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DECISION NOTICE – COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID

Reference: 2013/001

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Proposed Asset of Community Value – Public Open Spaces at Mallows Grange, Stanwick

12 areas of land identified on map supplied with nomination currently used as public open space

Nominated By: Stanwick Parish Council – received 5 April

Deadline for listing decision: 31 May 2013

Current Owner - Greenbelt Group Ltd, McCafferty House, 99 Firhill Road, Glasgow G20 7BE

Action Taken Prior to Decision

- Name of current owner confirmed via Land Registry Search
- Notification to current owner of nomination
- Consultation with Chair of Policy and Resources Committee (Cllr R Lewis) and Ward Member (Cllr E Lucille) as required under Council's Community Right to Bid Policy
- Legal advice on implications of possible listing on proposed auction of one of pieces of land on 16/4/13

Considerations

- Does the proposed asset meet the definition of an asset of community value specified in Section 88 (1) paragraphs (a) and (b) of the Localism Act 2011 i.e. the main (i.e. non-ancillary) use furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community, or has recently done so, and is likely to do so in the future (during the next five years)?

The Parish Council have stated that the public open spaces concerned have provided recreational space for local residents since 1999. If successful in securing the open space, the Parish Council intends that the open space continues to be used for recreational activities by local residents.

- Does the proposed asset meet any of the criteria for exemption specified in Section 88 (3) and associated regulations?

There is no evidence that the identified plots of land meet any of the exemption criteria

- The views of the Chair of Policy and Resources Committee and Ward Member:

Cllr Lewis agreed that there appeared to be case for listing and that the decision be taken as a matter of urgency given the proposed auction date.

Cllr Lucille supported listing and noted that residents had enjoyed use of the spaces for over 10 years. She also noted that part of this land is used for flood relief as a balancing pond which had proved essential in the last few years.

Decision

Having considered all the factors above, it is my view that the nominated assets fall within the category of an asset of community value as defined by the Localism Act and associated regulations and that they should be listed as such by this council.



Sharn Matthews

Executive Director

10/4/13

