safe, being more remote. Its current deployment by (illegal?) off-road motorbikes does not help its status as dog-walking ground.

The site for proposed housing development also has current provision for field play such as football, and whilst I think its historical use as an actual pitch has long-ended, prior to COVID restriction it was used for training. So it is not as if the field does not get good use from various health-enhancing activities which would be removed if development occurred, with no obvious replacement within the locality.

SUMMARY : REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL / SOCIAL FACILITY AT THE BRADWELL SITE

3. Of the proposal to use the site for the development of 'quality 2,3,and 4 bedroom housing' in part to re-coup cost of crematorium development, this I hold most umbrage with, and would wish for re-consideration. At a time when the high street in many localities is experiencing decline, Newcastle under Lyme has to look no further than its own Ironmarket and High Street to see how retail facility is unlikely to ever return to its historical form. It is simple, but the modern population is no longer being served as it was by the small shop, and this is a trend which will continue, a fact exaggerated by the significant increase in on-line shopping prompted by the COVID pandemic, and preference for out-of-town retail parks, too. We have units out of use and boarded up, which represent poor attraction to the town. Their consideration for development is obvious, but might they not be considered for transition to some form of domestic provision? Re-aligning such building stock to domestic use could provide use for redundant buildings and add to the aesthetic appeal of the town centre, and via their sale provide funding for alternative projects such as the Crematorium development.

As for why the Bradwell field site would be unsuitable for housing, I would refer to the already over-stretched infrastructure serving the area. I would be interested to know what numbers of increased population would be anticipated by the provision of family-orientated housing, but I imagine it could be considerable. When the housing estates were added (from Chatterley Close on the old Bradwell School site and along Old Hall Drive) in the late 1990's, considerable numbers were added to the Bradwell population, but at the same time, no added provision by way of shops was made. The Hanbridge shops and the small Riceyman Road convenience store, as it is now, remain the only local retail facility. Both have limited parking facility, and vehicular congestion, certainly at the Hanbridge shops, is common. Add yet more to the population and the stress on the provision will be further exaggerated.

When the aforesaid housing estates were created in the 1990's there was no addition to health services in the locality by way of a new GP surgery (nor a dental surgery ...), and already the Bradwell population has to travel to Wolstanton to one of the two GP surgeries. The report itself acknowledges a limitation to the service by noting '*the nearest medical facility appears to associate with Bradwell Hospital*'; indeed so, but this is not a GP surgery, and anyway the status of the hospital has been under review for some time, too. Further strain will be placed on this service, too.

Add to this the impact on educational provision. Bursley Academy has already undergone further expansion in 2020 into its playing field area to accommodate the current pre-school / primary age children of the area, and this will see transfer in time to the secondary school environment at The Orme Academy, too, as these children grow up. Whilst I know that there will be wax and wain in school-age populations, the addition of family-orientated housing stock is likely to add pressure to this area of consideration.

I would also query also the health-related aspects of encouraging further vehicles upon the roads of Bradwell. More cars mean an increase in health-impacting emissions, at least for the time-being until the forced *commencement* of the removal of petrol and diesel vehicles from UK roads, from 2030. Whilst this Government initiative means that, longer term, the emission argument will become less of an issue, we would still be looking at a number of years when adding to vehicle stock in the Bradwell area will be detrimental to the health of the populace.

Furthermore, adding more vehicular stock to key-locations such as the junction at Clare Avenue and Arnold Grove, where we have seen several accidents in recent years, even leading to fatality, is prompting exaggeration of the same. There have been calls on several occasions from the local populace for enhancement of safety measures there, with request for the provision of traffic lights, all to no effect. Where one death is surely one too many, *as it is*, (at least this is the view of the Bradwell residents, though apparently not the Roadway authorities, who have rejected requests for improved safety measure of the like of traffic lights on more than one occasion) the major roadways and junctions local to the proposed housing development are not adequate now in terms of safety and certainly will not be if more vehicles were passing along them.

Within the environs of the Chatterley Close estate the increase in road-side parking as more and more cars are aligned to each residence, prompted in part by the family-orientated housing there which accommodates many more stay-at-home children of teenage and young adult age than was the historical norm. The entrance to Chatterley Close is quite often the victim of congestion, it being narrow in itself, but also 'complicated' by the forced road-side parking of residents. The same is said for Arnold Grove, which sees 'double road-side parking' as a norm. We already have congested roadways in the vicinity of the proposed development, in other words, to not wish to add yet more vehicle stock to it. I think you would only have to consult with the funerary providers of the area to know the issues that this can prompt to their service as they seek access to the Crematorium as it is, and the relative unsafety that this causes in this particular area of Bradwell. And whilst prompting thought of the detrimental effect of road-side parking as it is *now* in Bradwell, what of the parking-facility design at the new proposed housing? Are we anticipating that a new 4-bedroomed house would have more than a double driveway, to accommodate the multiple cars they are likely to associate with, or will the potential that congestion becomes a feature along the roadways of the 'new-build' be likely? Further road-unsafety within an already compromised area would not be welcome.

SUMMARY : REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT THE BRADWELL SITE

The consultation process

Thankyou for offering your consideration of the items presented here, and thankyou, too, for providing the opportunity to voice them. I feel I must add, though, that I am disappointed about the overall manner in which the people of Bradwell in general are being involved in the consultation process. The timing is inconsiderate, in having a date for comments to be received at Council which lies within a period of significant social limitation. I am sure the people of Bradwell would wish to have opportunity for meeting, but this lies beyond the possible whilst social shielding is the norm for so many. Greater consideration should, I feel, have been applied here. There is a feeling locally that this proposal is being 'rail-roaded' through, and advantage being taken of the very unfortunate situation promoted by the current pandemic.

That written notification of the opportunity to lodge comments, which came in the form of hand-delivered letters to Chatterley Close, Arnold Grove and First Avenue, also disappoints me, for the reason that they were delivered to such a small proportion of the residents of Bradwell. From what I gather, letters were presented only to the residents of those properties which *back onto* the field, but they are but few in respect of the number who have interest in this issue. I myself am a resident of Chatterley Close, the very road noted and named frequently within the report. I reside in one of the 'newer-build

houses' of the road, on the side furthest from the field ... and received no letter, relying upon being shown one by a neighbour. I can only assume that the Council and Property Department consider that I will experience no impact from the potential development of the site, and thus considered it unnecessary to communicate directly with me. This much I find most dissatisfactory and disappointing. *Of course* I shall be impacted, in fact I shall realise direct impact if it comes to Chatterley Close becoming a route for more vehicles, first those of contractors and then of new-home dwellers! I register, therefore, that I believe I, and fellow residents of Chatterley Close, should have been kept better informed of the proposal. Further, I consider it would have been appropriate to circulate notices further within the Bradwell community, since it is the community at large which makes use of the field in question, not just the residents whose properties adjoin it.

|Again, with thanks.
Yours faithfully,

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-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 23 February 2021 20:13
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Plans

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I object to the plans to build on bradwell fields.

Regards

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Sent: 27 January 2021 13:57
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: PLANS TO DEVELOP FIELD NEXT TO BRADWELL CREMATORIUM

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Dear Sir,

I wish to register my objection to plans to build new houses on the recreation field next to Bradwell Crematorium.

The field is needed for recreation and much used by many of the local residents.

It will also add traffic noise and traffic air pollution to neighbouring roads and homes. For example many people from Bradwell, when travelling by vehicle to Burslem, Hanley, Stoke, or onto the southbound A500, do so via Porthill Bank. This is already one of the worst roads in the Borough for air pollution and congestion. A large new development in Bradwell will only add to this problem.

Regards,

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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From:

Sent: 14 January 2021 22:31

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Prop

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Dear Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

Re: Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematoruin

I OBJECT to your proposed redevelopment of the field adjacent to Bradwell Crematoruin:

- Bradwell is already a densely populated area with a considerable amount of social and private housing, it does not need more housing.
- There are existing traffic problems with First Avenue and Bradwell Lane, more housing will bring more traffic which is not supportive to healthy communities. Increased traffic to the area will impact on the levels of NO2 resulting in a decline of peoples health and wellbeing.
- With no Doctors surgery in Bradwell, residents already struggle to get an appointment at neighbouring practices. With more housing this will get worse. Our local GP's have seen an increase of Asthma, COPD and Heart Disease being diagnosed (information from Newcastle Under Lyme Air Quality Action Plan) evidencing that the area does not need more traffic polluting the enviroment infact we need to ensure communities have local green spaces to breath fresh air.
- Bursley Academy is over subscribed even though its had an extension.
- Bus routes as with most areas have seen significant cuts over recent years, how can the council state in their marketing materials that there is a good regular bus service when in fact there isnt.
- Where will the children play, taking away their green spaces will force them to play on the streets which is not safe. Its evidenced that children thrive when able to play in safe green spaces. We can expect an increase in antisocial behaviour as the children wont have a place to go to burn of excess energy.

- Our community needs the green space to exercise and get fresh air. Reports from public health England tells local government that green spaces are assets in supporting mental and physical wellbeing of communities.
- I do not believe that the answer is to extend the Crematorium, there is sufficient space within the current grounds to accommodate more parking and burial plots. With good design and planning the current space within the crem could be used more effectively.

We want the green space to be left as it is so the whole community can continue to enjoy it. If any changes were to be made it would be to improve the facilities on the park and look at other ways to ensure the green space remains a part of our community.

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 21 February 2021 10:56

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Proposed extension to Bradwell Crematorium

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to register our opposition to the proposed development of the land off Chatterley Close.

We have lived on Hillport Avenue for 40 years and raised 4 children in that time. The fields at the rear of our property were our childrens playground and where they have their fondest memories. From playing on the swings, playing manhunt in the woods to playing football all year round and sledging when the snow came.

Our children are all grown up now and all live locally and have children of their own who use the field, but there are many other young families in the area whose children rely on this green space for fun and exercise, not to mention the many dog walkers who exercise there on a daily basis.

We are living through the most testing time in our history and we are regularly told how much daily exercise is vital for health and wellbeing. To take this green space away from the local people would surely be an ill advised decision.

We would also like to point out the extra pressure that another housing estate would put on the local infrastructure. Roads, schools and nurseries would be put under pressure. The local shops at Bradwell have barely enough parking to cope with the existing traffic.

There is also the thorny issue of property values. The houses all around the proposed development would have their value considerably reduced and I don't believe that the council has included any compensation in their figures.

As we look out of our window, we can see at least six varieties of birds, small boys playing football, dogs rushing around enjoying their little bit of freedom.

We beseech you, rethink your plans. There are alternatives to this proposal that would have far less effect on the populace.

Yours sincerely.

From:
Sent: 17 February 2021 10:16
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Fw: Public consultation period

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: "
To: "
Cc:
Sent: Wed, 17 Feb 2021 at 10:14
Subject: Public consultation period
Good morning

Hope you are well and keeping safe during this pandemic ?

I'm just contacting you regarding the public consultation period that we have currently got until the 24th of february.

Could you please tell me how this can actually take place, as we are currently in a lock down ? You know yourself what the current regulations are regarding the lock down rules,so how can the public actually consult ?

This period needs to be extended until we are out of the lock down, so i am asking you to reconsider please.

From 1 or 2 residents I've spoken to over the garden fence are against the plans going ahead, as our access into the field will go, which has been there for years, and any houses on the back of ours would make the value of our houses reducing, and we would be looking for compensation, but like i said we do not want this to go ahead.

Please do the correct thing and extend this period please.

I understand that you as a council are in a mess with things happening in the borough,there's alot of upset residents in the borough with 1 thing or another the council are trying to do,people used to be proud to say they came from Newcastle,but not any more, its changing, but in the wrong way.

Kind regards

Resident of arnold grove

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From:

Sent: 17 January 2021 15:42

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: RE:- Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing as a Bradwell property owner and resident to object strongly to the planning application for the land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

I have read the agenda document thoroughly, my house is on Chatterley Close and it would back onto parcel one.

I am of the opinion that Bradwell and Newcastle is unable to cope with the current infrastructure so adding more houses onto it would be detrimental to the area. Our local hospital - UHNM is unable to cope with the demand at present - (I work in the Accident and Emergency Department) and there are no emergency/acute facilities at Bradwell Hospital. The closest Gp surgeries are in Wolstanton and Chesterton and they are already under severe strain. It can take weeks to get an appointment at a suitable time.

I believe that the grounds of the play park do need improvement so our children have somewhere safe to play and the Crematorium needs extending, however, not to the detriment of the Bradwell residents sacrificing this much needed green space.

Yours Sincerely,

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From:

Sent: 30 January 2021 18:09

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Re:

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On Sat, 30 Jan 2021, 1

Hi

I would like it known that I strongly object to the development of houses on the field next to the crematorium in Bradwell. I dont have an issue with the expansion of the crematorium.

My reasoning are as follows

1. It is a busy area with lots of cars either parked or travelling through.
2. Having more homes will increase this traffic which will increase the risk of accidents.
3. This will also affect the local wildlife and reduce the places for children and adults to exercise.
4. Increase light pollution

Thank you

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From:

Sent: 23 February 2021 11:44

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Reference; Redevelopment of Land, Chatterley Close, Bradwell, ST5 8LE

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Reference; land of Chatterley Close, Bradwell, ST5 8LE

Hello Newcastle BC Property Dept,

A, I object to the proposal of the redevelopment of a Recreational Area within an urban environment. The area is designated a recreation area on Government maps and by land registry.

This area is used by locals all year round, dog walkers, kids playing, picnics, football, (both training and knockabout), just somewhere to sit, local cycle club for coaching of kids. There has been no replacement area been put forward as a replacement at all, just the current area getting too small for these activities to take place. The "Vision Statement" photos look very appealing at first glance but are just promising what a "dream delivery" may look like but not the reality of what, will be/can be, delivered within the proposed development and are just "off the shelf" photos.

B, I object to the proposal of the redevelopment of Parcel 6 due to the current woodland.

The area was planted over 10 years ago, there are now mature trees and shrubs, this is home to nesting birds and other wildlife, including field mice.

C, I object to the proposal of the redevelopment due to the increase of population in the area.

The report is misleading, there is extremely poor local public transport, non at weekends, it is not possible for a student to go to Newcastle Collage for 9.00am due to lack of buses, even before COVID-19. Longport Station is only serviced by one train an hour during the day, non after 8pm, these trains are on the Crewe to Derby train.

There are no doctors or dentists and there is not a medical centre within the Bradwell area, the nearest are in Wolsatanton, which for most people can only be reached by car or taxi. The top of Hillport and Porthill Bank can only be crossed by the fit and able, there are no dropped curbs or easy access crossings. Crossing point refuges are not marked out for improvement on Arnold Grove at any points that would make even travel from bus stops safe.

The local primary schools that are highlighted on the information are all running at full capacity and are oversubscribed. Bursley Primary has just extended, and already at capacity, it is unlikely that it can be expanded any further.

D, I object to the proposal due to the lack of traffic information on the traffic flow changes in the area.

With the access from Arnold Grove, how is traffic from the site going to increase the traffic flow, what change in road markings? The increase in traffic flow due to the traffic calming measures on Bradwell Lane, has made for more traffic and at faster speeds along Arnold Grove, how will this interact with the increase off the proposed development.

E, I object to the due to lack of information on water runoff from the development.

With over 50% of the site becoming hard standing, rain run off could become a problem. Now the rainwater is held by the ground/grass and increase of flow would affect the flow of the water run in to the stream at the bottom of the site. There is already a problem of excess raw sewage and rainwater in the stream in heavy rain conditions, this then goes to a holding pond by the roundabout at the bottom of Porthill Bank. The restriction is caused by the pipe size for the water to go under the A500, if the holding pond overflows this would cause flooding on the A500 and possible Orford Street, which has been a constant problem.

And to finish.

“ 5.6 Whilst the loss of any recreation ground is contentious this site has already been identified for redevelopment as part of the Boroughs’ wider Green Space Strategy”

Since when has a “Green Space Strategy” been to remove green spaces?

The Strategy must be to improve the Green Spaces that the Council has and add more green spaces, not remove.

Yours

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From:

Sent: 31 January 2021 17:13

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Response to building on land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Good afternoon,

I hope this finds you well.

The point of writing is to voice mine and my partner's honest opinions on the proposal of extending the crematorium and then continuing to build on the adjacent land. We perfectly understand the need to extend the crematorium and have no issues with this. It is the construction site, that will be building the new houses that upsets and concerns us.

We bought this house at the start of lockdown with one of the major selling points being the lovely open greenspace behind our house and those of our neighbours. We are concerned that having the houses built so close to ours (Hillport Avenue) that this may decrease the value of our home. We are fully aware that the houses on this side of the road are valued at more than those on the other side of the road and this is because of our lovely field. The one which, you are so eager to build on.

I am also worried about the fact that we will be living (for the foreseeable future) next to a building site. The noise pollution will obviously be horrendous, but so will the fumes and other aspects of air pollution. Building new houses will mean that there will be more vehicles on the road in our community, adding to the noise/air pollution. The traffic is bad enough in this area. Wing mirrors are often knocked off cars on our street which is used frequently as a rat run for traffic eagerly avoiding Bradwell Lane due to the newly installed speed bumps. We are happy that the speed bumps were installed and have no problem with them at all, but with the addition of new houses will obviously have a negative impact on the amount of traffic using our avenue as a shortcut. I suffer from asthma and struggle enough as it is at the minute without the added extra air pollution which you will create.

The field is such an important part of our community, especially at the minute. It has been used continuously over the last 34 years (as long as I have lived in Porthill/Bradwell) but since March last year, it has become an important part of everyone's daily life. It has supported people with their physical and mental wellbeing and now you are taking that away from us. We all struggle so much at the minute with all aspects of health and well being and with mental health being such an issue currently, it seems insane that you are taking something away from us that's helps us so much to cope with these difficult times! Everyone that I have met within the community and everyone I have spoken to that access and use the field regularly have voiced their thoughts about losing it and how it will have such a detrimental effect on them and their lives'. Dog walkers use the field, runners, children playing football and on the park, those just going for a walk as they have nothing else to do, so many different people access and enjoy the field, the one in which you are going to take from them. Sometimes a walk in our green area, is all people have at the moment. It provides people with exercise, the chance to meet up with others and feel apart of a community. It allows others to carry out sport, play and exercise their dogs. I wish you could have seen how much the field has been used within the last year! When it had snowed, the field was so busy, it was really amazing. Children sledging, building snowmen and playing. Such a strong sense of community and it was something so positive that the field provided for us all, during really difficult times. During summer, the field was full of people again (young and old) playing sport, flying kites, just meeting up with loved ones and enjoying being together in such a lovely, safe and open greenspace. It truly was fantastic! I'm afraid this will all come to an end once you begin to build. The impact it will have on the surrounding community is going to be incredibly detrimental. This will all be gone. The negative impact it will have on people's mental, physical and overall wellbeing is going to be hard.

I am currently a keyworker, working in a day nursery with very young children. We are struggling so much at the minute, having to keep everyone safe and adhere to our bubbles, it is a really trying time. Building more houses is going to bring more children, naturally. The neighbouring schools are struggling

enough having to accommodate and provide for the children they already have. The new builds are going to put such a strain on their incredibly limited space and resources as they too, have to reduce their class sizes and work within small, safe bubbles.

I understand perfectly that this response most likely have no impact whatsoever and that 'the plans are already in place' and that it's probably going to go ahead anyway however, I just thought you should know that it will not go down well with those living in the surrounding area. I just wanted to point out what impact it will have on those living locally and of course I cannot speak for everyone, but how the new builds will be received within the community. I understand that 'you're leaving some space and we aren't building on that much land, etc, etc' but I just wanted to highlight how detrimental it is going to be to our community. Especially at this time in everyone's lives and moving forward into hopefully more positive times.

I have lived in this area all my life and have so many fond memories of playing in the field myself and just enjoying such a lovely, positive open green space. I love how it connects to Bradwell woods, Westport lake and others local areas of beauty. The amount of wildlife that can be found is phenomenal. Once that digging/drilling starts, that is all going to disappear. What a shame that our future generations cannot enjoy what we had and loved. Do we really need more houses? Especially here, when there is so much wasteland in other local areas in Newcastle-under-Lyme. Areas that would welcome new builds as it would benefit their local area, rather than destroy it. Areas where business is struggling and anti-social behaviour is rife. Areas where their open spaces are used for wrong, not for good, like our field.

I am thankful that we have been provided with an opportunity to voice our opinions on the matter and I remain hopeful that they will at least be considered before our much loved field is taken away from us. I feel incredibly strongly about everything I have above mentioned (as I am sure you can tell). I would be more than happy to discuss anything further with regards to the new builds. I shall provide my mobile number at the bottom, should you wish to contact me.

Thank you for your time,

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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Sent: 08 February 2021 07:44

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Sale of land adjoining bradwell crematorium.

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Firstly I hope whomever receives this email is well.

My name is Mr. and I currently reside in deny crescent which is one street removed from the area I wish to address. I am frankly disgusted that I have received no communique of any kind regarding the sale of the last field for public access in my area.

I wish to object to the sale of bradwell last field for leisure activities that is currently ongoing.

There is not only a moral issue here which is the complete urbanisation of bradwell into a mini metropolis but also a health issue especially in these times of pandemic. I might say a legal issue given we are only allowed to walk locally for exercise and you are choosing to remove this option for all dog walkers local to this area.

The moral issue is reasonably straight forward. Where will put children be able to goto for recreational activities in the future? They are currently forbidden from ball games on any green or in any street as I recall due to possible damage to private property. Also children need exercise to develop physically. Fathers and mothers may wish to goto these fields to play any number of sports with their children without any fear of damage to private property. Dog walkers utilise these fields along to allow their pets freedom to roam and play. This all is very important for mental well being of both human and animal. Arent we supposed to be more considerate to mental health in these days especially??

The legal approach is slightly more nuanced. Will the council, once the removal of these fields that is, provide identification of private property once people are forced to conduct social activities in the street? You see the council has taken the decision to remove this are not the locals who have to reside here and deal with these repercussions. Also considering the potential medium and long term issues from covid wont the council be forcing us to closer interaction regarding dog walkers, those who exercise and so on? How will the council deal with this breaking of the law?

This is an absurd proposal. There is pripkett aplenty abandoned along the canal (one only has to drive down the 600 to see it) that should be the main priority for where new houses are to be built.

I hope that you reconsider this proposal.

Regards.

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From:

Sent: 12 February 2021 12:05

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Save Bradwell Green Space

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Good Morning

I am contacting you to object to the development plans on the field next to the crematorium in Bradwell. I use this space on a daily basis to walk my dog, exercise and for my child to play on the park, with the pandemic this year this space has become even more valuable to the local community and a much-needed escape from the situation. I would be really upset to see this space go as I feel that it is one of the few green spaces we have left in the area.

I have lived in the Porthill/ Bradwell area all of my life and have been a regular visitor to this space, I feel if we lost this, it would change the whole feel of the area and the community that joins there. It is a regular meeting point for dog walkers and parents with their children. If this was to be taken away this community connection could be lost for good. With the current year we have just experienced, this could be the only place some people have seen a friendly face and checked in with someone.

I hope that this decision will be reconsidered as I feel this would be a real loss to the Bradwell area

Thank you for your time

Kind Regards

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 06 February 2021 14:12

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Save Bradwell Green Space

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To whom it may concern,

I wish to register my objections to the planning proposal regarding the expansion of the Crematorium car park and burial space.

This green space is a valuable community asset and should not be destroyed for the sake of more housing, when there are brownfield

sites available, which, although costing more to develop, would be of greater benefit to the community and improve the social and economic

infrastructure of the area, whilst simultaneously getting rid of 'a blot on the landscape'.

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From:

Sent: 22 February 2021 18:17

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Save Bradwell green space

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To whom it may concern,

I am emailing you my objection to your planned proposal to develop the field next to Bradwell crematorium. I do not feel this is in the best interest of the community.

I use this field twice a day to exercise my two dogs, as well as my son using the field to run around on.

My son attends Bursley way primary school and I feel this will have a massive impact on applications to the school as well as traffic during busy times of the day.

Regards

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From:

Sent: 27 January 2021 14:21

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc: savebradwellgreenspace@gmail.com

Subject: Save Bradwell's green space

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Hello

I wish to protest the development plans for the green field and woodland next to Bradwell Crematorium. This area is a great social space where children play and Bradwell's large dog walking community exercise their dogs and socialise.

I understand the need for growth but we should also strive to save what green space we have.

Regards

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-----Original Message-----

From: Se

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Sent: 20 February 2021 10:46

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Cc: savebradwellgreenspace@gmail.com

Subject: Save Bradwell's Green Space - Objection to Development

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Hi Property Dept at N-u-L Borough Council,

I am writing to lodge my personal and my organisation's objection to the proposed extension of Bradwell Crematorium and sell-off of important community green space, for yet more housing development.

I am local resident (living in Hanbridge Avenue, Bradwell) who makes regular use of that green space as a valued local asset for exercise, socialising, wellbeing and accessing quietness of nature for relaxation and mental health.

I also run a local social enterprise (business address based in Bradwell) called Human-Nature Escapes CIC (Community Interest Company). 'Human-Nature' is a not-for-profit community project which connects people to nature and local green space for improved wellbeing and positive mental health. Our group knows from its own 'lived experience' the important wellbeing and mental health benefits of very local and accessible green spaces.

Our project also offers support to community groups fighting against the loss of green space and has been pro-active in supporting the action group making progress in preventing development on Berryhill Fields (Stoke-on-Trent Council). We are well connected to many other green space and environmental organisations which serve to protect nature and green space.

We are now offering our voice and support to the 'Save Bradwell's Green Space' Action Group in campaigning against this proposed development, and may reach out to seek the support from other campaign groups locally, regionally and across the UK, to help safeguard Bradwell Field.

Escalating this campaign action would potentially damage the reputation of N-u-L Borough Council in respect of whether it's doing its best to protect green space and the wellbeing its local citizens.

I object to the proposed development on the following grounds:

1) Continual loss of green space in Bradwell & Over-Development of Housing:

Bradwell has already lost considerable green space and playing fields capacity due to new housing development. Significant green space was lost with the development of new housing on the former Bradwell High School site, additional new housing at Old Hall Drive and N-u-L Borough Council currently already has green space playing field land up for sale on the A34 (to the rear of Sun Academy School,

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Bradwell). This increases local resident numbers, puts ever-increasing pressure on roads and local services, whilst at the same time reducing the available green space resource left for leisure and wellbeing for the ever-increasing local population.

2) Plenty of Spare Crematorium Capacity:

I've personally reviewed the land available as burial site at Bradwell Crematorium, there is no shortage of land capacity. Ashes burial requires very little space and burials do not need a formal headstone (taking space). There is a huge amount of land area to the south of the site, which is yet to be utilised for any burials, which is just natural landscape. There's also huge swathes of garden/grassed areas with massive spare capacity. There is scope for extending car parking within the existing perimeter of the Crematorium. I have advised the 'Save Bradwell Green Space' Action Group to do a formal analysis of the land area to prove that the existing site has many more decades of space still available. Maybe an independent professional land surveyor could assess this capacity to prove this is the case and confirm that this is simply being used as an excuse to sell-off adjacent green space for housing. (Additional over-spill car parking could also be secured by acquiring un-used land adjacent to the water supply tank on the nearby water authority land).

3) Proposal Goes Against 'Levelling-Up':

In other parts of Newcastle Borough, 'Levelling-Up' Towns Funding is placing specific emphasis on priority projects which support community health and wellbeing, leisure, sport and green spaces - in Kidsgrove.

Both Kidsgrove and Newcastle have been identified as target areas for Towns Fund investment. It does not make any sense that in one of the ear-marked Towns Fund areas, the council are investing on leisure, wellbeing and green space initiatives for the benefit of the Kidsgrove Community, whilst at the same time proposing to take away existing green space/leisure assets for from the Bradwell (Newcastle) Community. This is not 'Levelling-Up' it's actually 'Levelling-Down' (taking away). I think there is a strong case of emphasising this point through our local MP's.

The proposal is not 'build back better', it's 'build back worse'!

4) Feasibility and Risk:

The proposed development site has significant technical difficulties for building new housing. We understand that there is major underground mains drinking water supply pipeline serving a huge area of Newcastle.

This should make the land unsuitable, or at least very costly (and possibly cost prohibitive) and therefore unattractive to a property developer. I would urge the action group to contact the water company, to assess the costs, risks, feasibility and suitability of this land for development and whether they have concerns over the risk of this proposed development.

5) Safety Risk - Construction Traffic:

The proposed new housing development is in a well developed residential area, very close to Bursley Academy (Primary & Nursery School) as well as a Community Centre. Construction traffic would pose a risk to the safety of parents and children making their way from residential areas to the school and community facilities.

6) Plenty of Spare Capacity for New Housing in Newcastle Town Centre:

We understand the need for good quality housing and accept this presents a challenge for councils against government targets for new housing.

Currently there is considerable new apartment housing being developed (and remaining partially built) in Newcastle Town Centre, right opposite your new Headquarters building. Wouldn't it make more sense to complete this partially built dwellings rather than taking away green space?

Also, we have seen a marked increase in the vacant shop/retail/office premises in the town centre (especially Newcastle). This is only likely to increase as a consequence of the pandemic and more home/on-line working. Surely it makes more sense to convert vacant shops/retail/office premises in the town centre on existing occupied land, rather than taking away green space from local communities. This would have the added benefit of re-imagining and re-vitalising our town centres, which are now at serious risk of becoming ghost-towns. More residents living directly in the town centre would increase footfall and spending in the remain shops/retail, preserving future business rate income for the council.

8) Importance of Local Green Space for Wellbeing, Wildlife & Climate Change:

Lastly our project will shortly be working on a '15 Minute City' concept with local students, academics and local citizens. This will analyse a model of how residents/communities can walk or cycle to all the local assets and facilities they need within a 15 minute time frame. Taking away very local green space flies in the face of these concepts which would address climate change and result in happier healthier neighbourhoods and help the council meet their climate change objectives and promises. Removing access to very local community green spaces like Bradwell Field, forces people to use their cars and travel to green space further afield - in all likelihood Westport Lake, which already has capacity issues and parking problems impacting local residents.

Continual loss of green space also has an impact on wildlife at a time when were are facing massive bio-diversity loss. It discourages wildlife entering our urban areas, and blocks passage of wildlife through and across our urban centres.

We believe these are strong and indisputable arguments against the proposed development and loss of vitally important green space which currently enhances the wellbeing, appeal and enjoyment of living in Bradwell, Newcastle and helps us as residents lead flourishing, healthy lives.

Could you (and the 'Save Bradwell Green Space' Action Group' please acknowledge receipt of this email as my personal and my organisation's objection to the proposed development and loss of local community green space.

Regards,

Personal details removed

From:
Sent: 29 January 2021 18:45
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Save Bradwell's Green Space

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To whom it may concern.

I appose the council selling off the land to build more houses on the green, the road is very busy as it is with only 1 way in and out already.

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From:
Sent: 20 February 2021 14:15
To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>
Subject: Save Bradwell's green space

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Good afternoon,

We are writing to object to the plans relating to the development of the field next to Bradwell Crematorium, to expand the Crematorium and build a new Housing development. We live in Arnold Grove and we will be directly affected by this development. Arnold Grove is already a busy road with traffic to the School, Crematorium and surrounding areas. The new development will increase the traffic in turn increasing noise and pollution levels. There will be a junction opposite our house which will increase light and noise pollution and increase the risk of road traffic accidents, to which the junction at the top of Arnold Grove where it meets Bradwell Lane is already a hotspot for. There are many families with small children around this area that regularly use the green space and park and footfall here has increased dramatically under Covid restrictions. As this is a socially deprived area introducing this development will have a significant detrimental impact on the health and mental well-being of the residents of Bradwell and as such we strongly object to this development, please register this as such.

Kind Regards

Mr and Mrs
Bradwell
Newcastle-Under-Lyme
Staffordshire
ST5 8LD

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From:

Sent: 23 February 2021 07:16

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>; savebradwellgreenspace@gmail.com

Subject: Save Bradwell's Green Space

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Please note my objection to the proposed development of the green fields next to Bradwell's Crematorium. This is a unique area that is a local amenity and one used by the wider area as well especially important recently for physical and mental wellbeing. Once the area has been developed this is something that can never be restored and a great loss to the Newcastle under Lyme and local area. There are also important implications for those living locally of a loss of a local amenity and the increase in traffic with limited access to the housing estate on the development nearest to the Crematorium.

Yours

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 22 February 2021 18:53

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Save Our Field - Chatterley Close Bradwell

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

Dears Sirs

With reference to the proposed development of the field behind Chatterley Close Bradwell.

Objections to this development are as follows:

1. Arnold Grove is already a busy road. It feeds the school in Bursley Way, the Riceman Road/Fearns Avenue housing estates, the Chatterley Close housing estate and the Crematorium. Another housing development would deliver more traffic and pollution which would be detrimental to the area.
2. Is the infrastructure in place to deal with additional housing? There is no doctors surgery, dentist or high school on Bradwell estate.

3. The field in question is the only recreational space available for the residents in the immediate area. It is extremely well used and helps with the physical and mental well-being of the community. The government are stressing the increase of obesity and mental health problems amongst the general public (especially with the Coronavirus Pandemic) taking away local green spaces is not going to help with these issues.

4. A new road running from Arnold Grove to the Crematorium would be dangerous next to a children's play area.

I trust these points will be considered.

Yours faithfully

Sent from my iPhone

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From:

Sent: 18 February 2021 15:10

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: SAVE OUR FIELD!!!!

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

My email is to protest against the development of housing being built on Bradwell playing fields on Arnold Grove. There is not enough green space left now and this area gets enjoyed by many young children for the park, older children playing football, and adults walking their dogs. This area of land has been here for many, many years why do we have to lose it now?

There is new housing developments going up everywhere lately which is not fair for us to lose our piece of countryside so near to where we live!

It will create more traffic and these roads are busy enough with the funerals we have coming past and buses, and lorries. The roads are in no fit state to take anymore heavy traffic.

They ask for cars to be road worthy when the roads are not worthy for our cars!

PLEASE SAVE OUR FIELD!!!!

REGARDS

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: 24 February 2021 16:49

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Save our Green Space BRADWELL

Classification: NULBC **UNCLASSIFIED** Organisational

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Hi,

I would like to object to the proposed new developments for Bradwell field. I live directly opposite the field entrance on Arnold Grove.

Me and my family were relocated here in 2010 from Cross Heath, after years of suffering in the Charter Road regeneration program. The field has been a life saver to us, it has helped us to socialise and build community links, it has brought us closer with our neighbours too.

Especially in the current climate, the field has been a life line, not just for us but for the whole community in Bradwell. The view from our house is so peaceful and the freedom to use the park has benefitted my mental health and many others. I have never seen it as busy as it has been the past 12 months.

Bradwell is already an overcrowded area with no high school, overcrowded primary schools, and no doctors or dentist surgery. First Avenue and Arnold Grove are extremely busy routes now, especially since the speed humps have been installed on Bradwell Lane. Surely increasing the local population isn't the answer.

I am also very worried at the prospect of a junction being created opposite our home and the repercussions of an estate being built in a peaceful area

I don't ask but I beg, please let us keep the field that we have and love.

From:

Sent: 02 February 2021 16:16

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Saving Bradwell green spaces.

This email has been received from an address outside the Council, please be very cautious when opening any attachments or clicking on any links herein.

I am e.mailing to object to the sale of land and building of houses next to Bradwell crematorium. I have lived in Bradwell for 58 years and have seen almost all off the green spaces built on over the years including on Bradwell school fields off fearns avenue and along Chatterley close.the green space you are planning to sell off is the last one.this is used by many residents of Bradwell for walking and for children to safely play on.bradwell has seen it's population grow immensely over the years and in my mind has no more space to give up.the nature of the road system means that all traffic coming from Bradwell Lane has to return the same way as there is no thru road due to Bradwell woods causing traffic build ups around the area.please do not sell the land of our last piece of green space

Regards.

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From:

Sent: 08 February 2021 18:38

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: Subject Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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Re Land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

I would like to put my reasons forward to objecting to the land being developed as above

Since Covid 19 in March 2020 people such a Captain Tom have done their best for the NHS by walking albeit around his property due to having open space, alternative people throughout lockdown have also enjoyed open space as there only form of exercise and for their own health and wellbeing.

I cannot understand why developers would feel the need to deprive open space to the community of Bradwell in the form of affordable houses adjacent to the crematorium.

Prior to Covid in March this area has proved to be detrimental to the children and elderly members of the community in providing a park area and open space to run around and have fun for the children and a means for the grandparents who care for these young children to have some where to go and enjoy and feel safe, it also excellent for dog walker and those alike to exercise by walking the distance around the perimeter.

We should be enhancing open space in communities by planting more tree's and leaving the ground untouched for natural drainage and encouraging more wildlife rather than filling the ground with concrete and wondering why there is so much flooding.

There is not enough open space around due to development in a lot of areas even though building lie derelict along the canal sides which are left unused and could be put to more use is offering more stable useable accommodation that has stood the test of time and offer character to the area instead of building quantity rather than quality houses for profit.

I hope my comments don't fall on blinkered eyes or deaf ears . Kind regards

Personal details removed

From:

Sent: 14 January 2021 12:29

Classification: NULBC **UNCLASSIFIED** Organisational

To: propertydept <propertydept@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk>

Subject: The land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium

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I am writing to object to the plans to develop the land adjacent to Bradwell Crematorium.

I have used this public space for more than 50 years.

I have played cricket and football on this field. I have cycled and I walk my dogs on their twice every day.

I now have "Special Guardianship" of my Grand daughter who I take onto the field and the play area. Over the Christmas holidays we sledged and built snowmen every day. A great many people use the fields and play area regularly.

I have lifelong friends I have met on this field. During this pandemic it has been the only safe place to meet up with people (Socially distanced).

It is crucial to the mental and physical health of all of Bradwell's residents.

It is the only safe place locally, other fields and play areas are too far away and necessitate crossing the busy dangerous Bradwell lane.

There are already insufficient local services for the existing residents without adding hundreds of new houses whilst taking away our only safe space.

There is no Doctors surgery, the junior school is completely full despite recently being extended, there is too much pressure on our local services.

The plans you have will leave nothing for the residents, a small patch of grass adjacent to a road is of no use for dog walking and having a play area adjacent to a road is unsafe for our children.

To take away this facility just to line the Council's coffers is despicable.

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Sent: 13 January 2021 22:02

To: Beeby, Louise

Subject: land adjacent to bradwell crematorium

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Bradwell

Newcastle Staffs ST5 8LD

13/012021

Hello

i am writing to you with my concerns after receiving a letter today off Newcastle Council about the intentions of building on the spare land of the playing fields that joins my property. After looking at the proposal the only houses that this will really affect is where the new houses join the boundaries of the ones in Arnold Grove from the park to the roundabout . We have lived in our property for 37 years my concerns are that the new propertys will be obscuring my view,and i will be overlooked, distruption and noise of all the building work which will go on for a long time, and we are nearly reaching retirement age so there will be noise coming from the other propertys so there will be a lack of peace and quiet, also there has already been a lot more traffic using Arnold Grove from the other new estate where bradwell high school was so another estate will make this a lot worse and very busy .Looking at the proposal i see that were they are building parcel one there will be no spare land between us and it will now be in front of the new houses, at the back of my property i have a lot of mature trees that i will not allow to be removed Please could you tell me why this is the first letter we have received informing us of this proposal. I feel this is the only spare land left in Bradwell and is used by a lot of people dog walking children playing on it and should not be allowed to be built on

thanks

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NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO

Cabinet
09 June 2021

Report Title: Recycling Material Processing Contracts

Submitted by: Executive Director of Operational Services

Portfolios: Environment & Recycling

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

For Cabinet to approve the award of a contract for the processing of Dry Mixed Recyclate (DMR) collected from the Councils kerbside recycling service, and to approve recommendations for the marketing / sale of separated paper and card (fibre) collected from the Councils kerbside recycling service.

Recommendation

That

1. The contract for processing DMR is awarded to bidder C with a contract start date of the 1st April 2022, for a three year term, with an option to extend by three, one year extensions, subject to satisfactory performance as deemed by the Council, or the completion of the proposed Staffordshire MRF.
2. The proposed formal process to market and contract the sale of fibre (mixed paper and card) is agreed and implemented.

Reasons

It is vitally important to have robust and sustainable contracts and arrangements in place to process recycling materials collected by the Councils kerbside recycling collection service

1. Background

- 1.1 Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council joined the Staffordshire Waste Partnership contract for materials processing collected from our recycling collection service, when the change was made last year to our new successful dual stream collections, DMR and fibre separate. We were named in the original procurement as it was Staffordshire wide, which allowed us to do this. The contract is undertaken by Biffa Waste Services, using their various Material Recovery Facilities (MRF's) across the country.
- 1.2 The current contract is in place until the end of March 2022, with potential extensions taking it up to March 2025. There are six authorities on the contact, ourselves, South Staffordshire, Cannock Chase, Lichfield & Tamworth, and East Staffordshire. Ourselves and East Staffordshire collect dual stream materials, although East Staffs is just paper separate, the rest are fully comingled, where all materials are mixed together in one bin.

- 1.3 As part of the Council recycling collection service, fibre is collected separately from the DMR and sold directly to re-processors. From the beginning of the new recycling service coming into operation, the sale of fibre has been undertaken on the 'spot market' in order to obtain the best financial value for the material. However it is recommended that a more formal process for seeking prices on a six monthly basis is undertaken, as a form of mini competition for the sale of fibre material.

2. **Issues**

- 2.1 The market and value for materials collected through kerbside recycling schemes has been very volatile for a number of years, and was a major factor in the Council swapping from a source separated service, selling materials direct, to the service we now have in place. The current gate fee with the existing contractor for those authorities collecting materials fully comingled is very competitive, and has proven unsustainable from the current contractors perspective, with them stating they are not willing to extend the contract beyond April next year, unless authorities swap to a dual stream collection system like ours.
- 2.2 All of the authorities collecting fully comingled, have suffered greatly from the MRF contractor rejecting loads which are heavily contaminated, something you get with comingled collections as the quality is generally poor, and poor quality material is very difficult to market into the reprocessing sector. Those authorities with comingled collections have been hit financially.
- 2.3 As a result of this, a decision was made last year for us as a Staffordshire Waste Partnership to go out to procurement for a new partnership contract. This was for an interim period up to the late 2020's to allow the project for a Staffordshire wide Material Recovery Facility (MRF) to be developed and constructed.
- 2.4 The forthcoming statutory duty for Local Authorities to collect a core set of materials for recycling to be made as part of the Environment Bill, has been taken into account as part of the procurement process with bidders evaluated on their ability to process materials required as part of the core set.
- 2.5 With fibre the material has a positive value and is therefore sold as a commodity, using existing administration and control systems for invoicing, receipt of payments, and any suspensions should payments not be received. The Council doesn't have any contractual arrangements, and sells material on the spot market, obtaining prices on a monthly basis. The market for fibre has been quite volatile over the last few years, but is currently quite high value at around £80 per tonne. This is mainly due to a shortage of brown card, which has seen demand increase due to greatly increased home deliveries resulting from the COVID pandemic. It is difficult to say if the value will remain at this level going forward, and may well fall. This has been our experience in the past.
- 2.6 As the Council owns and operates its own transfer station, the fibre element of the recycling collection can be treated separately, and does not need to form part of the partnership MRF contract. However an agreed process for the sale of fibre needs to be agreed to ensure maximum value and low risk to the Council.

3. **Proposal**

- 3.1 The procurement process has been undertaken on behalf of the Staffordshire waste partnership by the County Councils Procurement team, and was broken down into six individual lots, representing the six Staffordshire authorities who are part the current partnership contract arrangements. This Council was lot number six. Tenderers were

given the option to provide prices for processing fully comingled recycling material, i.e. DMR and fibre combined or dual stream, DMR and Fibre separate. In terms of Newcastle, we only asked bidders for DMR processing costs.

3.2 The procurement documents stated evaluation would take place on a split between quality and price, with price being awarded 70% of the marks and quality 30%.

3.3 Four bidders in total put in tenders for the various lots, with three of them bidding for the Councils lot, 6. The three bidders for the Council will be referred to as bidders A, B, & C.

3.4 These bids have been fully evaluated and moderated, with the outturn scores given in the table below. –

3.5 Outcome table

	Compliance	Quality	Price	Total	RANK
Percentage Available	Pass / Fail	30%	70%	100%	
Bidder A	Pass	17%	67.52%	84.52%	3
Bidder B	Pass	15.4%	70%	85.40%	2
Bidder C	Pass	19.6%	68.99%	88.59%	1

3.6 From the full evaluation process bidder C has the highest score and therefore it is recommended that they are awarded the contract for the processing of DMR from April 2022.

3.7 With regard to fibre it is proposed that the Council carefully tracks and monitors the price indices for mixed paper and card, using the nationally recognised material price index model provided by 'Lets Recycle' to ensure we are receiving the best practicable income for our material.

3.8 At six monthly intervals a mini competition process is undertaken with interested board and paper mills across the UK to ask for a fixed price per tonne based on the midpoint of the lets recycle index plus an additional £/ tonne uplift based on what they are willing to pay for fibre material collected by the Council. This process will be undertaken by appropriate staff within the Recycling and Fleet services department.

3.9 The contract terms will be the off takers standard terms and conditions, as that's how the industry operates, they are in effect the customer, and the Council is the supplier.

4. **Reasons for Proposed Solution**

4.1 It is vitally important to have robust and sustainable contracts and arrangements in place to process recycling materials collected by the Councils kerbside recycling collection service

4.2 The new contract will allow for other materials to be added to the existing collection service as required under the LA consistency in collections as part of the Environment Bill.

5. Options Considered

- 5.1 As the Council collects material dual stream, the option to extend with the current contractor is available, as it's only the comingled process that they no longer wish to process this material under the current contract conditions and price.
- 5.2 Following evaluation of the procurement for a new contract, the Council will be better of transferring to the winning bidder, C, from that process.

6. Legal and Statutory Implications

- 6.1 The procurement process has been conducted to meet the requirements of the Public Contract Regulations 2015. It also meets the Councils requirements to secure Best Value.
- 6.2 The Council has a legal duty to provide separate collections of recycling and with the forthcoming legislation as part of the environment Bill, the Council will have a legal obligation to collect a core set of materials.
- 6.3 The contract will be awarded individually to each local authority lot, and managed by those authorities individually. This is how the current contract arrangements operate, and has proven to work very well.

7. Equality Impact Assessment

- 7.1 The recycling collection service had a full Equality Impact assessment undertaken as part of the service design and implementation project.
- 7.2 Awarding the MRF contract does not have any direct impact on equalities.

8. Financial and Resource Implications

- 8.1 The proposed change in contract and approved process for the sale of fibre are all within existing budgets.
- 8.2 The gross gate fee for the processing of DMR is actual slightly dearer than that paid to the current contractor, however the haulage is less.
- 8.3 The table below details the as is costs of processing DMR and the sale of fibre with the proposed costs tendered by the preferred bidder.
- 8.4 Comparison table. –

	Current Costs/ income	Proposed Costs / income
Recycling Tonnage DMR – 6242t (1)	N/A	N/A
Gross gate fee / tonne. - DMR	£405,730	£411,972
Bulk haulage from Knutton Lane	£85,911	£65,666
Income from sale of recycleate DMR	(£139,696)	(£166,412)
Recycling Credit Income DMR (2)	(£352,611)	(£363,160)

Recycling Tonnage Fibre – 4208t (1)	N/A	N/A
Bulk haulage from Knutton Lane	£64,803	£64,803
Income from sale of fibre (3)	(£120,180)	(£120,180).
Recycling Credit Income (2)	(£237,710)	(£237,710)
Net cost total	-(£293,753)	-(£345,021)
Notes:- 1 – DMR & Fibre tonnage calculated from 2020/21 outturn 2 – Recycling Credit income, current income based on current payment of £56.49p/tonne, and proposed income based on an agreed 3% uplift for this financial year to £58.18p. there is no confirmation on what the recycling credit rate will be for 2022/23 3 – income for fibre based on a mean average of the previous 8 months of sales of fibre calculated at £28.56p/tonne		

9. Major Risks

- 9.1 Not having robust contractual arrangements in place for the processing of DMR, and the sale of fibre puts the council at potential significant financial risk in a currently volatile market situation. Risks are controlled within the contact term through a risk share on market value of materials between the contractor and the Council for processing DMR. This is set at an 80/20 % split between the council and the contractor, which is an industry standard.
- 9.2 Further the process proposed for the sale of fibre will ensure price volatility within that sector of the market is reasonably controlled.
- 9.3 These risks are identified and monitored through the Councils corporate risk management system.

10. UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)

- 10.1 Processing recycling materials to allow them to go into remanufacture of goods and packaging fully supports UN sustainable development goals, and the Councils actions under its Climate Emergency Plan.
- 10.2 In particular this decision supports the following actions of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. –



11. **Key Decision Information**

- 11.1 The proposal and recommendation set out in this report is a key decision as defined in the Council's Constitution.
- 11.2 The proposal and recommendation is included in the Cabinet's Forward Plan for the period in which the meeting is to take place.

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

- 12.1 September 2020 Cabinet approval to go out to procurement as part of a Staffordshire Waste partnership approach to material processing through a MRF.

13. **List of Appendices**

- 13.1 None

14. **Background Papers**

- 14.1 None



NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO

Cabinet
09 June 2021

Report Title: Local Planning Enforcement Plan – One Year Update

Submitted by: Executive Director - Commercial Development & Economic Growth

Portfolios: Strategic Planning

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To update Cabinet on progress to date with the updated Local Planning Enforcement Plan adopted in 2020.

Recommendation

That Cabinet approve

- 1. To continue use of the Local Planning Enforcement Plan in the Borough and undertake a second review of the Plan in June 2022**

Reasons

The Local Planning Enforcement Plan was put into effect during the first part of the Covid 19 pandemic. During this time the authority saw a series of unusual patterns of behaviour relating to both domestic and commercial development due to lockdown and the limitations placed on peoples normal activities.

Whilst the Plan has been an effective tool in delivering the enforcement service, lockdown restrictions limited normal engagement on enforcement matters.

1. Background

- 1.1 As noted in the report to Cabinet last year leading to the adoption of the new Plan, the Councils Planning service regulates development within the Borough. Development can constitute physical building works ranging from the construction of small extensions and other small works through to major schemes such as the construction of new factories and housing estates. In addition, development can comprise the change of use of land or buildings, for example the conversion of an office building to a block of flats.
- 1.2 A large proportion of development work in the Borough requires approval through the granting of planning permission, although some smaller works can be undertaken without need to apply for consent from the Local Planning Authority (LPA) if they fall within the parameters of that which is permitted pursuant to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015. The legislation on permitted development is complex, in part because it addresses nearly all forms of development from household extensions through to infrastructure projects including highway and railway works.

- 1.3 Since the last report, further amendments have taken place to the permitted development legislation allowing greater flexibilities particularly around residential development. Planning officers continue to keep abreast of these changes as the amended permitted development rights can result in schemes that may have been potentially subject to enforcement activity last year are now deemed to be acceptable and hence outside the scope of enforcement activity.
- 1.4 Despite these opportunities existing for developers to secure approval through the appropriate legislation, there remains a low level of development in Borough that does not benefit from consent either through an application to the Council or through permitted development. This work is considered to be unauthorised and therefore the LPA can consider whether enforcement action is necessary to remedy any breach that has occurred.
- 1.5 In line with the NPPF recommendations that Local Planning Authorities publish a Local Enforcement Plan to manage enforcement proactively, in a way that is appropriate to their area, the Council adopted a new enforcement plan last year.
- 1.6 The policy through has met with some initial difficulties as it was released in the midst of the Covid 19 Pandemic.

2. **Issues**

- 2.1 To a large extent, the new plan has proved effective to the team to support the prioritisation the cases and filter minor breaches of planning control where there has been no substantial harm.
- 2.2 In the initial stages of the pandemic in March 2020, officers noted a decline in a range of development activity. This was to be expected given the strict criteria around movement and activities that could be undertaken. Quite soon after though, it was noted that there was a wave of cases arising though householder developments and commercial activities occurring at residential premises.
- 2.3 The reasoning behind this was understandably due to two factors. Firstly, DIY stores were one of the few retail premises open to the public and outdoor activities such as building work were seen as having a lower risk to public health than indoor activities. The second reason leading to the commercial activity was that small business could not open and owners and employees sought to keep their businesses active through working from home.
- 2.4 As the lockdown restrictions have eased, there has been a steady return to pre-2020 patters of working. Whilst this has resulted in a decline in some areas of household enforcement moving into 2021, activity remains high as firms seek to catch up with lost output from the pandemic.
- 2.5 Aside from these issues which have resulted in an unusual 12 months of enforcement activity being noted, the Enforcement service itself has been affected by Covid 19.
- 2.6 Notably, the Council moved quickly to adopt enhanced safety measures around undertaking site visits. In the initial stages of lock down, only cases where the reported breach could be seen from the public highway were inspected as these allowed officers to remain a safe distance from strangers and the risks of infection.

- 2.7 As awareness of how the virus spread and improved health and safety measures took effect, officers were able to expand the number of visits undertaken.
- 2.8 It is recognised that there has been at times a mismatch between the ability of the Council to investigate possible breaches of planning control and the pace at which they have been occurring during the pandemic. This is possibly due to differing perceptions of risk and whilst the Council has sought to maintain a position where it could effectively comeback from the pandemic and recommence enforcement activity at a time when safe to do so, others may have taken a more liberal approach to their safety and that of the people close to them. This is a personal choice and one, managers felt to be inappropriate to ensure the long-term operation of the service.
- 2.9 Whilst it has been possible to catch up on a series of visits as the lock down regulations have eased, there remains a number of cases still to process. Details of the volume of work and the priority cases is reported to planning committee on a quarterly basis.

3. **Proposal**

- 3.1 Over 2020 and into 2021, the LPEP has supported the enforcement work of the department providing clarity around why certain cases are not being pursued.
- 3.2 It is therefore considered that the plan is of positive benefit to the delivery of an efficient planning service.
- 3.3 Due to the impact of Covid 19 however, it has not been possible to observe the operation of the plan during a 'normal' year as was envisaged when the plan was agreed in 2020.
- 3.4 It is therefore recommended that the plan be rolled forward for a further 12 months and a second review undertaken in the spring of 2022.

4. **Reasons for Proposed Solution**

- 4.1 The manner in which the LPEP is enforced is an important one as it can help to establish a uniformity of approach to delivering the service across the borough. As Covid 19 resulted in an at times fragmented approach to delivering the service as the level of harm arising from some breaches of planning control and the ability of officers to safely investigate was not always matched.
- 4.2 It is considered allowing a further 12 months to review the effectiveness of the plan will allow a greater number of ward members to engage with the plan, the beaches of control occurring and the resourcing of the enforcement service to meet the publics expectations in a timely manner.

5. **Options Considered**

- 5.1 Consideration has been given to adopting the LPEP with no further review at this time.
- 5.2 Whilst it is felt there are no substantive areas of weakness in the plan which could be resolved without impinging on other areas of enforcement activity or wider resourcing of the planning service, the addition of an additional 12 months review does not preclude the ongoing use of the plan to manage work,

6. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

6.1 The ongoing use of the Plan should assist in ensuring action taken by the Local Planning Authority is in accordance with legislation and therefore minimise opportunities for complaints to be sustained against the Council. .

6.2 The proposals within the Plan do not raise any new legal risks for the Council.

7. **Equality Impact Assessment**

7.1 It is not considered that the enforcement process affects an individual or group disproportionately in respect of any protected characteristics. Where a party involved in the enforcement process either as a complainant or as the person suspected of causing the breach, will be offered assistance as appropriate for them to access relevant services

8. **Financial and Resource Implications**

8.1 Whilst there are staffing costs associated with the resourcing of the enforcement service and the processing of any action taken including prosecution and if necessary direct action, the procedures set out in the Local Planning Enforcement Plan do not expose the Council to any additional costs.

8.2 Through setting out clear steps for undertaking enforcement action, the risks of abortive action should be minimised hence reducing the potential for unnecessary costs to be incurred by the Council.

9. **Major Risks**

9.1 Failure to take undertake appropriate investigation and assessment of potential breaches of planning control can result in complaints against the Council escalating to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman. Notable or repeat failures to deliver an efficient enforcement service may result in criticism by the Ombudsman about the operation of the service and therefore subsequent reputational harm.

10. **UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)**

10.1 The Local Planning Enforcement Plan supports UNSG and Climate Change objectives in a number of ways. Principally, through the protection of the environment and delivering sustainable development. The following UNSGs are supported.



11. **Key Decision Information**

11.1 This report can be considered key in the following ways:

- It results in the Borough Council committing existing resources for the function to which the decision relates and;
- To be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral wards in the Borough.

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

12.1 A report was presented to Cabinet on 10th June 2020 at which the LPEP was approved subject to a 12 month review.

12.2 The original report can be read here:
<http://svmma/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=118&MId=3689>

13. **List of Appendices**

13.1 Appendix 1 – Proposed Local Planning Enforcement Plan.

14. **Background Papers**

National Planning Policy Framework

National Planning Policy Guidance

Newcastle Under Lyme Planning Enforcement Website

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NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO

Cabinet
09 June 2021

Report Title: Proposed Compulsory Purchase Order – 12 Cheddar Drive, Newcastle, Staffordshire, ST5 6QR

Submitted by: Executive Director - Commercial Development & Economic Growth

Portfolios: Community Safety and Wellbeing

Ward(s) affected: Silverdale

Purpose of the Report

To obtain approval to commence the Compulsory Purchase Order process with a view to acquiring and subsequently disposing of an empty property to bring it back in to beneficial use

Recommendation

That

- 1. The Executive Director – Commercial Development & Economic Growth be authorised to work up proposals to compulsorily acquire 12 Cheddar Drive, Newcastle, Staffordshire, ST5 6QR under Part II and section 17 of the Housing Act 1985.**

Reasons

Research into this empty property, which in a state of disrepair, shows there is no known owner and no realistic alternative prospect of bringing it back into beneficial use.

1. **Background**

- 1.1 The Council is unable to identify an owner or next of kin of a previous owner and no one is taking responsibility for the property, the property will continue to fall into disrepair unless the Council intervenes. In addition to the issue of a dilapidated property blighting the neighbourhood, the property is no longer making a contribution to meeting the housing needs of the borough.

2. **Issues**

- 2.1 Extensive research has identified the history of the property and the reasons it is empty. However it has not identified any other options for returning the property to a beneficial use and there is a high likelihood its condition will continue to deteriorate and adversely affect the local community.
- 2.2 With the right disposal approach the property could contribute to affordable housing options in the borough, or as an alternative contribute to the assessed need for market housing.

3. **Proposal**

3.1 The Executive Director – Commercial Development & Economic Growth be authorised to work up proposals to compulsorily acquire 12 Cheddar Drive, Newcastle, Staffordshire, ST5 6QR under Part II and section 17 of the Housing Act 1985.

3.2 This will include:

- i) obtaining an accurate valuation of the property;
- ii) establishing the likely costs to acquire by CPO;
- iii) investigating likely disposal options including a preference for discussions with registered providers operating locally.

3.3 In the event that proceeding by way of CPO is considered to be viable, to present a further report to Cabinet with a detailed proposal seeking authority to make a Compulsory Purchase Order.

4. **Reasons for Proposed Solution**

4.1 Research into this empty property, which in a state of disrepair, shows there is no known owner and no realistic alternative prospect of bringing it back into beneficial use.

4.2 The action will send a strong message to other empty home owners who are not taking responsibility that the Borough will use the full range of options available and will provide learning for further cases.

5. **Options Considered**

5.1 Option 1 – Do Nothing

This approach will only lead to the property being left empty indefinitely, falling into increased disrepair, attracting anti-social behaviour and elevated levels of crime which will ultimately put more pressure on the services.

5.2 Option 2 - Enforcement Actions

There is a range of legislation which can be used to require owners to manage the condition of an empty property. This has been discounted as the owner cannot be identified to enforce against and it does not directly result in a change in ownership and beneficial reuse of the property.

Legal and Statutory Implications

6.1 Section 17 of the Housing Act 1985 enables the Council to acquire houses, together with any land occupied with the house, compulsorily for the purposes of providing housing accommodation.

6.2 Before a CPO can be implemented, the acquiring authority must be able to justify the use of powers to the Secretary of State, usually through a public inquiry process. The acquiring authority must be able to demonstrate that:-

- there is a compelling case in the public interest to deprive the landowner of their land;
- there are no other impediments to implementing the proposal for which the CPO is required. This usually involved demonstrating that the council has sufficient resources to deliver what it intends to deliver, and there are no other consents (planning etc.) outstanding;

- that CPO powers are needed to achieve what the Council is seeking to achieve. This involves being able to demonstrate that the Council was not able to acquire the land by agreement.

6.3 The process involves assembling a case such that these matters can be demonstrated, making (drafting and publishing) an Order, inviting representations, and then undertaking a public examination process (usually through public inquiry) through which an inspector appointed by the Secretary of State will determine whether or not to “confirm” the Order.

6.4 Once confirmed, the Council then needs to take certain steps to implement the order, thereby taking legal ownership of the property. Where ownership cannot be ascertained, the compensation payable is paid into court and held in “escrow” in the event of an entitlement to claim against it arising at a later date.

6.5 This report seeks authority to process to assemble that detailed case, with a view to seeking a further authority to proceed if that detailed work demonstrates that the proposal is viable.

7. **Equality Impact Assessment**

7.1 There are no equality impact issues arising from the recommendation, although if increased social housing is ultimately achieved, that makes a positive contribution to meeting a particular housing need.

8. **Financial and Resource Implications**

8.1 The authority may have to initially fund the purchase of the property which includes the costs of the process and the compensation payable to the owner based on the property’s value. Those costs are commonly offset by the income received upon subsequent disposal. The proposal is to purchase and dispose of the property within a short time frame in the same financial year to minimise any financial implications. There may be options around a development partner funding the initial acquisition costs.

8.2 A property valuation would need to be obtained as part of the process but research suggests property values in the same street according to Zoopla, sell on average for £90,000. However, the property in question will need substantial renovation to bring it back to a decent home standard, therefore the purchase price will reflect this.

8.3 Specialist legal support would be needed to support the process.

8.4 The costs will be set out in the detailed proposal intended to be brought to Cabinet in the event that authority to work up the same is given.

9. **Major Risks**

9.1 There is always a risk that the Council does not recover all of the costs that it incurs in the process. The compensation payable along with process and refurbishment costs may ultimately exceed any disposal income received. That will be determined by prevailing market conditions, with risks increasing with any increase in time between acquisition and disposal. The risk could be reduced if the process is implemented promptly, or if arrangements are whereby a development partner meets those costs.

9.2 There is also a risk that any third party development partner or purchaser (from the Council) may not complete the refurbishment within an acceptable time frame. That risk can be mitigated through the way in which sale and/or development agreements are structured.

10. **UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)**

10.1 The proposal seeks to prevent blight to a community and to work in partnership to contribute to affordable housing options in the borough. Through this the following UNSDGs are supported.



11. **Key Decision Information**

11.1 This is not a key decision as the costs of preparing a detailed business case will not exceed the Key Decision threshold. A subsequent decision to proceed may amount to a Key Decision dependent on the costs then involved.

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

12.1 There are no relevant earlier cabinet or committee resolutions.

13. **List of Appendices**

13.1 Appendix 1 Pictures of the property

14. **Background Papers**

None

Appendix 1

Pictures of the property



NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S
REPORT TO CABINET**

09 June 2021

Report Title: Financial and Performance Review report – Fourth quarter (Jan-Mar) 2020-21.

Submitted by: Executive Management Team

Portfolios: One Council, People & Partnerships, Finance, Town Centres & Growth

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To provide Cabinet with the Financial and Performance Review report for the fourth quarter of 2020-21.

Recommendation

1. That Members note the contents of the attached report and Appendices A and B and continue to monitor and challenge the Council's performance alongside its financial performance for the same period.

Reasons

The Financial and Performance Management monitoring reports provide information on a quarterly basis regarding the performance of individual council services and progress with delivery against our priorities, alongside related financial information on the organisation.

It should be noted that certain activities from 20 March 2020 were impacted by Covid 19 and delivery in some cases noted in this report, continue to be affected and the resulting actions taken by the Council to protect and ensure support is available to everyone.

1. Background

- 1.1 This quarterly report provides Members with a detailed update on how the Council has performed during the fourth quarter 2020/21 by presenting performance data and progress summary set within a financial context. The report provides broad financial information (Appendix A) and also details service performance (Appendix B) for the fourth quarter 2020/21.
- 1.2 This report covers the period of the Covid 19 lockdown, when a number of customer facing services were required to close, or where the customer base simply stopped using the service. Despite these unprecedented circumstances, as the summary of the overall performance picture is presented in section 4 of this report reflects, performance has generally held up well.

2. 2020-21 Revenue and Capital Budget Position

- 2.1 The Council approved a General Fund Revenue Budget of £15,690,000 on 19 February 2020. Further financial information is provided in Appendix A.

3. Development of the Financial and Performance Report

- 3.1 The performance section –Appendix B was reviewed and updated for 2020-21 and the indicators continue to reflect the priorities in the Council Plan. In addition to reporting on key performance indicators, the report includes a progress summary for each priority, detailing the progress with the delivery of planned activities.

3.2 Additional performance information is provided, not only to ensure the monitoring of the corporate activities of the council, but also to inform Members, businesses and residents of performance in their local economy.

4 Performance

4.1 The latest performance information for quarter four has been analysed and all indicators monitored for this period are listed in the table found in Appendix B.

4.2 Any indicators failing to meet the set targets include a comment explaining why the indicator has not performed well, and what steps are being taken to ensure improvement in the future.

4.3 For this report a total of 18 indicators were monitored, and the proportion of indicators which have met their target (where set) or are within tolerance levels during this period stands at 78%. It should be noted that several indicators were not monitored this quarter due to the closure of some services for example, the Brampton Museum and leisure facilities.

4.4 There are 4 indicators off target this quarter, and officers consider that the performance against these indicators does not give rise to serious cause for concern at present (see commentary provided at Appendix B). The management of each of the service areas concerned continue to monitor and take steps to deal with under achievement of targets where possible and/or appropriate, taking into account the limitations presented by the Covid19 situation.

4.5 Progress on delivery of planned activities is summarised for each priority and no concerns are highlighted.

5. Legal and Statutory Implications

5.1 The Council has a duty to set targets for performance of a range of functions and needs to monitor these closely.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no differential equality issues arising directly from this monitoring report.

7. Financial and Resource Implications

7.1 Any positive variance for the full year on the General Fund Revenue Account will enable that amount to be transferred to the Budget Support Fund and will be available in future years for use as the Council considers appropriate. Conversely, if there is an adverse variance, the amount required to cover this will have to be met from the Budget Support Fund.

8. Major Risks

8.1 The ongoing changing market conditions represents the greatest risk to the revenue budget, particularly with regard to the impact it may have upon income receivable in relation to services where customers may choose whether or not to use Council facilities or in the case of the waste/recycling service where the volume of recycled materials is liable to fluctuate. The impact of Covid 19 is more apparent in the reporting of this quarter, impacting on many areas and the situation will continue to be monitored through the normal budget monitoring procedures.

8.2 The capital programme will require regular monitoring to identify any projects which are falling behind their planned completion dates. This will be carried out by the Capital Programme Review Group, which meets on a monthly basis together with quarterly reports to Cabinet.

8.3 The above represents a high level view of risk. There are detailed risk registers available if members wish to see them.

9. **Sustainability and Climate Change Implications**

9.1 N/A

10. **Key Decision Information**

10.1 Included on the Forward Plan

11. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

11.1 N/A

12. **List of Appendices**

12.1 Financial information (Appendix A), and Performance (Appendix B).

13. **Background Papers**

13.1 Working papers held by officers responsible for calculating indicators.

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Financial Position Quarter Four 2020/21

1. General Fund Revenue Budget

- 1.1 The Council approved a General Fund Revenue Budget of £15.690m on 19 February 2020. The actual position compared to this budget is continuously monitored by managers, EMT and Portfolio Holders in order to detect any significant variances of expenditure or income from the approved amounts contained in the budget.
- 1.2 It is forecast that adverse variances incurred will be offset in total by the emergency Coronavirus funding received from the Government and by the Government income compensation scheme and that this will enable a balanced outturn to be presented at the year end, any variance remaining will be paid into or from the general fund reserve. Close management of the financial position will continue and remains absolutely essential.
- 1.3 The pandemic continues to have a significant impact on the Council's financial position through a mix of lost income and additional costs. For 2020/21 Government funding of £2.328m has been secured (including £346k of new burdens funding to offset the costs of administering Coronavirus business support grant, hardship relief, and self-isolation grant schemes), which significantly reduced the pressure on additional spending and on the Council finances.
- 1.4 Further Government funding to assist with the Council's response to the Coronavirus has also been secured in relation to rough sleepers (£0.196m), outbreak control (£0.179m), enforcement (£0.061m) and the reopening of the high street (£0.115m).
- 1.5 The Council's revenue budget relies on service income from fees and charges of around £850k per month across a wide range of services, with a significant proportion coming from J2 and car parking. Taking account of the current restrictions it is forecast that income losses from fees and charges for the financial year will amount to £3.075m, net of furlough scheme assistance of £0.197m.
- 1.6 The Government announced that it will fund income losses, relating to irrecoverable fees and charges, above the first 5% at the rate of 75p in the pound in the current financial year will to a significant degree insulate the Council from income related financial risks. It is forecast that the Government's income compensation scheme will offset these income losses to the sum of £1.994m, the first instalment of this was received in November.
- 1.7 Additional expenditure pressures have inevitably been incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is forecast that by the close of the financial year these will amount to £1.865m (excluding the provision of services/activity for which specific funding has been received).
- 1.8 Expenditure has been reduced wherever possible throughout the Council to ensure that only absolutely necessary spending is being incurred, this has helped to reduce the adverse variance on a service by service basis. It has been forecast, and it is absolutely imperative, that this situation continues throughout the remainder of the financial year.
- 1.9 Further consequences of the Coronavirus on the Council's financial position will depend significantly on the continued impact of the lockdown and on the scale and timing of further Government financial support. The Council is actively lobbying our local Members of Parliament and through national networks as part of the wider public sector family, to make the case for further Government support. Particular emphasis in our lobbying has been the impact on Business rate and Council tax collection.

2. Revenue Budget Position

2.1 As at the end of the fourth quarter, the general fund budget shows a balanced position. It is forecast that this position will be achieved as at the close of the financial year.

2.2 A number of variances from the budget are forecast, these include:

a. Income shortfalls from sales, fees and charges which are eligible for partial reclaim via the Income Losses Scheme, it is forecast that these losses will amount to £3.075m by the close of the financial year.

b. Additional expenditure pressures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic are expected to be £1.865m (excluding £551k regarding the provision of services/activity for which specific funding has been received).

These include Waste and Recycling (estimated £798k disposal costs and hire of vehicles to allow social distancing) and a top up of the general fund reserve to its minimum level regarding the 2019/20 deficit of £0.207m.

c. Housing Benefits payments made by the Council which are not fully subsidised by the Department of Works and Pensions, mainly around the provision, often emergency, of accommodation for vulnerable and homeless people, it is estimated that the shortfall from this and the under recovery of overpayments will amount to £0.450m for 2020/21.

2.3 These adverse variances are forecast to be offset in full by the following favourable variances:

a. Government Funding to offset pressures that the Council has/will continue to face as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, £3.076m has been received or is due for the financial year (£551k relates to the specific provision of services/activity and £196k relates to Furlough).

b. It is anticipated that the Council will be reimbursed £1.994m in relation to the Income Losses scheme for eligible sales, fees and charges income shortfalls for the year.

c. Expenditure has been reduced wherever possible throughout the Council to ensure that only absolutely necessary spending is being incurred, this has helped to reduce the adverse variance on a service by service basis. It has been forecast, and it is absolutely imperative, that this situation continues throughout the remainder of the financial year.

2.4 Cabinet and the Executive Management Team will continue to be updated on the Council's financial position and actions taken in the forthcoming weeks and months. This will include a revised recommended level of reserves and the financial implications of this.

3. Collection Fund

3.1 Local tax income is collected by billing authorities and paid into local 'collection funds' (the Council is a billing authority). Where there is a shortfall in tax receipts (compared to expected levels), this leads to a deficit on the collection fund. Billing and major precepting authorities are usually required to meet their share of any deficit during the following financial year.

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- 3.2 In response to forecast shortfalls in tax receipts relating to COVID-19, the government has announced that repayments to meet collection fund deficits accrued in 2020- 21 will instead be phased over a three-year period (2021-22 to 2023-24) to ease immediate pressures on budgets. The phased amount will be the collection fund deficit for 2020-21 as estimated on the 15 January 2021 for council tax and in the 2021-22 NNDR1 for business rates.
- 3.3 It was announced as part of the Local Government Finance Settlement that there would be an equitable sharing of irrecoverable local taxation collection losses between local authorities and the Treasury. The government intends to use a scheme similar to the income compensation and cover 75% of local government's collection fund deficits, with a small number of exclusions.
- 3.4 The current forecast shortfalls in tax receipts, and the forecast repayments under this scheme are shown below:

Tax	Total Deficit Forecast	Council's Share	Repayable 2021/22	Repayable 2022/23	Repayable 2023/24
Council Tax	£1.119m	£0.134m (11.8%)	£0.048m	£0.043m	£0.043m
Business Rates	£18.500m	£7.400m (40%)	£5.375m	£1.013m	£1.012m
Business Rates Section 31 Measures (above budgeted)	(£13.343m)	(£5.337m) 40%	(£5.337m)	-	-
Total	£6.276m	£2.197m	£0.086m	£1.056m	£1.055m
75% Income Compensation	N/A	(£1.394m)	(£0.086m)	(£1.056m)	(£0.252m)
Levy Saving (Pooling)	N/A	(£0.537m)	-	-	(£0.537m)
Remaining Repayment	N/A	£0.266m	-	-	£0.266m

4. Capital Programme

- 4.1 A Capital Programme totalling £12.454m was approved for 2020/21. Of this total £10.454m relates to the total cost of new schemes for 2020/21 together with £1.000m for schemes funded by external sources (Disabled Facilities Grants) and £1.000m contingency. In addition £3.025m was brought forward from the 2019/20 Capital Programme, resulting in a total Capital Programme of £15.479m for 2020/21.
- 4.2 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the financial impact this has placed on the Council, a review of the 2020/21 Capital Programme has been completed with the assistance of Budget Holders and members of the Capital, Assets and Commercial Investment Review Group. The rationale behind this review was to establish which of the capital projects approved in the programme were essential or health and safety related, were unable to be commenced due to the pandemic, could be deferred to the following year due to resources and services available during the crisis or were no longer required.
- 4.3 The revised 2020/21 Capital Programme now totals £7.303m which includes £1.000m for schemes funded by external sources (Disabled Facilities Grants) and £0.250m contingency to reflect the remainder of the year. A summary of these changes can be found in appendix A.

5. Capital Programme Position

5.1 The expected total capital receipts due to be received this year following the sale of assets amount to £3.780m. A summary of the expected income is shown in the table below.

Funding	Amount (£'000)
Proceeds from disposal of assets	2,830
Proceeds from Right to Buy sales	500
Proceeds from sale of old Waste Recycling Fleet	450
Total	3,780

5.2 The expenditure position at the end of the fourth quarter is expected to be as follows:-

	Amount (£'000)
Budget	7,303
Actual Expenditure	5,690
Committed orders and carry forwards for existing projects	1,399
Capital Contingency Reserve to be rolled forward	0,227
Variance	(0,013)

It should be noted that this is the position at period 12 and further work is being completed to inform the final outturn position for the year together with the impact of Covid-19.

6. 2020/21 Outturn Position

6.1 Work is currently being completed on the final outturn position in respect of both the revenue and capital budgets. This year end work has been impacted by the Covid-19 crisis, therefore full details on the outturn will be provided at the next meeting.

7. Treasury Management

7.1 External borrowing was not required during 2020/21 to fund the revised capital programme.

Appendix A**2020/21 Revised Capital Programme (Revised Programme shown in detail in second table)**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME	Approved 2020/21 Programme	Revised 2020/21 Programme
	£	£
Service Area - Council Modernisation	380,000	254,653
Total	380,000	254,653
Service Area - Housing Improvements	1,070,000	1,071,000
Service Area - Managing Property & Assets	131,531	97,000
Total	1,201,531	1,168,000
Service Area - Environmental Health	10,000	10,000
Service Area – Street Scene and Bereavement Services	295,600	197,000
Service Area - Recycling and Fleet	3,766,000	3,503,703
Service Area - Leisure	3,682,000	1,135,000
Service Area - Museum	95,000	97,536
Service Area - Managing Property & Assets	55,547	20,000
Service Area - Engineering	165,873	232,873
Total	8,070,020	5,196,112
Service Area - Managing Property & Assets	1,702,553	333,866
Total	1,702,553	333,866
CONTINGENCY/FEASABILITY STUDIES	1,100,000	350,000
TOTAL	12,454,103	7,302,631

CAPITAL PROJECTS	Proposed Programme 2020/21 £
PRIORITY - Local Services that work for Local People	
<i>Service Area - Council Modernisation</i>	
Mobile Technology Roll Out	30,000
Desktop Technology Refresh	8,000
Microsoft LAR Uplifts	50,000
Digital Delivery Integration Costs	30,000
Replacement of Civica APP	30,000
Replacement of Civica Financials	30,000
Implementation of SharePoint	20,000
Mobile Telephony Refresh	10,000
Pilate Gauge Replacement	6,653
Packet Shaper refresh	20,000
E-payments replacement	20,000
Total (Service Area)	254,653
Total Priority	254,653
PRIORITY - Growing our People and Places	
<i>Service Area - Housing Improvements</i>	
Disabled Facilities Grants	1,000,000
Empty Homes Grants	6,000
Carbon Management	65,000
Total (Service Area)	1,071,000
<i>Service Area - Managing Property & Assets</i>	
Stock Condition Survey Works	97,000
Total (Service Area)	97,000
Total Priority	1,168,000
PRIORITY - A Healthy, Active and Safe Borough	
<i>Service Area – Environmental Health</i>	
CCTV/Body worn cameras	10,000
Total (Service Area)	10,000
<i>Service Area - Streetscene & Bereavement Services</i>	
Footpath Repairs	20,000
Play Area Refurbishment	30,000
Railings/Structures Repairs	15,000
Britain in Bloom	15,000
Traveller Encroachment	5,000
Memorial Survey	5,000
Crematorium Monthly Gardens	5,000
Pool Dam Marshes LNR	87,000
Grounds Maintenance Invest to Save Programme	15,000
Total (Service Area)	197,000
<i>Service Area - Recycling & Fleet</i>	

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Replacement Bins/Containers	50,000
Wheelie Bins – New Recycling Service	870,000
Paper Recycling Internal Bin Caddie	43,703
Twin Body RCV for New Recycling Service x 7	1,650,000
New Food Waste Collection Service Vehicles x 7	490,000
Corporate Fleet Replacement	300,000
Transfer Station Alterations (New Recycling Service)	100,000
Total (Service Area)	3,503,703
Service Area - Leisure	
Pilates Studio Refurbishment	75,000
Carbon Management	40,000
Jubilee 2 Pool Filters	20,000
Kidsgrove Sports Centre	1,000,000
Total (Service Area)	1,135,000
Service Area - Museum	
HLF Match Funding	75,000
CCTV Replacement/Upgrade	20,000
Museum Project	2,536
Total (Service Area)	97,536
Service Area - Managing Property & Assets	
Stock Condition Survey Works	20,000
Total (Service Area)	20,000
Service Area - Engineering	
Ryehills over Marian Platt walkway	45,000
Kidsgrove Loophline Bridge Over Walkway in Park	37,865
Road Bridge over former Railway, Audley	30,000
Car Park at Butchers Arms	20,000
St James Closed Churchyard, Newchapel	12,008
St James, Church Street, Audley	88,000
Total (Service Area)	232,873
Total Priority	5,196,112
PRIORITY - A Town Centre For All	
Service Area - Managing Property & Assets	
Stock Condition Survey Works	274,866
Midway Car Park, Newcastle	10,000
Markets	40,000
Bus Shelters	9,000
Total (Service Area)	333,866
Total Priority	333,866
CONTINGENCY	
	250,000
FEASIBILITY STUDIES	
	100,000
TOTAL	7,302,631

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Corporate Performance Quarter 4 2020-21

Priority 1: Local Services that Work for Local People

Progress Summary

Overall, our performance with a combination of monitoring and target driven indicators for this priority is positive in this quarter but work is underway to impact on the result.

A summary of progress with planned activities for Priority One from the Council Plan 2018-2022 are as follows:-

- **Increase Access to Information;**

The Council continues to maintain services by encouraging customer self-service via the website, and through effective call centre support to answer questions, provide information and support residents of the Borough at this difficult time. During Qtr. 4 Customer Services at Castle House was closed to the public, but all customer enquiries were handled efficiently with all the digital processes in place.

- **Customer Services Activity**

Quarter 4 is normally a very busy period in Customer Services due to the volumes of documents that are legally required to be issued with regards to Council Tax, Business Rates and Housing Benefits. However, this quarter we have increased traffic with regards to the Census, Elections, Landfill complaints, Covid Business Grants (including the restart grants) and the Taxi Driver grants. With the return of Newcastle Housing Advice, back to the Borough Council, from 1/4/2021, we have created a digital process for the 1500 registrations but further customer support has been required.

- **Deliver new Recycling and Waste Service:**

The new recycling service has been fully operational for nearly nine months, to households across the borough, and continues to prove very popular with residents. Participation and tonnage of material collected has continued to rise, with January and March seeing the highest tonnage collected since 2010. This means the tonnage of recycling material collected is 23.18% higher than that collected with the previous service. The quality of the material collected remains excellent, with very little contamination, and the Council receiving excellent feedback from the re-processing contractors used to recycle the various material streams. During this quarter we have seen the value of the separately collected paper and card increase significantly in value, reflecting again the excellent quality of the material collected from residents.

- **Establish Workforce Strategy:**

- **Develop robust, innovative and efficient work force plans**

Work has continued across services in the development of this area of work. As work develops towards detailed design of the One Council transformation, the People Team will continue the focus on alignment of vision and people processes in partnership with the Trades Unions.

- **Develop organisational culture**

HR have commenced a programme of cultural development, working with cross sections of the organisation and with Trade Union colleagues, in line with the principles of One Council.




- **Ensure staff wellbeing**





Due to the changed working conditions for many staff this year, the focus has been to ensure the support of mental health and wellbeing of staff during this time continues and our support and counselling services are available. In partnership with the Trade Unions, the Mental Health working group has continued to develop initiatives to support its agenda.







Progress Summary continued

- **To review and continue to develop key People policies**

We continue to develop our People Policies in discussion with the Trade Unions and have agreed policies on Dying to Work and Attendance Management.

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1.1	Environmental Health	Cllr. Trevor Johnson	Percentage of food premises that have a zero or one national food hygiene rating	Low	088% (10 out of 1138 published premises)	-	-	5%	Delivery of this planned programme was prevented during the Covid lockdown. It has recommenced on a limited programme due to prioritising Covid activities, in excess of 60 Food inspections have now been completed. In excess of 1,356 Covid-19 queries and complaints received, and the team continue to communicate with food premises and other licensed premises in order to advise and record future appointments.	-
1.2 New	Environmental Health	Cllr. Trevor Johnson	Percentage of category A and B food business inspections completed on time	High	97%	-	-	-		-
1.3 New	Environmental Health	Cllr. Stephen Sweeney	No. Accidents/Incidents reported (RIDDOR)	Low	1	0	1	-	There has only been one incident reported this quarter.	-
1.4a	Recycling & Fleet	Cllr. Trevor Johnson	Household collections from the kerbside (%):- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry Recycling 	High	20.24%	23.19%	28.06%	20%	Quarter 4 has seen collected tonnage of recycling increase further and residual waste return to more normal levels following the impact of Covid which significantly affected performance in the first two quarters. However levels are around 11% higher than in the previous year, a trend which is in line with many other LA collection services. Separate food waste collections were re-introduced part way through quarter 2, and tonnages are rising steadily towards pre Covid levels.	
1.4b			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food 	High	5.86%	3.38%	4.28%	5%		
1.4c			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount of residual Waste per household 	Low	103.64 kg's	108.45	112.21kg's	107.5kgs (per household) cumulative		

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1.4d	Operations	Cllr. Trevor Johnson	Number of missed kerbside collections:- Total (per 100,000 collections)	Low	76.54	90.41	103.54	80 (per 100,000 collections)	In this quarter there were a total of 1,573,376 collections of residual, garden waste, recycling and food. Missed collections of Residual- 419, Garden Waste – 86, Recycling- 587, and food waste - 537. The rates have risen slightly this quarter, particularly in January when we had bad weather and snow. Figures for March are very low, and hopefully this performance will continue downwards. That said the percentage of successful collections for this quarter is 99.897%	
1.5	Operations	Cllr. Trevor Johnson	Levels of street and environment cleanliness (LEQ survey) free / predominantly free of litter, detritus, graffiti and fly-posting)	High	93.77% 93.56% 99.78% 100%	95.44% 95.83% 99.05% 100%	97.53% 95.76% 99.47% 100%	91% 91% 97% 99%	The surveys were postponed earlier in the year due to Covid situation The first and second tranche results are detailed here.	
1.6	Customer & ICT	Cllr. Simon Tagg	Percentage of requests resolved at first point of contact	High	99%	99.66%	99.66%	97%	With improved digital processes, customers continue to receive an excellent service, with most contacts dealt with at first point of contact.	
1.7	Customer & ICT	Cllr. Simon Tagg	% Unmet demand (number of calls not answered as a % of total call handling volume)	Low	12.15%	18.03%	18.06%	10%	This quarter has seen increased activity due to the Census, Annual Council Tax bills and benefit notification, Business Rates, Elections and the new Housing Advice Service with over 43,000 calls answered. Added to this we are the first point of contact for all Covid type enquiries and support the Business Grants and Test & Trace programme of work. Compared to Qtr 4 2019-20, the number of calls to Customer Services this quarter has increased by 21.2%,	

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1.7	Customer & ICT	Cllr. Simon Tagg	% Unmet demand (number of calls not answered as a % of total call handling volume)	-	-	-	-	-	Continued:- and it should be noted that the number of calls answered also increased by 21.8% - nearly 8,000 more.	-
1.8	Digital Delivery	Cllr. Simon Tagg	Total number of digital on-line transactions (Jadu).	High	20,581	20,096	23,516	-	The number of transactions have increased significantly this quarter.	-
1.9	Communication	Cllr. Simon Tagg	Total number of unique users to the website	High	107,005	136,869	107,288	79,500	There was a total of 107,288 unique users in this quarter, which is similar to 107,005 in Qtr 4, 2019-20.	
1.10	Revenues & Benefits	Cllr. Stephen Sweeney	Time taken to process Housing/Council Tax Benefit new claims and change events	Low	2.56 days	4.6 days	9.45 days	10 days	This result continues to be on target.	
1.11	Revenues & Benefits	Cllr. Stephen Sweeney	Percentage of Council Tax collected	High	97.3%*	76.6%	96.8%	76.08%	The rate for Council Tax collection and Business rates is well above target	
1.12	Revenues & Benefits	Cllr. Stephen Sweeney	Percentage of National non-domestic rates collected	High	99.47%	75.2%*	89.2%	78.66%		
1.13	Human Resources	Cllr. Simon Tagg	Average number of days per employee lost to sickness	Low	8.62 days	2.25 days* Qtr. 3 6.51 days (cumulative)	1.48 days Qtr. 4 7.99 days (cumulative)	2.2 days Qtr. 3 6.6 days (cumulative)	The result for Qtr. 4 sickness figure is 1.48 days, well within tolerance of the target of 2.2 days. The cumulative result of 7.99 days for the 12 months is well within target. The short term and long term sickness results for the quarter are 0.26 and 1.22 days respectively. It was anticipated that sickness absence may increase due to Covid-19 but that has not been the case.	
1.14 New	Human Resources	Cllr. Simon Tagg	Staff turnover	Low	4.19%	1.27%	1.47%	10%	The annual turnover rate is 5.04%.	

1.15 New	Human Resources	Cllr. Simon Tagg	Staff vacancy rates	Low	5.08%	6.94%	7.14%	-	-
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Priority 2: Growing our People and Places

Progress Summary

A summary of progress with planned activities for Priority 2 from the Council Plan 2018-2022 are as follows:-

- **Deliver Joint Local Plan**

Following a review of continued working on the Joint Local Plan with Stoke at the end of 2020 and into the beginning of 2021, the Council decided to cease work on that document and commence a Local Plan for the Borough. No further work is proposed for the old plan.

- **Deliver Borough Local Plan**

In January, work commenced on the creation of a new Borough Local Plan. The three key milestones are the publication of the Issues and Options Paper in September 2021; the first draft of the Local Plan in autumn 2022 and the submission of the amended draft to the Planning Inspectorate in the summer of 2023 with the aim of securing adoption by the end of that year. An updated Local Development Scheme (LDS) which sets out the new programme has been published and an update to the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is out to consultation.

- **Delivery of the Economic Development Strategy and action plan**

Delivery of the Economic development Strategy and action plan is set out in more detail below against individual projects – One Public Estate, Prepare a Town Centre Strategy, market, and business support. Establish a Town Centre Communications Group and Develop a Kidsgrove Town Centre Investment Plan. Additionally, in response to Covid-19 the Council addressed the issue of re-opening town centres post-Lockdown through the ‘Back on Track’ recovery plan. The Council also received notification of the Restarting High Street Safely Fund and has agreed a grant action plan with MHCLG.

- **Progress University Growth Corridor**

The Council has revised its plans for the consultancy support that was reported last quarter and are now looking into how a development partner might be procured with a view to that partner developing and being directly involved in the sustainable energy provision and future home standards infrastructure on the site as well as assisting on the master planning work. Homes England continue to be involved and are showing an interest in our progress with an eye on how they contribute to the process.

- **Deliver appropriate housing to those in need:**

- **Newcastle Housing Advice to be in-house service**

Midland Heart delivers the Newcastle Housing advice (NHA) service on behalf of the Council, which is the Borough’s provision for homelessness, housing advice and housing register services. The Council has made the decision to bring the service back in-house by 1st April 2021, and over the year the Council worked with the current contractor to transfer the service effectively, including the TUPE of 9 staff. Quarterly performance monitoring for the NHA service is available on request and Officers propose to incorporate future reporting on activity of the statutory functions delivered by the NHA service into future reporting. An internal working group was created to manage the transition back to the Council and will be continued to ensure that continuous improvement can be made, with the support of ICT, HR and Customer Services. The NHA service is being managed within the Partnerships Team and has a strategic fit with the Council’s work around vulnerability. The Council is ensuring that the service can be supported by Customer Services and it will be actively participating in the One Council agenda to identify service efficiencies. The NHA service has also recently launched a new Joint Housing register and Allocations Policy in partnership with Aspire Housing, branded as NHA Options (see below).

Progress Summary continued

- **Rough Sleepers and temporary accommodation**

The Navigator role continues to be successful supporting rough sleepers and navigating them into appropriate support pathways and accommodation. The Council have been notified by MHCLG to expect continued funding for this role and as such the role has been advertised as a 12 months opportunity and recruitment is currently underway. Using the MHCLG funding, the Council are also working with the City Council to recruit a shared Rough Sleepers Co-ordinator and Healthcare Worker. Following approval of the Council's Temporary Accommodation Policy, Officers are working with MHCLG and partners on the development of a range of options for the coming year. Two units of unsupported emergency temporary accommodation have been created with Aspire Housing and a further two units are being pursued. The exclusive arrangement for intensive temporary accommodation for single complex needs over the initial COVID period, in response to the Everyone in instruction have now come to an end and Officers are exploring alternative options with partners, subject to available budgets, available external funding and satisfying procurement and financial regulation principles. The SWEP protocol has now come to an end for the year and will be hibernated until October.

- **Joint allocation policy and procurement of a Choice Based Lettings system**

The Council has adopted a new Joint Housing Allocations Policy in-conjunction with Aspire Housing. The joint policy enables customers to access social housing owned and managed by Aspire Housing and other Private Registered Providers to whom the Council has partnerships within the Borough. The Council and Aspire Housing has procured a joint Choice Based Letting (CBL) system during 2020/21 that will deliver the platform for the administration function of the housing register and advertising available housing stock. This allows customers to make one application for social housing, a greatly improved approach compared to our current systems requiring 2 applications.

- **One Public Estate**

The Borough Council received a grant from 'One Public Estate' to cover the cost of undertaking the masterplanning of Knutton Village. This involved preparing proposals for the use or development of a number of cleared sites around the centre of Knutton in the ownership of the Borough and County Councils and Aspire Housing. The objective is to bring forward new housing development in the area and to assess the potential for investing in the improvement and consolidation of community facilities. Aspire Housing also contributed to the Study with a view to reviewing provision of affordable housing in the area, including housing for the elderly. Consultation on the draft masterplan has been completed and the results are currently being reviewed by the project team. Once complete, a further report will provide the results and detail the financial implications arising from the proposals. Elements of the Knutton masterplan are included in the draft Town Deal Town Investment Plan which will be submitted in January 2021.

- **Consideration of a property investment model and Property Diversification**

Consideration is being given to the Borough Council taking a more active role in developing its sites (i.e. by way of forming a property development company or similar) either on its own or in a partnership arrangement. The Commercial Strategy 2019-24 was approved by Cabinet and commercial investment advisors appointed to review and advise in respect of the Council's commercial portfolio. Work on this is currently ongoing.






Progress Summary continued

- **Masterplan of land at:- Chatterley Close area by Bradwell crematorium; Keele Golf Course and Birchenwood**

The masterplan in respect of land in the Chatterley Close area, Bradwell was considered by Cabinet in November 2020. The scheme to extend the Crematorium was approved in principle and approval was given to consult with appropriate stakeholders. The consultation is now complete and the results will be reported to the Cabinet meeting in July. Keele masterplan was approved in principle last year and is subject to consideration as part of the development of the Borough Local Plan. Bev I think this is covered in University Growth Corridor above Following the Phase 1 environmental impact assessment for Birchenwood, a preliminary ground investigation survey has now been completed and next steps are currently being considered.

- **Planning Consent – Sidmouth Avenue**

Planning approval was granted in December 2019 for the partial demolition and change of use of the former Registry Office into a single dwelling and the provision of three new detached dwelling in Sidmouth Avenue. In Qtr. 4 2019/20 alternative options were considered in respect of developing the site, in quarter 1 2020/21 the decision was taken to market the site and in quarter 2 2020/21 the site was marketed, and negotiations are ongoing to dispose of the site.

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2.1	Property	Cllr Stephen Sweeney	Percentage of investment portfolio vacant (NBC owned)	Low	8.3%	5.1%	5.1%	12%	This indicator remains well within target.	
2.2	Planning & Development	Cllr. Paul Northcott	Speed of major development applications (P151a)	High	80% (Apr 2018- Mar 2020)	90.9% (Jan 19 - Dec 20)	92.6% (Apr 19 – Mar 21)	60%	These indicators remain well within target and are improving or being maintained at an acceptable level.	
2.3			Quality of major development applications (P152a)	Low	1.6% (Jan 2017 – Dec 2018)	5.1% (Oct 17 - Sept 19)	5.4% (Jan 18 – Dec 20)	10%		
2.4			Speed of non-major development applications (P153)	High	87.5% (Apr 2018 – Mar 2020)	93.0% (Jan 19 - Dec 20)	95.6% (Apr 19 – Mar 21)	70%		
2.5			Quality of non-major development applications (P154)	Low	0.9% (Jan 2017 – Dec 2018)	1.0% (Oct 17 - Sept 19)	0.9% (Jan 18 – Dec 20)	10%		

Priority 3: A Healthy, Active & Safe Borough

Progress Summary

Overall the performance for this priority advises the progress where possible, however the impact of Covid 19 is considerable to service provision or where facilities have had to close during this period.

A summary of progress with planned activities for Priority 3 from the Council Plan 2018-2022 are as follows:-

- **Secure J2 remedial works**

The main pool has now been repaired and this has resulted in a positive uptake of public swimming sessions and swim lessons. Significant works to the roof at Jubilee2 have been completed by Morgan Sindall and the impact of these will be monitored over the next few months, to ensure the integrity of the repairs.

- **Jubilee2 moving forward**

The service has secured funding to be part of Sport England's National Leisure Recovery Fund and use of the Moving Communities project to measure impact. This will enable the benching marking id Jubilee2 using qualitative and quantitative data. Officers will prepare a report on this as the information becomes available on a quarterly basis with effect from the 2nd quarter of 2021." More information can be found at : <https://youtu.be/E3oixmYVDNA>

- **Secure J2 commercialisation**

Despite the Covid 19- pandemic, the impact on the membership at Jubilee2 is in line with the local and national average. A detailed business recovery plan has now been completed which identifies opportunities to increase income and or reduce operating costs, subject to a detailed business case for each opportunity these will be implemented over the next twelve months.

- **Kidsgrove Sports Centre**

Work has continued with WDC and the community group to secure a financially viable scope of works for a budget £6m which now suits both the needs of the community groups' business model and the budgetary constraints of the Council. Additional funding opportunities have been secured in the form of Town Deal Advance Monies for advance strip out works at the centre and further Town Deal contributions are being investigated also. Advance works / internal strip out works by WDC commenced in December as planned after completion of the property transfer from Staffordshire County Council in November. Hopefully, the main works will commence in April 2021 subject to budget / costs being satisfactory, with completion scheduled in early 2022.

- **Secure funds for Museum Extension**

The contractor started on site on March 1st. The work should take 21 weeks. Once it is complete the redesign of the museum ground floor display, installation of new stores and public spaces will begin. The museum will reopen to the public in late 21/early 22 (COVID allowing). The museum have a presence in J2 from May 19.

- **Open Space Strategy**

Due to the pandemic, the Heart of England in Bloom campaign and all local Newcastle in Bloom competitions and activities were suspended for 2020. However, sponsorship from local businesses continued at near-normal levels and the intention is to roll most of the planned activities forward to 2021, depending on Covid 19 restrictions. Digital judging will take place in 2021, and the council intends to participate in the campaign in the amended format, as well as running the Newcastle in Bloom competitions digitally. A total of 6 of the Borough's strategic parks and cemeteries achieved Green Flag status this year, and 7 have been entered for 2021.

Progress Summary continued

- **Streetscene Fleet procurement**

Procurement of fleet and equipment for Streetscene is progressing, with tenders invited for 1 large road sweeper and another procured.

- **Feasibility study for Crematorium extension**

The feasibility study for the crematorium extension was linked into the masterplanning commission for the Chatterley Close area which has been completed. A report was considered by Cabinet and public consultation took place on the proposals in early 2021. The results will be considered by the Finance, Assets and Scrutiny Committee at their June meeting.

- **Affordable Funeral Scheme**

Cabinet have approved a Resident Funeral scheme and a suite of tender documents has been issued to local suppliers. An option for Direct Cremation has been included in the tender package and it is intended to launch the scheme in summer 2021, subject to suitable tenders being received in June.

- **Deliver Capital Programme projects**

Work is in progress on a number of sites to repair railing/fencing and footpaths, and replace play equipment.

- **Protect our communities by delivering priority community safety, food safety & licensing projects:**

- **Taxi Licensing Policy**

In the first quarter of 2019-20, members of the Licensing and Public Protection Committee approved the content of the taxi policy. The policy document is a wide scale reform of the current policy, to ensure that the Council has a policy that is fit for purpose in respect of the legislative framework and administration of the service. Members of the Licensing and Public Protection Committee approved the policy resulting in full implementation of the policy in January 2020. Statutory guidance was published in July 2020, this has resulted in amendments to the taxi policy being approved by Licensing and Public Protection committee for implementation from April 2021.

- **Environmental Health & Licensing**

A new responsibility for the authority this quarter is for the team to ensure the Covid 19 restrictions were applied and in place as directed by Government. Also the new pavement licensing regime has been implemented by the service, this is a temporary licence which allows premises to apply for a licence for tables & chairs and other furniture on the pavement outside of their premises. In addition, the service is supporting the County Council in the Covid outbreak controls for high risk premises and is continuing with advising business, responding to complaints and undertaking enforcement for non-compliance with Covid controls. It is unknown at present how long these responsibilities will remain in place, but it will continue into 2021/22.

- **Town Centre ASB enforcement**

A range of Partnership activity continued to be co-ordinated this quarter, including; the CCTV implementation and monitoring; identifying ASB hotspot areas and target hardening to make more secure and increase perceptions of safety for the public. Activity is co-ordinated by the Partnerships Team working closely with partners such as the Police and Rough Sleepers Team to identify individuals in need of support and utilising the Council's civil enforcement powers such as Community Protection Notice Warnings (CPNWs), Community Protection Notices and Injunctions, continued enforcement of PSPOs for the Town Centre and Queen Elizabeth Park, as appropriate. As part of the Covid-19 'Everyone In' response, the Council provided additional accommodation and support to Rough Sleepers to encourage engagement where possible, which is being co-ordinated by the new Navigator post.

Progress Summary

- **Commission new CCTV Service**

Following approval by Cabinet and the Business Improvement District Board for the commissioning of the CCTV service with Stoke City Council, the system is now live in Newcastle town centre with further enhancements planned using town deal funding for additional coverage in the subways.

- **Vulnerability Hub and MARAC**

The Partnerships team regularly actively co-ordinate and contribute to the Vulnerability Hub and MARAC multi agency forums, which are designed to collaboratively de-escalate risk to our most vulnerable households, to prevent death and serious harm and to encourage appropriate support and assistance from the most relevant partners.

- **Air Quality Local Development Plan**

Work is continuing with Stoke-on-Trent City Council and Staffordshire County Council to create the North Staffordshire Local Air Quality Plan to bring about improvements in Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) levels. The outline business case has been presented to Economy, Environment and Place Scrutiny Committee and approved at Cabinet. Subject to approval by partners and the Joint Air Quality Unit at Government, work upon preparation of the Full Business Case will be progressed. Work on the retrofitting of busses operating on the A53 is well underway and is nearing completion.

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3.1a	Community Safety	Cllr. Gill Heesom	Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) cases:-						There are currently 33 cases discussed at the ASB, Youth Violence and Gangs Case conference.	-
			-New cases received during the quarter	Low	71	106	82	-		-
3.1b			-Current open cases at the end of the quarter	Low	6	37	33	-		-
3.1c			-Cases closed in the quarter	High	71	90	87	-		-
3.2	Community Safety	Cllr. Gill Heesom	Number of referrals made regarding vulnerability by participating organisations at the Daily Hub	High	27	50	47	-	A total number of 47 referrals were made from Daily Hub meetings that have taken place over the last quarter.	-
3.3	Culture & Arts	Cllr. Jill Waring	Number of people visiting the museum	High	8599* Qtr 4 (57300 cumulative)	-	-	(59,000 cumulative)	Third lockdown started on January 5 and building work started at the museum on March 1 so no visits were recorded for this quarter.	-
3.4	Leisure	Cllr. Jill Waring	Number of people accessing leisure and recreational facilities	High	118,667 Qtr 4 (545,516 cumulative)	-	-	(600,000 cumulative)	Similarly, the activities at the J2 leisure facility were affected too. Despite the Covid 19 pandemic, the impact on the membership at Jubilee2 is in line with the local and national average.	-
3.5	Leisure	Cllr. Jill Waring	Net growth in J2 Membership (Quarterly)	High	-5.17% (2899 members)	-	-	(3,250 members) 6.31% Annual		-

Priority 4: A Town Centre for All

Progress Summary

For this quarter, the results demonstrate a varying level of activity and further comments are detailed in this report.

A summary of progress with planned activities for this priority from the Council Plan 2018-2022 are as follows:-

- **Prepare a Town Centre Strategy**

The Council has successfully bid for Future High Street Funding and has received an in principle offer letter for £11 million, further information is to be submitted to MHCLG in this quarter, following which a funding agreement will be reached. This will enable redevelopment of the Ryecroft area of the town centre. For Town Deal, the Town Deal Board, which was established with partners has worked with the appointed consultants AECOM to develop a Town Investment Plan which was submitted at the end of January 2021. The draft town Investment Plan includes projects in the key strands of digital, transport, gateway sites and culture. The Government also offered all Town Deals additional 'accelerated funding' to deliver quick win projects, which have demonstrated early progress on project delivery.

Market

- Plans are focussed on increasing the number of specialist visiting markets such as the successful Continental Market, and late 2020 a Castle Artisan Market and a Record Fair were held on a Sunday with high take up of stalls and excellent visitor numbers, both have remained popular monthly markets. The "Love Local" evening market was held in December and explored the feasibility of running later markets in the Town Centre. Discussions remain with Stafford's "Walking Street" organiser to bring a monthly evening market to our town. During Quarter 4 market activity was reduced due to a second Lockdown. Work commenced on installing lighting to lower market stalls which will create a fully lit market and power output to enable entertainment where unused stalls have been removed.

- **Business Support**

The Council has joined a partnership with Staffordshire County Council to support the £5 million 'Staffordshire Means back to Business' package of support for small businesses and apprentices and additionally to support up to 27 local micro businesses with a year's membership of the Federation of Small Business. Work continues in signposting business queries to the Growth Hub and maintenance of Business support pages on website. The Business pages on the website continue to be updated in the light of Covid-19 to signpost businesses to sources of information and support.. The Covid-19 Business Support pages on the website are revised as necessary for updates on business support grants. Additionally links on the business page were refreshed for businesses looking for information on the end of the Brexit Transition Period. A specific business information Twitter account has also been set up. The Business Boost competition did not go ahead in 2020 but will be re-launched in 2021 with a revised format, focusing on businesses who have survived and thrived during the pandemic.

- **Parking Policy**

The Council adopted a new Car Parking Strategy in 2019/20. Twelve new ticket machines were due to be installed at the end of March however the manufacturer had unfortunately placed production on hold due to Covid. This quarter, the installations were completed and in operation by the end of October 2020, with the facility to pay by card – either chip or contactless, as well as by cash. The contract to pay for parking by phone happened as planned too in October. This service is now with one of the leading providers in the country, PaybyPhone.

- **Establish Town Centre Communications Group**

The Town Centre Communication Group continues following the Head of Communication leaving his post. Zoom meetings are scheduled each quarter with the most recent being in March. The group consists of Borough Council (both Town Centre Officer and Communications Manager), Business Improvement District, Hitmix Radio, Newcastle College (NSCG), New Vic Theatre, and BaBaBaboon. Two additions to the group are Elaine Needham, Head of Communications at Aspire and Heather Dowler, General Manager at Appetite.

- **Develop a Kidsgrove Town Centre Investment Plan**

Partners formed a Kidsgrove Town Deal Board (KTDB) which was supported by the appointed consultants, AECOM, to develop the Kidsgrove Town Investment Plan. The Investment Plan will review and build on existing plans where appropriate; create the conditions for further investment; and realise lasting and sustainable benefits for the area's residents and businesses. The Kidsgrove town Investment Plan was submitted to MHCLG at the end of October 2020 and in March 2021 confirmation of a £16.9 million award was received. The Council is currently working with stakeholders to submit necessary paperwork back to MHCLG to proceed to the next steps of delivery on the Town investment Plan. . The Government has also offered all Town Deal additional 'accelerated funding' to deliver quick win projects, which has been used to deliver a suite of early interventions to enhance the projects included in the Investment Plan

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4.1	Regeneration & Economic Development	Cllr. Stephen Sweeney	Car parking usage:-Number of tickets purchased	High	100,209	59,019	30,077	-	Lockdown in Qtr. 4 impacted on ticket sales for this period.	-
4.2	Regeneration & Economic Development	Cllr. Simon Tagg	Footfall	High	675,820	502,880	209,441	-	Footfall for this quarter is nearly 31% of the figure for the same quarter last year due to the lockdown in Qtr 4 of this year.	-
4.3	Regeneration & Economic Development	Cllr. Stephen Sweeney	Average stall occupancy rate for markets	High	-	Monday GM 17% Tuesday AFG 94% Wednesday GM 18% Thursday AFG 76% Friday GM 44% Farmers Mkt 73% Saturday GM 42% Castle Artisan Market 100%	Monday GM 4% Tuesday AFG nil* Wednesday GM 4% Thursday AFG nil* Friday GM 13% Saturday GM 15% *Antique Market closed for duration of Q4 due to Lockdown restrictions	-	Due to Government restrictions on the sale of non-essential goods, some of the markets were reduced such as the Tuesday and Thursday Antique Markets, When considering the overall average for all trading days it must be remembered that some markets are monthly and others four times a week.	-

*The result is within tolerance

N/A

Performance information not available at this time or due to be provided at a later date



Performance is not on target but direction of travel is positive



Performance is not on target where targets have been set



Performance is on or above target

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NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S
REPORT TO**

Cabinet
09 June 2020

Report Title: Procurement of a Financial Transaction and Legal Case Management System

Submitted by: Chief Executive

Portfolios: One Council, People & Partnerships

Ward(s) affected: N/A

Purpose of the Report

To note the decision taken under urgency powers

Recommendation

That Cabinet note the decision taken under urgency powers

Reasons

So that Cabinet can formally be notified of the decision taken under urgency powers.

1. Background

- 1.1 Following negotiations to re-procure out-dated financial transaction and legal case management systems, an opportunity arose to take advantage of a preferential pricing offer from our incumbent supplier Civica UK Limited.
- 1.2 The contract proposed was provision of both updated and cloud-based systems for a total cost of £270,878 for a five year term. Whilst that contract value amounted to a Key Decision, requiring Cabinet authorisation, the net additional spend equated to £9,728 a year for a five year period (total £48,638). It was estimated that the efficiency savings generated by the new systems will see that amount saved within 12-18 months, with additional savings being made thereafter for the remaining contract term.
- 1.3 The negotiations crystallised in May 2021 based on a contract date start of 1 June 2021 and there was, therefore, no time to seek approval via a meeting of Cabinet. Accordingly, urgency powers were used to authorise the letting of the contract by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Deputy Leader, the Mayor and the Chair of the Finance, Assets and Performance Scrutiny Committee.

2. Issues

- 2.1 The Council relies on a suite of financial software applications in order to attend to its financial management needs. This includes the systems by which it makes its day to day financial transactions and its financial accounting systems.
- 2.2 The systems that the Council currently use are provided by Civica UK Limited. The Council first procured those systems in 2013, to replace its Agresso system which was significantly out of date.
- 2.3 The 2013 purchase was made under a framework agreement which stipulated a maximum contract length of five years. At the end of this period, in 2018, the Council entered into a new contract with Civica through the Crown Commercial Services (CCS) framework agreement.
- 2.4 The 2018 contract was taken for a period of two years only, to reflect the fact that the CCS framework had itself expired and had been extended whilst CCS undertook the process of procuring a new framework of suppliers. It was considered prudent to limit the duration of the contract with Civica to two years, in case more preferential terms were available under the new CCS framework.
- 2.5 That two-year contract expired in December 2020. Ordinarily the council would have commenced a re-procurement process leading up to that time, but its finance team were under significant pressures dealing with the Covid response and recovery efforts and, in particular, the administration of government's Covid grants programmer. As an expedient, and after some positive soft market testing, a new contract (3+1+1) was entered into with Civica, under the CCS framework, to continue using the same products.
- 2.6 Whilst the December 2020 contract is still in its initial term, an opportunity has arisen to migrate to Civica's updated cloud-based system which provides additional functionality, security and efficiencies. That opportunity is presented on preferential pricing as an early adopter of their new cloud-based system, and in recognition of the fact that the Council is currently under contract with Civica for the supply and maintenance of their now superseded system.
- 2.7 The current proposal is to upgrade to the most recent version of Civica Financials, an upgraded user interface for easier stakeholder navigation and the introduction of Civica's Cashbook Management module. The Cashbook Management module would replace the current iteration provided by Civica, which is an unsupported legacy system over 10 years old.
- 2.8 The Civica Cash Management module is integrated within the Civica Financials suite and designed to facilitate the bank reconciliation process by ensuring that the general ledger and its reconciliation cash book always remain in balance. The age of the current Civica ICON solution causes two main non-financial issues.
- 2.9 Firstly, when current officers responsible for the system retire, the knowledge of that system will go with them due to the setup of the system being no longer relevant or supported. Secondly, due to processes within the system, it is inefficient and not streamlined. The ability to automate postings, and do so on the fly, is both limited and complicated even when it is possible. This results for a significant need for manual interventions in system processes.
- 2.10 Civica Cashbook Management provides not only a more intuitive work-stream that current and new officers would be better able to work with and understand, but the ability to

automate postings is more readily accessible, and flexible, ensuring that manual intervention is kept to a minimum. This increase automation, will ensure officer time is focused on more important processes throughout the financial year, delivering efficiency savings.

- 2.11 Moving to a cloud-based solution means that the software and data is fully hosted. This means that the maintenance of the system is wholly undertaken by Civica, allowing ICT officer time to be utilised on other projects, including assisting in the digitisation of Council services. It is estimated that the officer time has been in the region of a day a week, with this potentially having increased to two days during the last twelve months. This also represents a significant efficiency gain.
- 2.12 Cloud-based architecture will also provide the Council with additional resilience to cyber-attack. Not only are there financial and reputation implications if the Information Commissioners Office was to find the Council culpable in such a scenario, a cyber-attack on Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council in February 2020 is estimated to have cost the organisation in the region of £10.2m and left more than 135,000 residents without online public services.
- 2.13 It can be seen that the proposal presents a number of significant benefits, aligning with the “One Council” digitisation agenda, but soft market testing has also demonstrated value for money in terms of the pricing.
- 2.14 In addition to the financial systems, the opportunity has arisen to take Civica’s cloud-based iCasework legal case management system at a preferential rate if taken with the financial product. The casework system is an essential tool at the heart of any legal practice. It enables efficient and secure document and diary management, case progression and supervision, time recording, interaction with other relevant systems and the production of management data to assist accurate financial and service planning. The case management system will also integrate with the Council’s debtor’s process, with unpaid invoices being captured by the system for legal action where necessary.
- 2.15 The Council’s current case management system is several generations out of date to the point that it is, in effect, not functional. Having undertaken soft-market research and system testing, the Head of Legal and Governance is of the view that the opportunity to rapidly implement the updated system should not be missed as it will make a significant contribution to the next phase of planned service improvements.
- 2.16 Negotiations around the current pricing offer for the two systems (along-side soft market testing) has been in progress for several months, but has only reached a point of clarity/conclusion week commencing 17 May 2020. Civica UK Limited has made clear that the offer remains open for acceptance only until 31 May 2021, presumably as part of their business strategy to “on board” a sufficient cohort of early adopters.

3. **Proposal**

- 3.1 That Cabinet note the decision taken under urgency powers

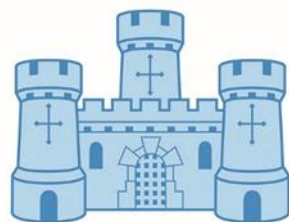
4. **Reasons for Proposed Solution**

- 4.1 So that Cabined can formally be notified of the decision taken under urgency powers.

5. **Options Considered**

- 5.1 Set out in the attached Urgent Decision Notice

6. **Legal and Statutory Implications**
 - 6.1 Set out in the attached Urgent Decision Notice
7. **Equality Impact Assessment**
 - 7.1 Set out in the attached Urgent Decision Notice
8. **Financial and Resource Implications**
 - 8.1 Set out in the attached Urgent Decision Notice
9. **Major Risks**
 - 9.1 Set out in the attached Urgent Decision Notice
10. **UN Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG)**
 - 10.1 Set out in the attached Urgent Decision Notice
11. **Key Decision Information**
 - 11.1 This was a Key Decision
12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**
 - 12.1 N/A
13. **List of Appendices**
 - 13.1 Urgent Decision Notice
14. **Background Papers**
 - 14.1 N/A



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Cabinet Forward Plan: Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council

Notice of Key Decisions to be taken under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings & Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

This Plan gives 28 days' notice of Key Decisions which we are expecting to take over the next few months. Councils cannot take Key Decisions without first giving 28 days' notice, unless an urgent decision is required. Urgent Key Decisions may be taken under the urgency procedures set out in the Council's Constitution. A decision notice for each Key Decision made is published within 6 days of it having been made.

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- a. to result in the Council incurring expenditure or making savings of £100,000 or more (in the case of Revenue) and £250,000 or more (in the case of Capital); and/or
- b. to be significant in terms of the effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards of the Borough.

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Leader of the Council (One Council, People & Partnerships)	Councillor Simon Tagg
Deputy Leader & Cabinet Portfolio Holder (Finance, Town Centres & Growth)	Councillor Stephen Sweeney
Cabinet Portfolio Holder (Community Safety & Well Being)	Councillor Gill Heesom
Cabinet Portfolio Holder (Environment & Recycling)	Councillor Trevor Johnson
Cabinet Portfolio Holder (Leisure, Culture & Heritage)	Councillor Jill Waring
Cabinet Portfolio Holder (Strategic Planning)	Councillor Paul Northcott

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 - b. to make an order or direction under any enactment
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Title of Report	Brief Description of Report	Cabinet Portfolio	Intended Decision Date	Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Wards Affected	Reason for Determining in Private Session (if applicable)
Planning Enforcement Policy Review	To receive an annual review of the Planning Enforcement Policy	Strategic Planning	Cabinet 9 June 2021	Economy, Environment and Place	All Wards	N/A
Recyclates Disposal Contract	To seek authority to award a recyclates disposal contract	Environment & Recycling	Cabinet 9 June 2021	Economy, Environment and Place	All Wards	N/A
Newcastle Crematorium	To consider the consultation outcome on the proposed crematorium extension and development of adjacent land	Environment & Recycling	Cabinet 9 June 2021	Finance, Assets & Performance	Bradwell/All Wards	N/A
Knutton Master Plan	To report the results of the consultation to Cabinet	Strategic Planning	Cabinet 9 June 2021	Economy, Environment and Place	All Wards	N/A
Kidsgrove Sports Centre	To consider the Green Book development appraisal and determine whether to let a construction contract	One Council, People & Partnerships	Cabinet 9 June 2021	Finance, Assets & Performance	All Wards	N/A
Quarter 4 Finance and Performance Report	To receive the Q4 Finance and performance report for 2020/2021	Finance, Town Centres & Growth	Cabinet 9 June 2021	Finance, Assets & Performance	All Wards	N/A
Empty Homes CPO	To seek authority to make a compulsory purchase order to bring an empty home back into beneficial use	Community Safety & Wellbeing	Cabinet 9 June 2021	Economy, Environment and Place	All Wards	N/A
Walley's Quarry Update Report	To receive an update report in respect of Walley's Quarry	Environment & Recycling	Cabinet 9 June 2021	Economy, Environment and Place	All Wards	N/A

Housing Strategy 2021-2026	To approve the Council's Housing Strategy	Community Safety & Wellbeing	Cabinet 7 July 2021	Health, Wellbeing and Partnerships	All Wards	N/A
Urban Tree Planting Strategy	To approve an urban tree planting strategy	Environment & Recycling	Cabinet 7 July 2021	Economy, Environment and Place	All Wards	N/A
Temporary Accommodation Strategy	To note and approve procurement options for providing Temporary Accommodation options in the borough	Community Safety & Well Being	Cabinet 7 July 2021	Health, Wellbeing and Partnerships	All Wards	N/A
Provisional Financial Outturn 20/21	To receive the provisional financial outturn for 20/21	Finance, Town Centres & Growth	Cabinet 7 July 2021	Finance, Assets & Performance	All Wards	N/A
Walley's Quarry Update Report	To receive an update report in respect of Walley's Quarry	Environment & Recycling	Cabinet 7 July 2021	Economy, Environment and Place	All Wards	N/A
Q1 Finance and Performance Report	To receive the Q1 Finance and Performance Report	Finance, Town Centres & Growth	Cabinet 8 September 2021	Finance, Assets & Performance	All Wards	N/A
Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/23	To consider proposals for the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2022/23	Finance, Town Centres & Growth	Cabinet 8 September 2021	Finance, Assets & Performance	All Wards	N/A
Covid Review	To receive a report reviewing the Council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic	One Council, People & Partnerships	Cabinet 8 September 2021	Finance, Assets & Performance	All Wards	N/A

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