

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

TROWBRIDGE AREA BOARD

Date: 15th November 2012

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 previous report on this matter was brought to the last meeting of the Area Board. This stated that negotiations were in progress with GVA, the official receiver for the landowner, with the objective of securing the following works:
 - 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 all weeds, rubbish, rubble and detritus from within the site.
 - Remove or paint out all graffiti from the buildings within the site.
 - Board up and suitably paint all windows in the office building fronting Mortimer Street.
 - In addition to the bullet point above, board up and suitably paint all broken windows and ground floor windows of all other buildings within the site.

Members noted the above report and requested an update be brought to this meeting.

The current situation

3. Since the previous meeting, further negotiations have taken place with GVA, who have provisionally offered on security grounds, to undertake the above works (with the exception of the removal of rubbish, rubble and detritus within the site, graffiti from buildings and painting window boarding) in advance of 30th November 2012. Further information has been sought from GVA in relation to the details of the contractors appointed to undertake the required works and it is anticipated that such information should be submitted to the Council prior to the Area Board meeting.
4. Officers intend to review the condition of the site immediately after the above date, to ascertain whether the above steps have been taken and whether any further action is considered necessary to remedy the adverse effect on local amenity. In the event Officers conclude that the adverse effect on local amenity has not been remedied, they will then consider whether a notice under Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 requiring action to be taken to remedy the harm to amenity, should be issued without further delay.
5. In the meantime an update will be given at the meeting in the event of any further information provided and; any steps being taken by GVA to remedy the harm to amenity.

Recommendation

A: To 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 22nd October 2012

Background Papers

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report:

None.