

TITLE OF REPORT: REFERRAL FROM SOUTHERN RURAL COMMITTEE – 12 JUNE 2008 – DISPOSAL OF AMENITY AND ALLOTMENT LAND AT THE REAR OF ELMTREE AVENUE, COCKERNHOE TO FACILITATE A PROPOSED HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT BY NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE HOMES LIMITED

The following is an extract from the Draft Minutes of the Southern Rural Committee meeting held on 12 June 2008.

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The Chairman informed the Committee of the background to the disposal of the above land as: that Section 106 obligations would be used to develop a village hall in Cockernhoe; that the normal discounted price would be offered. The Property Services Manager advised that benefits of the disposal included the re-provision of open areas for the use of residents; nomination rights to housing; landscaping and provision of a new village hall. The Chairman confirmed that, to his knowledge the area was disused and overgrown and that the Cockernhoe community welcomed a suitable redevelopment of the area. The three ward Members confirmed that they had been consulted by the Property Services Manager regarding the disposal. Members agreed that the proposed development was a positive step for the area and the community. There was some discussion regarding the price that the land was being offered for sale and the proposed Social Landlords who would develop the site.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET: That the Southern Rural Committee supports the disposal of Amenity and Allotment Land at the rear of Elmtree Avenue, Cockernhoe to facilitate a proposed housing re-development by North Hertfordshire Homes Limited.

REASON FOR DECISION: To facilitate redevelopment of the area and provide community facilities.

[The report to which this referral relates is Item 19 on the agenda]

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