

Committee: FULL COUNCIL

Date: 17 July 2022

Title: Acquisition of Land adjacent to Tesco Filling Station.

Purpose of Report

To allow members to consider the acquisition of land adjacent to Tesco Filling Station

Recommendation:

Members resolve to authorise Officers to investigate acquiring the Land adjacent to the Tesco Filling station as identified in the report appendix 12A for Ilminster Town Council.

Report:

1. As part of the resilience work that is being carried out various discussions have been had about where to locate stores. Discussions centred on the relocating of a resilience store for the Ditton Street area of Ilminster, it was identified that the land-coloured Green on **Appendix 12A** is owned by SSDC.
2. In a conversation with Cllr Hamilton, the Headteacher of Greenfylde school enquired whether the council would support the installation of a gate and a pathway outlined in Blue on the appendix. This would allow the staff to be able to move between the two school sites much more efficiently. Children would not be allowed this way due to health and safety reasons.
3. It was as a result of these discussions that Cllr Hamilton agreed to create **Appendix 12A**. Clearly if the land was in the possession of the Town Council permission for both of these things would be are much less of a problem.
4. The maintenance of the area would not be a major issue, however there may be additional insurance implications due to the trees on the ground and in any negotiations for the land this would need to be considered.
5. It is unlikely that SSDC would see any significant economic reasons for retaining this land. In fact they are likely to welcome disposal due to the maintenance of it.
6. Locating a resilience store on the land would enable the council to end the rental of the garage that it currently stores equipment in.

7. Members are being asked resolve to authorise Officers to investigate acquiring the Land adjacent to the Tesco Filling station as identified in the report appendix for Ilminster Town Council. Any discussions would be reported back to Full Council.

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Town clerk
July 2022