

50-54 WEST STREET ROCHFORD (Min 465/01)

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This reports updates Members on the progress of discussions with the Owners of 50-54 West Street, Rochford to bring forward an acceptable scheme of development for the derelict and fire damaged buildings.

2 DETAILS

- 1.2 Discussions have been taking place against the background of the Council's decision to explore the use of compulsory purchase powers to secure the development and improvement of this Town Centre site where the properties have been empty for a number of years and in a poor state of repair.
- 1.3 A decision on such action was deferred pending the Owner's willingness to actively pursue proposals to address the planning issues highlighted in an earlier planning appeal.
- 1.4 The Owner has now finalised the proposals following extensive discussions and consultations. Plans have been prepared for submission to the Planning Authority and these will be the subject of consideration as part of the normal planning process.

3 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Council's statutory powers of compulsory purchase must be exercised reasonably. Pending the determination of the current development proposals such measures cannot be appropriately pursued.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Committee resolves to keep this matter under review and consider further the case for compulsory purchase if satisfactory progress is not made in achieving an acceptable development of the site. (HLS)

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Background Papers:

None

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