

# Notice of NON KEY Executive Decision containing exempt information

This Executive Decision Report is part exempt and Appendix A is not available for public inspection as it contain) or relates to exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 7 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. It is exempt because it refers to financial and business affairs of the Tenant and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

Subject Heading:	Subject Property: Land opposite 96–112 Elmhurst Drive, Hornchurch RM11 1PF  Event: Deed of Easement for a 75mm Low pressure main and all associated rights over the land
Decision Maker:	Paul Walker – Director of Housing and Property
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Paul McGeary – Cabinet Member for Housing and Property
SLT Lead:	Neil Stubbings - Strategic Director of Place
Report Author and contact details:	London Borough of Havering (LBH) Luke Kubik Estates Surveyor Property Services Town Hall Main Road Romford RM1 3BD  Tel: 01708 434 176 E: luke.kubik@havering.gov.uk
Policy context:	Asset Management Plan

Financial summary:	The financial aspects for the transaction are detailed in the EXEMPT Appendix A to this Report
Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Sub Committee:	Place
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	The decision will be exempt from call in as it is a Non key Decision

# The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

People - Things that matter for residents	( )
Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy	(x)
Resources - A well run Council that delivers for People and Place	(x)

# Part A - Report seeking decision

#### DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

#### **Background**

Cadent Gas wish to install a new gas main to the land on the east side of Elmhurst Drive and Heads of Terms for a Deed of Easement have been agreed between Cadent and London Borough of Havering as detailed in Exempt Appendix A.

Cadent Gas have agreed to cover the costs of using the Council's external Solicitor for this transaction.

#### Recommendations

It is recommended that The Council agrees to the negotiated Heads of Terms for the Deed of Easement and for the Estates Surveyor, LBH oneSource - Property Services to then instruct the Council's external Solicitor to draw up the Deed of Easement with the utility suppliers.

#### **Decisions**

Formal authority is hereby given for The Council to agree to the negotiated Heads of Terms for the Deed of Easement and the Estates Surveyor, LBH oneSource - Property Services to instruct the Councils external Solicitor to draw up the Deed of Easement with the utility suppliers.

#### **AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE**

Havering Council's Constitution Part 3.3.5 (2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 - current)

8.1 To be the Council's designated corporate property officer, responsible for the strategic management of the Council's property portfolio, including corporate strategy and asset management, procurement of property and property services, planned and preventative maintenance programmes, property allocation, security and use, reviews, acquisitions and disposals, and commercial estate management.

#### STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Cadent Gas approached the Council as they wish to install new gas main on Council land and therefore Heads of Term have been negotiated and agreed to facilitate the installation of the new main.

# OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Option: Not to agree to the Deed of Easement for the new gas main.

Rejected: There is no reasonable reason not to allow for the new main as Heads of

Terms have been agreed and Cadent Gas are covering the Council legal

costs.

#### PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

None

#### NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

Name: Luke Kubik

Designation: Estates Surveyor

Signature:

Date: 13th May 2024

### Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

The Council has a general power of competence under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011, which gives the power to do anything an individual can do, subject to any statutory constraints on the Council's powers ("the General Power"). The recommendations in this report are in keeping with the General Power.

Local Government Act 1972 Section 111 Subsidiary powers of local authorities Without prejudice to any powers exercisable apart from this section but subject to the provisions of this Act and any other enactment passed before or after this Act, a local authority shall have power to do anything (whether or not involving the expenditure, borrowing or lending of money or the acquisition or disposal of any property or rights) which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

No financial risks identified.

# HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS (AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)

No human resources implications and risks have been identified.

#### **EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have 'due regard' to:

- (i) The need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (ii) The need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;
- (iii) Foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.

Note: 'Protected characteristics' are age, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnerships, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment.

The Council is committed to all of the above in the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and the employment of its workforce. In addition, the Council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing for all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.

An EqHIA (Equality and Health Impact Assessment) is usually carried out when a proposed or planned activity is likely to affect staff, service users, or other residents.

The Council seeks to ensure equality, inclusion, and dignity for all in all situations.

There are no equalities and social inclusion implications and risks associated with this decision.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

No Environmental and Climate Change implications identified.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

#### **APPENDICES**

Appendix A Heads of Terms for Deed of Easement Exempt

### Part C - Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

#### **Decision**

**Decision Agreed** 

#### **Details of decision maker**

-Waller

Signed



Cabinet Portfolio held: CMT Member title:

Head of Service title: Interim Director – Housing & Property Place Directorate

Other manager title:

Date: 28.05.24

## Lodging this notice

The signed decision notice must be delivered to Democratic Services, in the Town Hall.

For use by Committee Administration	
This notice was lodged with me on	
Signed	