

## PROCEEDINGS

A meeting of the Lancaster City Council was held in the Town Hall, Morecambe, at 2.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008, when the following Members were present:-

Keith Budden (Mayor)	June Ashworth (Deputy Mayor)
Evelyn Archer	Jon Barry
Eileen Blamire	Susan Bray
Ken Brown	Abbott Bryning
Shirley Burns	Anne Chapman
Susie Charles	Tina Clifford
Chris Coates	John Day
Roger Dennison	Sheila Denwood
Keran Farrow	Sarah Fishwick
Jane Fletcher	Rebekah Gerrard
John Gilbert	Charles Grattan
Mike Greenall	Janice Hanson
Emily Heath	Val Histed
Tony Johnson	David Kerr
Janie Kirkman	Geoff Knight
Stuart Langhorn	Roger Mace
Geoff Marsland	Ian McCulloch
Roger Plumb	Joyce Pritchard
Robert Redfern	Peter Robinson
Bob Roe	Sylvia Rogerson
Ron Sands	Roger Sherlock
Keith Sowden	Catriona Stamp
Joyce Taylor	Malcolm Thomas
Jude Towers	Morgwn Trolinger
Tony Wade	Peter Williamson
Paul Woodruff	

**30 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Barnes, Jim Blakely, Jean Dent, Helen Helme, Andrew Kay, Karen Leytham, Rob Smith, John Whitelegg and Maia Whitelegg.

**31 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2008 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

**32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members advised of the following declarations of interest at this stage:

Councillor June Ashworth declared a personal and prejudicial interest in that part of the Leader's Report and Cabinet Minutes which referred to the Citizens Advice Bureaux as a member of the Management Committee, should reference be made to the issue of Service Level Agreements. (Minute Nos. 37 and 43 refer.)

Councillors Sarah Fishwick and Mike Greenall declared personal and prejudicial interests in the item relating to renewable energy due to the nature of their employment. (Minute No. 38 refers.)

**33 ANNOUNCEMENTS - FORMER COUNCILLOR ARTHUR BRIGGS**

The Mayor advised Council that he had visited former Councillor Arthur Briggs earlier in the week in recognition of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. This had in fact been last August but during a time when Mr Briggs had not been well enough to celebrate. The Mayor reported that he was now much recovered and had been pleased to receive the good wishes of the Council as he approached his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday.

**34 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11**

The Mayor advised that no questions had been received from members of the public in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 11.

**35 PETITIONS AND ADDRESSES BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Miles Bennington formally presented a petition and addressed Council in accordance with the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 12 to Council as follows:

"We, the undersigned, support Miles Bennington and Lancaster Conservative's campaign to get the Primrose area of Lancaster cleaned up. Starting with Dale Street and Prospect Street we believe that the Council should use its new 'Street Pride' scheme to tidy our area."

He advised Council that his purpose in submitting the petition was to draw attention to problems of cleanliness in Primrose. Residents had complained of poor road maintenance, uneven and badly maintained pavements and problems with refuse in the alleyways caused by the fortnightly bin collections and this petition called for the Council's Street Pride scheme to be rolled out in Primrose, so that the Council could begin to tackle the problems. Keeping Primrose, a compact area of Victorian Terrace housing clean and tidy was, he felt, essential to the well-being of the residents.

He also called on the Council to alter its current method of accepting road proposals for the Street Pride scheme. Residents should have the opportunity to suggest roads to the Council directly, rather than having to persuade the relevant councillor to nominate the road on their behalf.

Councillor Barry responded on behalf of the Council as the relevant Cabinet Member and thanked Mr Bennington for attending Council. He accepted that it was an important issue to keep the Primrose area clean, but he felt that it was also important to keep all areas clean. He reminded Council that there were only sufficient resources for one area of each Ward to receive a 'deep clean' each year and Dale Street had been done only 2 years ago. Ward councillors for the area had agreed that this year the area surrounding Perth Street should benefit and this area had been chosen with the agreement of the PACT meeting where the public did have an opportunity to make their views known.

Councillor Barry also reported that the problems of potholes and damaged traffic calming humps on Prospect Street and Dale Street were being looked at by the County Council and a petition to full Council was not really necessary in these circumstances – views or complaints could be made known by contacting the relevant officers.

He thanked Mr Bennington however and advised that in accordance with the Constitution the matter would be referred to the next convenient Cabinet meeting to consider how street cleaning should be allocated. He also made the point that the wording of this petition had been overtly political and the provision for the public to present petitions and address Council was not intended for such political purposes.

### 36 QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12.2

The Mayor advised that 8 questions had been received by the Chief Executive in accordance with Council Procedure Rules as follows:

- (1) Councillor Sowden to Councillor Blamire regarding cycle paths in Overton
- (2) Councillor Robinson to Councillor Bryning regarding the Luneside East Project
- (3) Councillor Robinson to Councillor Mace regarding the rise in fuel costs
- (4) Councillor Langhorn to Councillor Barry regarding energy efficiency in Council buildings
- (5) Councillor Langhorn to Councillor Barry regarding the placing of a wind turbine at the Ashton Memorial
- (6) Councillor Langhorn to Councillor Archer regarding the Council's energy and fuel bills
- (7) Councillor Langhorn to Councillor Archer regarding the town green application at Lawson's Bridge
- (8) Councillor Langhorn to Councillor Archer regarding the sale of land at Lawson's Bridge

Details of the questions and answers together with any supplementary questions and responses are included at Appendix A to the minutes.

### 37 LEADER'S REPORT

***(Councillor June Ashworth declared a personal and prejudicial interest in that part of the following item which referred to Service Level Agreements with the Citizens Advice Bureaux.***

***Councillors Dennison and Fishwick declared personal interests in relation to the Vision Board as members of the Board.)***

The Leader presented his report on the proceedings of Cabinet since the last meeting of Council and updated Council on various issues. He then answered a number of questions from Councillors.

**Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

**38 RENEWABLE ENERGY TARIFF**

***(Councillors Sarah Fishwick and Mike Greenall declared personal and prejudicial interests in the following item due to their employment in the energy industry and left the meeting during consideration thereof.)***

The following motion submitted to the Chief Executive in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 15 was moved by Councillor Anne Chapman and seconded by Councillor Emily Heath:

“(1) That this Council notes:

- that the UK produces less than 2% of its total energy from Renewable Energy sources and is at the bottom the European Renewable Energy ‘league table’
- that countries in the European Union that have adopted a fixed term Renewable Energy Tariff such as Germany, Italy and Spain have seen a substantial rise in the percentage of their energy from renewable sources.

(2) That this Council:

- supports the amendment to the Energy Bill currently before Parliament that calls on Government to establish a Renewable Energy Tariff within 12 months for the generation of local renewable heat, renewable power and renewable gas.
- will write to the Energy Minister Malcolm Wicks MP calling on the UK Government to act with urgency and to ensure the adoption of a Tariff for local energy under the current Energy Bill which will now be delayed over Summer.
- will contact Friends of the Earth and the Renewable Energy Association informing them of our support for their campaign.”

A briefing note providing background information was provided by the Corporate Director (Finance & Performance) who answered a number of questions prior to the commencement of the debate.

During the questions, the issue was raised regarding the potential for Members to have an interest which should be declared in relation to organisations involved in the promotion of renewable energy.

In moving the motion, Councillor Chapman explained her personal circumstances as an unpaid director of a company involved in promoting renewable energy but not benefitting financially in any way.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Heath.

*(During the ensuing debate, further reference was made to Members' interests and at this point, Councillors Anne Chapman and Chris Coates declared a personal interest in the item by virtue of their positions in a company involved in promoting renewable energy.)*

Councillor Dennison then moved the following amendment, seconded by Councillor Kerr:

"That (2) above be amended to insert the words 'in principle' after 'this Council – supports' and 'and seek to confirm its continuing support on receipt of the Minister's proposals' after the word 'summer'."

With the agreement of the meeting and her seconder, Councillor Chapman accepted this as a friendly amendment.

There followed a further debate and Councillor Kirkman then proposed an additional amendment, seconded by Councillor Histed:

'That the final sentence of (2) above regarding contacting Friends of the Earth and the Renewable Energy Association be deleted.'

With the agreement of the meeting and her seconder, Councillor Chapman accepted this too as a friendly amendment.

At the conclusion of a further lengthy debate a vote was taken when 17 Members voted for the motion, as amended, 23 against and 6 abstained, whereupon the Mayor declared the motion lost.

### **39 ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS**

The Chief Executive submitted a report which set out the revised calculations relating to the allocation of seats in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Council's agreed protocol following the resignation of a Member from a political group.

Members were reminded that Councillor Keith Sowden was no longer a member of the Conservative Group and had advised that he intended to remain an independent, non-aligned Member.

The revised calculations resulted in the loss of a Conservative seat in the Overview & Scrutiny Grouping and in the Regulatory and Standing Committees Grouping and Group Administrators were asked to submit the necessary nominations to put these changes into effect, together with any other committee membership changes they may wish to make at this time.

The recommendation set out in the report and acceptance of those nominations submitted nominations was moved by Councillor Mace and seconded by Councillor Charles. On being put to the vote the Mayor declared the proposition clearly carried.

#### **Resolved:**

- (1) That in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989 and Part 4 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations, 1990, the City Council approves the calculations and allocation of seats set out in paragraph 2 of the report.

- (2) That the following nominations for appointment to Committees be approved:

Budget & Performance Panel

Delete Councillor Peter Williamson (Conservative Member)

Add Councillor Stuart Langhorn as Member and Janie Kirkman as substitute (Liberal Democrat Member and substitute)

Audit Committee

Delete Councillor Sarah Fishwick (Conservative Member)

Add Councillor Keith Sowden (non-aligned Member)

Planning and Highways Regulatory Committee (Green Group membership)

Delete Councillor Jane Fletcher

Add Councillor Emily Heath

#### 40 LANCASTER DISTRICT CORE STRATEGY

The Corporate Director (Regeneration) reported that the City Council's Core Strategy had been found sound, this being the first such strategy in the North West of England to pass this test.

Members were reminded that the Local Development Framework (LDF) was the collection of documents which replaced the Lancaster District Local Plan and the Core Strategy identified the overall spatial vision for the District, including broad locations for new development and set the strategic framework for the preparation of other LDF documents such as land allocation policies, development management policies and action area plans.

It was noted that the Inspector's recommendations set out in the report were binding and in adopting the Core Strategy the Council was obliged to include the amendments required by the Inspector. Once adopted by Council a Statutory Notice of Adoption would be published followed by a six week period during which a High Court Challenge to the document may be made. If the Council failed to adopt the amended Strategy the 3 year process to prepare a new Strategy would need to be re-commenced.

The recommendations set out in the report were moved by Councillor Blamire and seconded by Councillor Thomas.

On being put to the vote the Mayor declared the proposition clearly carried.

**Resolved:**

- (1) That the Lancaster District Core Strategy be adopted as a Local Development Document.
- (2) That the Forward Planning Team be congratulated for making the Council the first in the North West to adopt a Core Strategy under the reformed planning system.

#### 41 IRISH SEA REGION PLATFORM

***(Councillor Ashworth declared a personal interest as a Director of Morecambe Bay Partnership during questions on the following item which referred to that organisation.)***

Members considered a proposal that the Council should become a member of the Irish Sea Regions Platform as a basis for future partnership working with the regions around the

Irish Sea on common issues and projects.

It was reported that the Platform, or partnership, is intended to provide the regions around the Irish Sea with a collective voice which could be used to influence policy development and assist the 'region' to be recognised throughout Europe and globally as a recognised entity for economic activity. The Leader of the Council represents Lancashire on the North West Regional European Partnership (NWREP), which steers European policy for the North West region, is currently supporting the development of the Irish Sea Region Platform and had requested that North West coastal authorities consider signing a Declaration of Intent, which sets the scene for future collaborative working. The request was also being considered by other Lancashire coastal authorities via the Lancashire European Advisory Group.

It was noted that if the Council signed the Declaration of Intent, it would not imply support for any specific projects generated within the Irish Sea Region and these would need to be considered separately as part of normal Council decision making processes. However, some limited officer time would be required to monitor developments and to attend approximately six meetings a year.

The recommendation to sign the declaration of intent was moved by Councillor Mace and seconded by Councillor Langhorn.

On being put to the vote, the Mayor declared the proposition clearly carried.

***Resolved:***

That the Council signs the Declaration of Intent to become a member of the Irish Sea Region Platform.

**42 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES, PARTNERSHIPS AND BOARDS**

Council considered a report of the Chief Executive regarding a request to nominate a Member representative on a proposed Health and Wellbeing Group for North Lancashire to provide inter-agency leadership and coordination of action to improve health, reduce health inequalities, and enhance wellbeing for the population.

Members were reminded of the current protocol for agreeing the basis of appointments on a PR basis or by virtue of a Councillor's position, such as a Cabinet Member, Committee Chairman or Ward Councillor.

It was moved by Councillor Mace and seconded by Councillor Blamire:

- (1) That the Council's existing protocol for the appointment of representatives on outside bodies be reviewed and the Head of Democratic Services be requested to submit a report on options to the next meeting of the Council Business Committee.
- (2) That the appointment of a representative to the North Lancashire Health & Well Being Group be deferred pending the result of the above review.

On being put to the vote the Mayor declared the proposition clearly carried.

***Resolved:***

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report on options to the next meeting of the Council Business Committee.

- (2) That the appointment of a representative to the North Lancashire Health & Well Being Group be deferred pending the result of the above review.

#### 43 MINUTES OF CABINET

*(Councillor June Ashworth declared a personal and prejudicial interest in that part of the following item which referred to Service Level Agreements with the Citizens Advice Bureaux.*

*Councillor Stuart Langhorn declared a personal and prejudicial interest in that part of the following item which related to the terms and conditions of employees, due to a relative being an employee of the Council and left the meeting during questions on that item.)*

Council considered the Cabinet minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2008. The Leader and Cabinet Members responded to a number of questions.

**Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

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Mayor

(The meeting finished at 4.05 p.m.)

**Any queries regarding these Minutes,  
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**1 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR KEITH SOWDEN TO COUNCILLOR EILEEN BLAMIRE**

We have some of the best cycle paths in the country, but there is one section, from the bypass to Overton, which is positively dangerous.

Firstly, to protect ourselves from possibly being sued, should we attach another sign to the cycle path sign, stating 'Not Suitable for Cycles'?

Secondly, can we take action against the person responsible for designating this section under the Trades Description Act?

Lastly, now that we have money coming in, specifically to promote cycling, can we get something done about it?

Councillor Blamire responded: 'It's good to hear that the success of the Cycle Demonstration Town project has provided some excellent off road cycle routes to encourage more people to choose to travel by bike.

'The route referred to in the question is a signed cycle route to Overton/Sunderland Point which uses the highway. By definition the highway is suitable for use by cyclists and the danger which Councillor Sowden refers to is presumably from vehicular use of that road and the potential lack of care which some drivers may have towards other users of that highway – including pedestrians, horse riders as well as cyclists.

'As well as identifying routes for cyclists, one of the reasons for putting signs in place is to raise awareness amongst drivers that they are likely to encounter cyclists on that road and they need to modify their driving behaviour accordingly.

'Some Cycling Demonstration Town funding is used to raise awareness amongst other road users that they are likely to encounter cyclists on our roads – this includes our publicity campaigns, high profile signage and the commitment of the CDT Board to support the introduction of more 20 mph speed restrictions to make our highways more safe for all road users. Unfortunately a lot of the CDT Board money is provided on the basis that it is spent on what they think we should do to improve routes coming into the town for work, etc and we get a lot of complaints from the rural areas because that is not where we are able to spend the money.

'Alasdair Simpson, the Senior Cycling Officer at County and Gary Bowker had noted that some of the direction signs have been removed and it is down to the Highway Authority to replace – they will survey the route and report the missing signs.

'I would also add that there have been no recorded injury accidents to cyclists on the route to Overton and Sunderland Point in the last five years, though there has been an injury accident to a cyclist elsewhere in the village.'

By way of a supplementary question, Councillor Sowden re-iterated his view that it was a dangerous route and asked if Councillor Blamire accepted the position as had been put to the Parish Council that the Police are reluctant to do anything unless there has been a serious accident.

Councillor Blamire understood the Councillor's frustration and replied that in her role as responsible member for road safety she had asked if a safety audit could be carried out on this route. However she emphasised that the road represented, the best, if only route from the end of the Salt Ayre cycle track to Overton.

**2 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR PETER ROBINSON TO COUNCILLOR ABBOTT BRYNING**

What is the Council doing to attract a new developer for the Luneside East Project?

Councillor Bryning replied that the Council's lead developer CTP Ltd / Development Securities plc could not proceed at the present time because of adverse market conditions which are now holding back investment and development across the country. For the Luneside East project this means that the Developer has been unable to date to find a housing developer willing to contract and take on the housing elements. The Council and the Developer are working with English Partnerships and the NorthWest Development Agency to find a way of unlocking this situation so that Developer CTP Ltd / Development Securities plc can proceed. Officers hope to report in the early autumn on the outcome of negotiations and all parties are targeting a works start by the end of this year.

He re-iterated that the aim was to get the site transferred as soon as possible and everyone remained confident in the Luneside East project.

By way of a supplementary question, Councillor Robinson stated that he understood that the Luneside East project was already over budget and given the state of the housing market, asked what the impact might be on this and other projects which would not now be getting funding from the NWDA as a result, like Central Park in the West End.

Councillor Bryning confirmed that talks were taking place with the NWDA about additional funding but he was unable to comment on any Morecambe schemes.

**3 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR PETER ROBINSON TO COUNCILLOR ROGER MACE**

Since the Council Budget meeting in March, fuel costs have doubled. What is the implication of this rise in fuel costs on:

- a) the Revenue Budget during this financial year and for the ensuing two years and,
- b) the Corporate Priority to keep Council Tax at 4% and below?

Councillor Mace replied that there was no cause for panic. In relation to the revenue budget, the escalation in fuel costs was a worry for all councils, local businesses, and indeed every one of us. Initial work had begun on estimating the financial impact of these increasing costs to council services and these will be reported into the first quarter Performance Review Team meetings and the Budget & Performance Panel. In turn, this information will feed into the 6-monthly review of the MTFS, which will be completed over the summer.

Any increase in the year over and above approved budgets will be managed in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations, and any changes to pay and price inflation assumptions for future years will be considered as part of the 2009/10 budget exercise.

In relation to the impact on the Council's Priorities, he replied that the Cabinet had an agreed procedure for delivering Corporate Plan priorities and for bringing forward budget and policy framework proposals to Council each year. This is a tried and tested procedure and has meant that council tax increases have been kept within the limits agreed by Council each year. This process manages the competing demands of any increased growth, in this case any increase in fuel costs, and the continuous drive to identify efficiencies and savings.

The increase in fuel costs is a national issue and one already raised within the Local Government Association as a matter for the Annual Local Government Revenue Finance Settlement discussions with Central Government. The LGA will be arguing on all councils' behalf that any financial implications being faced by councils are adequately resourced within the annual settlement. The Cabinet's proposals for future budgets and council tax increases will reflect the outcome from these discussions with Central Government.

By way of a supplementary question, Councillor Robinson suggested that the process of finding efficiency savings had already commenced by reducing Neighbourhood Management, judging by the staff currently leaving the West End team.

Councillor Mace responded that in relation to the price of oil, the previous day's FT had recorded a drop of 20 dollars per barrel from the beginning of July which showed that the idea that the country is in an inflationary spiral was not yet proved. We were experiencing a downturn in housing and maybe a commodity price bubble but such predictions are taken into account during the budget process. He confirmed that he would be pursuing efficiency savings as part of the budget process but not necessarily in the way Councillor Robinson was suggesting.

#### **4 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR STUART LANGHORN TO COUNCILLOR JON BARRY**

What is the energy efficiency rating of the Council's buildings?

Councillor Barry replied that at the moment we did not know. But we would know on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008 when the Council will require a Display Energy Certificate (DEC). This certificate assesses the actual energy efficiency of a building and applies an energy rating. Property Services have recently conducted an estimate exercise to appoint a Specialist Contractor to complete the DECs.

In terms of what the Council can do to improve things, he advised that there was small budget of £20k for combating Climate Change. It had been agreed to use £14k to reduce energy use in Lancaster Town Hall last year and he intended to use a survey by the Carbon Trust to decide what else could be done. The real money to make big improvements would only be available though when the Town Halls are done up.

By way of a supplementary question, Councillor Langhorn asked if Councillor Barry did not think it was extraordinary that the Council should review its accommodation needs and take decisions without knowing the efficiency rating of each building.

Councillor Barry responded that the Council did have a fair idea, because it knew the outcomes, i.e. the cost of running the 2 Town Halls. This information had been available when the decision on accommodation had been made, which Councillor Barry reminded Council, was why he had not voted for the current proposal.

#### **5 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR STUART LANGHORN TO COUNCILLOR JON BARRY**

Is the Climate Change Cabinet Liaison Group planning to place a wind turbine next to the Ashton Memorial as he suggested?

Councillor Barry replied that he personally would love to see this, although he thought that any such proposal would be thwarted. He reminded Members that it was for the Williamson Park Board to make any such decisions but in terms of what they could do, there were restrictions particularly in relation to size as the site was quite close to houses.

By way of a supplementary question Councillor Langhorn asked if Councillor Barry thought energy efficiency was more important than heritage.

Councillor Barry replied that alternative energy was still not very mainstream and he thought that landmark schemes which would serve to educate people were a good idea. It would

not in his view ruin the heritage, it was for people now to create new heritage. He suggested that people may have thought the Ashton Memorial was ugly when it was first erected and yet now we cherish it.

**6 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR STUART LANGHORN TO COUNCILLOR EVELYN ARCHER**

Could you provide a comparison of the Council's energy and fuel bills in the last quarter and the same quarter last year?

Councillor Archer passed the following table to Councillor Langhorn and highlighted the reduction in costs for electricity and small increase in the cost of gas. She stressed however that although the figures showed a reduction in usage overall, the cost reflected the market for the utilities not necessarily reductions in use.

		GIA sq. mts.	Electricity		Gas	
			Kwh	Full total £	Kwh	full total £
Quarter 1	08/09	24,908	701,361	64,405	1,176,073	35,488
Quarter 1	07/08	24,908	712,933	64,522	1,192,254	35,128

By way of a supplementary question, Councillor Langhorn asked if similar figures were available for petrol usage.

Councillor Archer did not have this information available and offered a written response which could be supplied to all Councillors.

**7 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR STUART LANGHORN TO COUNCILLOR EVELYN ARCHER**

What is the area of land affected by the town green application at Lawson's Bridge?

Councillor Archer provided a plan of the affected area, described as comprising the open fields to the south of Rays Drive which lie between the West Coast main line, and the A6, terminating at its southern end at Burrow Beck Bridge. (A copy of the plan is attached to this appendix.)

By way of a supplementary question, Councillor Langhorn asked if some of the land was in private ownership and was currently pastureland.

Councillor Archer confirmed that this was so.

**8 QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR STUART LANGHORN TO COUNCILLOR EVELYN ARCHER**

Will the sale of land at Lawson's Bridge be delayed by the application for the area to be designated a town green? How will such a delay affect the Capital programme?

Councillor Archer replied: 'It would appear that an application has been made to the County Council to obtain Town Green status, for the land at Scotforth. This application is still awaiting consideration by the County Council and, as part of this process, it is required to serve a notice on every owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of the land affected by the application and on any other person likely to object to the application, and to publish a notice of the application. The notice requires anyone who wishes to object to send a statement of the facts on which the objection is based within the prescribed period which is 6 weeks. The City Council in refuting any such claim will need to demonstrate that the current use of the land would not support such a registration. The land is currently let on a

short term tenancy to the adjoining landowner and has been used for cattle grazing for many years.

'The City Council has a resolution to dispose of the land for retail purposes, and following the conclusion of the tendering process a development agreement is being prepared by the Council for completion by the successful tenderer. In addition, a planning application will shortly be submitted by the developer, in accordance with the terms of their tender bid.

'The application for Town Green status puts no formal charge on the land in question and therefore the City Council is not estopped from proceeding with the disposal.

I would say therefore that this application should not affect the Capital Programme, but I can't be certain.'

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TOWN GREEN APPLICATION MAP

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THIS IS THE MAP REFERRED TO IN THE STATUTORY DECLARATION OF SUSAN CAROLINE JACKSON DECLARED

**LAWSON'S BRIDGE**

BEFORE ME THIS 18TH MAY 2008

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