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Report

Subject : Temporary appropriation of land surrounding the Former Swimming Pool Site

Report to : The Cabinet

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Cabinet Member for Resources: Councillor Thorpe

Purpose of report:

1.1 To seek approval to commence the procedure for the proposed appropriation of land surrounding the Old Swimming Pool on a temporary basis to facilitate the demolition of the building.

1. Background:

2.1 Officers recommend to Cabinet that the building be demolished as soon as practical. Conservation Area Consent has been obtained and Tenders for the work received.

2.2 Local members, in particular, will be aware of the sustained attempts to break-in to the building, high levels of vandalism and instances of graffiti. The ongoing costs of making good are considerable and a constant drain on resources. A recent exercise at the request of the Leader to examine the feasibility of bringing the building back into use concluded that it was not financially viable to do so.

2.3 The area of the proposed temporary land appropriation is shown on the plan at Appendix 1 and contains approximately 5300 square meters. The site includes the building, a working area around it, site access and two tree protection zones. For Health & Safety reasons it will be necessary to exclude public access from the area during the course of the works.

3. The appropriation process:

3.1. Notice of the Council's intention to consider appropriation would be placed in the Salisbury Journal for two consecutive weeks on the 13th & 20th September and no later than the 13th details would appear on the Council's website. The closing date for written representations would be the 5th October.



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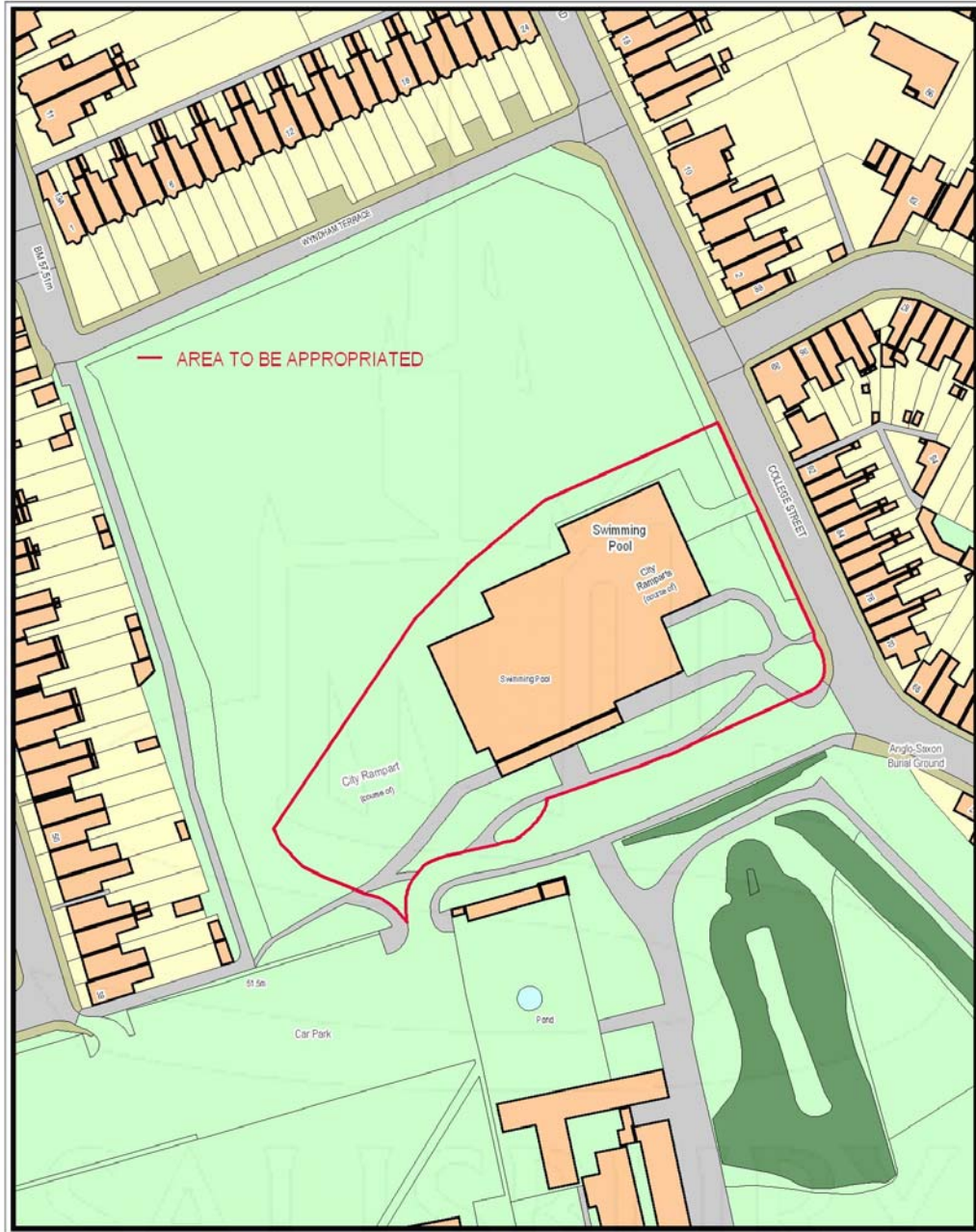
- 3.2. A report containing a summary of any representations received would be considered by Cabinet on the 10th October with a view to Cabinet deciding to appropriate or to decline to appropriate as the case may be.


4. Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to instruct Officers to commence the process of land appropriation on a temporary basis

5. Implications

- **Key decision** : no
- **Financial** : none arising from this report
- **Legal** : the Council may appropriate land from one statutory purpose to another under section 122 Local Government Act 1972 as amended provided the statutory procedure is followed.
- **Human Rights** : none at this stage.
- **Personnel** : none other than staff time.
- **ICT** : None
- **Community Safety** : if approved, the process may lead to the ultimate removal of a serious safety hazard.
- **Environmental** : the potential removal of this redundant building will ultimately improve the quality of the local environment.
- **Council's Core Values** : Consult
- **Wards affected** : St. Edmunds & Milford



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