

29 June 2015

Agenda Item: 6b

**REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR TRANSPORT, PROPERTY &
ENVIRONMENT**

**GEDLING ACCESS ROAD (GAR)
PROPERTY ACQUISITION – GLEBE FARM, LAMBLEY LANE, GEDLING**

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval to the acquisition of 2.47 Hectares including land and buildings known as Glebe Farm, Lambley Lane, Gedling for the GAR on the terms as set out in the exempt appendix.

Information and Advice

2. This report contains an exempt appendix, which is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) (Information relating to any individual and the business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information)). The exempt appendix provides details of the terms agreed. Disclosure of this information would prejudice the parties' commercial interests.
3. The County Council has been safeguarding proposals for a Gedling village bypass for over 50 years. The Gedling Access Road (GAR) scheme forms part of proposals for an A612 Nottingham Eastern Outer Loop Road which has, with the exception of the eastern most section around Gedling village, been successfully completed by the County Council. The GAR will connect directly to the most recently constructed phase (the Gedling Major Integrated Transport Scheme) which opened to traffic in 2007.
4. The bypass is being delivered in partnership with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) and Gedling Borough Council who themselves will deliver a redevelopment of the former Colliery site and Gedling Country Park.
5. At its Full Council meeting in February 2014 Nottinghamshire County Council resolved to incorporate funding of £5.4m in 2017/18 into its capital programme to support GAR and also conclude funding agreements with the HCA. The HCA as part of the funding agreement is making £7m available to draw down as acquisitions progress.
6. The HCA have assembled the land required for the Northern section of the road, whilst the County Council will assemble the site for the Southern section, either by negotiation or using compulsory powers.

7. NCC and the HCA have entered into a Grant Funding Agreement whereby the purchase monies are made available by the HCA for the land acquisition costs. As land purchases are agreed and approved, NCC will submit invoices to the HCA for the purchase monies as necessary.

Other Options Considered

8. To leave remaining acquisitions until a Compulsory Purchase Order is announced. This would potentially be a more costly and time consuming option.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. To secure the land necessary for the GAR.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, 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

- 1) That approval is given to the acquisition of 2.47 Hectares including land and buildings known as Glebe Farm, Lambley Lane, Gedling for the GAR on the terms as set out in the exempt appendix.

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Constitutional Comments (SOM 16.06.15)

11. The recommendations fall within the delegation to the Finance and Property Committee for consideration.

Financial Comments (GB 17.06.15)

12. This property acquisition will be funded from external grant. A variation to the capital programme is required to incorporate the external funding into the Council's capital programme.

Background Papers and Published Documents

13. None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

14. Ward(s): Carlton East

Member(s): Councillor Nicki Brooks, Councillor John Clarke