

<b>REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE</b>		Report No. 15
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> December 2007</b>	
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Disposal by Way of Lease of Land at Ernle Road Calne</b>	
<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Policy – Asset Management</b>	
Link to Corporate Priorities	Effective and efficient use of the Council's assets	
Key Decision	No	
Executive Workplan Ref	N/A	
Public Report	Yes	

### Summary of Report

To reconsider the disposal of land to the Calne Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses at Kingdom Hall, Ernle Road Calne, in the light of written objections received from the public.

### Officer Recommendations

**The Executive are recommended:**

**To consider whether or not to proceed with the disposal of the land on the terms and conditions previously agreed.**

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
Yes	Yes	None	None	None

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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Following the Executive meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2007, the disposal of the land at Ernle Road was advertised in the Wiltshire Gazette and Herald on 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October 2007, in accordance with statutory requirements relating to the disposal of open space land. A number of objections to the proposed disposal have been made. The Executive are, therefore, asked to consider, in the light of the comments received, whether or not to proceed with the disposal.

## **2. Options and Options Appraisal**

- 2.1 Option 1: To proceed with the disposal of the land to the Calne Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses at Kingdom Hall, Ernle Road Calne.
- 2.2 Option 2: Not to proceed with the disposal of land.

## **3. Objections to Disposal**

- 3.1 Eight objections were received from adult residents of the Ernle Road area and two objections from children. A summary of the objections is attached as Appendix 1. A response to the objections, from the Calne Congregation of Jehovah's Witness is attached as Appendix 2.

## **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 If the disposal proceeds the Council will receive a capital receipt. If the land is retained the Council will continue to incur maintenance costs.

## **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1 The Council has a legal obligation to consider the objections received as a result of the advertisement of its intention to dispose of the land.

## **6. Risk Analysis**

- 6.1 There are no risks connected with this report.

<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>1 Objections to the proposed disposal of land.</b> <b>2 Comments of the Jehovah's Witnesses to the objections.</b>
<b>Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:</b>	<b>Letters of objection - exempt</b>

### **Previous Decisions Connected with this Report**

<b>Report</b>	<b>Committee &amp; Date</b>	<b>Minute Reference</b>
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