

**REPORT FROM:** Strategic Director

**TO:** Colne and District Committee

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## **UPDATE - LAND AT KNOTTS POND, COLNE**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update the Committee on responses from residents at 12 Knotts Drive, 2 St Andrews Close, 1 Knotts Mount and 3 Knotts Mount.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is requested to consider the responses received and determine the next steps.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

To respond to an earlier decision of the Committee from March 2016.

### **BACKGROUND**

The land at Knotts Pond was acquired by Pendle Borough Council for the purposes of public open space.

On 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 Colne and District Committee requested that four (4) local residents were approached with a view to offering land for sale to the rear of their properties. The Committee provided the addresses of the affected properties.

### **ISSUE**

Three responses have been received, the details of which follow below. The occupier at 1 Knotts Mount has not provided a response.

#### 12 Knotts Drive

The owner initially confirmed they would be interested in purchasing the land hatched mauve on the attached plan but has since withdrawn their interest.

#### 2 St Andrews Close

The owner has confirmed they do not wish to purchase any land to the rear of their property which is hatched green on the attached plan.

#### 3 Knotts Mount

The owner has confirmed they would be interested in purchasing the land hatched blue attached to this report.

Each party has been made aware that they would be required to pay fees / costs and arrange for suitable fencing to be erected.

The Committee is requested to consider the responses received and determine the next steps. If the Committee is mindful to dispose of any part of the land this would require further consideration of such issues as planning and the requirements relating to the legal disposal of public open space.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

**Policy:** If land is to be disposed of, it will need to be declared surplus to requirements.

**Financial:** A capital receipt will be generated if the land is disposed and will remove the Council's repairs and maintenance liabilities

**Legal:** None directly arising from this report.

**Risk Management:** None directly arising from this report

**Health and Safety:** None directly arising from this report

**Sustainability:** None directly arising from this report

**Community Safety:** None directly arising from this report.

**Equality and Diversity:** None directly arising from this report

## **APPENDICES**

Plan

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Report & Minutes – Colne and District Committee 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016