

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of People & Places	Council	16 April 2013

## CLAYTON BROOK PUB CAR PARK – RESPONSE TO PETITION

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To inform Members of the Council's response to a petition calling for the removal of fencing that prevented use of the car park by the former pub in Clayton Brook.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That Members note the action taken to resolve the issue.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- The Council received a petition calling for the car park by the former pub in Clayton Brook to be brought back into public use.
- The Leaseholders of the pub, which included the part of the car park that was fenced off, took the car park out of public use on the grounds of health and safety.
- The Council negotiated an early surrender of the lease of the pub and car park. Temporary repairs have been completed to the car park. The pub is being demolished. This will be followed by a more permanent repair of the car park.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No

### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- To inform Members what action has been taken to address the concerns of the petitioners.

### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

- To do nothing. This would not have addressed the concerns of the petitioners. It would not have helped resolve a long standing eyesore and magnet for anti-social behaviour.

### CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all	X	A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy communities	X	An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	X

## BACKGROUND

9. The Leaseholders of the pub, Trust Inns, put fencing up around the car park to restrict use of it. Their reasons for doing this were to mitigate the risk of people and vehicles being damaged given the poor condition of the car park.
10. The Council received a petition from local people calling for the Council to take appropriate action to bring the car park back into public use.
11. The Council, as landlord, negotiated a surrender of the lease. This was subject to an Executive Member decision.
12. Immediately following the surrender, a temporary repair of the car park took place. This brought the car park back into safe use by the public.
13. The public house is currently being demolished. There are also plans to extend the village hall. When these works have been completed there will be a permanent repair of the car park. Discussions are on-going with other stakeholders who have an interest in the car park.

## IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

14. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal		Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

## COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

15. The Council received an early surrender fee from the Trust Inns of £82.5k. This sum will be used to make good the site as outlined in the paper.

## COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

16. The Monitoring Officer has no comments on this report.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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