
WEST AREA UPDATE

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At future meetings, this report will provide an update on issues raised at previous meetings. As this is the first meeting of the Committee we have provided information on some items of local interest.

2 FERNDALE OPEN SPACE

- 2.1 The old scouts building has now been demolished and removed from the site, although there are still certain works that are required to be undertaken by the scouts in order to fully re-instate the site prior to the surrendering of the lease.
- 2.2 The Downhall Under 5s Pre-School group who had expressed an interest in putting a new, but similar, building on the site have been progressing their research into costs of buildings, funding etc and have held discussions with Council officers regarding their planning application and possible lease details. They have identified a company who can supply an appropriate building and have had provisional plans drawn up of the site and building that could form part of their planning application. It is the Pre-School's intention, subject to finalising a few more details, to submit their planning application in the next few weeks with a view to it being heard at the Council's Development Control Committee by September 2007. Issues around the covenant that exists on the site have been investigated by the Council's Head of Legal Services, resulting in the view that the covenant itself would not prevent usage of the site for a pre-school type activity.
- 2.3 Contact for further information: Jeremy Bourne – Telephone 01702 318163.

3 COMMUNITY FACILITIES AT ASDA SITE

- 3.1 The planning consent for the neighbourhood centre on the old Park School site includes a new Asda supermarket and a 2/3 storey building fronting Rawreth Lane, which is to include small shops and community facilities. It is understood that Asda are involved in confidential discussions about the use of the frontage building and therefore the company is not willing to share any information about possible occupiers. As soon as any information is forthcoming, the Area Committee will be provided with an update.
- 3.2 Contact for further information: Shaun Scrutton – Telephone 01702 318100.

4 RECYCLING FOR SCHOOLS

- 4.1 The Council's Waste Management Team is due to start a recycling collection service for 17 schools in the district who expressed an interest in taking part in this new initiative. This recycling service provided to the schools will be the same as that provided for blocks of flats in the district, ie, colour coded wheeled bins, one for paper, one for glass and for cans or any combination of the three depending on what the school wants.

- 4.2 Ashingdon Primary School was the first school to participate in the scheme, which was launched on 10 May 2007 and was attended by the local Press.
- 4.3 Schools within this area that have expressed an interest in participating in the scheme are:-
- Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School
Downhall Primary School
Wyburns Primary School
The Edward Francis Junior School
The Swayne Park School
The Fitzwimarc School.
- 4.4 Contact for further information – Miranda Curme – Telephone 01702 318099.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**
- To note the contents of this report.

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Background Papers:-

None

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