

**22 May 2013****Agenda Item: 7 (b)****REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR – TRANSPORT, PROPERTY &  
ENVIRONMENT****DISPOSAL OF LAND OFF WEST HILL DRIVE, MANSFIELD****Purpose of the Report**

To seek approval to:

1. The sale by auction via WA Barnes Auctioneers of the above surplus Highway land;
2. The reserve price being approved by the Service Director, Property & Environment, in consultation with the Chair (or Vice Chair in his absence) of the Finance & Property Committee in consultation with the nominated agent prior to the auction.

**Information and Advice**

3. This report is seeking approval to the sale of 262 sqm of land which has become surplus to the County Councils requirements following completion of the Mansfield Inner Relief Road.
4. The land currently consists of an overgrown area of vegetation located to the western end of a block of 9 residential terraced properties.
5. The land is situated on the busy junction of Chesterfield Road (Mansfield Inner Relief Road) and West Hill Drive.
6. It is contained within a substantial Highway Structural Wall (see background paper) and is not level.
7. Disposal by local auction is considered to be the most appropriate option and method of sale. It is considered that WA Barnes are the most suitable auctioneers due to the challenging nature of this site and given their specialist knowledge of the area.

**Other Options Considered**

8. Consideration was given to sale by informal tender – the site is small and located on a very busy junction. Access is very limited due to a large retaining Highway wall structure. Auction is the best method of achieving an uncomplicated and less protracted sale.

**Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

9. The Authority has no strategic requirement for the land.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

That approval is given to:-

1. The sale by auction via WA Barnes Auctioneers of the above surplus Highway land.
2. The reserve price being approved by the Service Director, Property & Environment, in consultation with the Chair (or Vice Chair in his absence) of the Finance & Property Committee in consultation with the nominated agent prior to the auction.

**Jas Hundal**

**Service Director - Transport, Property & Environment**

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### **Constitutional Comments (CEH 02-May-2013)**

11. The recommendations fall within the remit of the Finance and Property Committee. When disposing of land the Council is required to obtain the best price reasonably obtainable on the open market and therefore Committee should satisfy themselves of this.

### **Financial Comments (TR 9-May-2013)**

12. Any sale will generate a capital receipt which will be used to help fund the Capital Programme.

## **Background Papers**

13. Attached.

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

14.     Mansfield North  
          Councillor Joyce Bosnjak, Councillor Parry Tsimbiridis

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Properties affected: 70033 - Land Off West Hill Drive