

STRIP OF LAND AT BETT’S WOOD, HOCKLEY

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report concerns the rectification of the Council’s boundary to the open space at Bett’s Wood in Hockley.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Bett’s Wood was conveyed to the Council as public open space in March 1977 prior to the development of the Bett’s Farm estate in the early 1980’s.
- 2.2 It has recently been discovered that on completion of the estate, a residual strip of land remained on the eastern boundary of the woodland but beyond the boundary of the development. This area has been maintained and managed by the Council as part of Bett’s Wood open space since that time. However, the registered title to the land remains with the developer, Wimpey Ltd.

3 DETAILS

- 3.1 Wimpey Ltd acknowledges that the area has been incorporated within the open space and is agreeable to rectify the title by conveying the land in question to the Council at a nominal sum (£1) subject to appropriate covenants to restrict the use of the area to public open space.

4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Council can claim possessory title to the land but a formal transfer will correctly reflect the Council’s legal interest and ownership.

5 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Bett’s Wood is within Hockley Parish.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

To authorise the Head of Legal Services to complete the purchase of the strip of land identified on the attached plan for a nominal sum and on such other terms and conditions as he considers appropriate.

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Background Papers:-

None

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