

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

TROWBRIDGE AREA BOARD

Date: 17th January 2013

Subject: Land at former Peter Black site, Mortimer Street, Trowbridge.

Purpose of Report

1. To update Members regarding the progress of investigations regarding remedying the poor condition of the above site.

Background

2. Members will recall that a report on this matter was brought to the previous Area Board meeting, where it was explained that GVA, the official receiver for the landowner, had agreed to undertake the following works, from a larger list of works advised by officers to remedy the poor condition of the site, by the end of November 2012:
 - Carry out maintenance to all outgrown boundary landscaping of the site;
 - Repair and secure all gates and fencing on the boundary of the site;
 - Remove rubbish, rubble and detritus from within the site.

The current situation

3. Officers reviewed the condition of the site immediately after 30th November, to ascertain whether the above steps had been taken and to determine whether any further action was considered necessary to remedy the adverse effect on local amenity.
4. Officers noted that some works to the site had been undertaken, in particular a secure hoarding had been erected on an insecure part of the Mortimer Street frontage, some boarding had been replaced to the office building graffiti had been painted out and landscape planting partly cut back.

5. However due in particular to the poor external appearance of the office building on Mortimer Street, the overgrown nature of the site boundaries on Mortimer Street and County Way which included outgrown self-seeded planting an unmaintained formal planting, together with the rubble deposited at the 'Tesco' end of the site overall the appearance of the site had not changed so significantly that officers were able to conclude that the adverse effect on local amenity had been satisfactorily remedied.
6. At the time of writing a notice under Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requiring action to be taken to remedy the harm to amenity is therefore being prepared and it is hoped to bring a further update to members in this respect at the meeting.

Recommendation

A: That Members note the report.

B: The Area Board receives a further update in respect of this matter at its next meeting.

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Date of report: 4th January 2013.

Background Papers

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report:

None.
