Wiltshire Council

Trowbridge Area Board

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

Purpose of Report

Report from Economy and Regeneration to update Members regarding the progress on the Peter Black Site. A separate report has been provided by Development Services on the enforcement issues.

Background

Previous report that went to the area board listed the next steps as:

- GVA is seeking to finalise terms of Planning Brief for site with Wiltshire Council before launching marketing
- Brief proposes a wide range of potential uses for the site
- Wiltshire Council's Planners have inputted into the draft Brief and are finalising its terms with GVA
- Through GVA, Wiltshire Council has agreed to commence a process which will explore role the parties may play to help address the site with the aim of facilitating a rapid outcome
- This may include:
 - supporting necessary steps to facilitate marketing (both Brief and 'comfort letter')
 - Exploring potential engagement with IBRC to see whether opportunities for a joint approach for demolition / site clearance to enhance marketing

The current situation

- A draft Planning Brief has been prepared by the LPA Receivers (GVA). The contents of this Brief has been agreed with the Council's Spatial Planning team.
- A letter of support / comfort to accompany the planning brief has been provided from the Service Director of Economy and Regeneration to GVA.
- The marketing of the site is due to commence imminently. Jones Lang Lasalle have now been instructed by GVA to market the site
- Discussions have taken place with a number of prospective purchasers

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