



# OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE PUBLISHED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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Notice is hereby given that the following decision(s) have been made today by Cabinet Members at the London Borough of Hillingdon:

<b>Title of decision</b>	<b>Disposal of Open Space Land at The Grange Rickmansworth Road Northwood HA6 2RB</b>
<b>Reference No.</b>	977
<b>Date of decision</b>	Friday 05 January 2024
<b>Call-in expiry date</b>	Friday 12 January 2024
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
<b>Relevant Wards</b>	Northwood

## Decision made

<b>Cabinet Members making the decision</b>	Councillor Jonathan Bianco – Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport
<b>Decision</b>	<b>Approved</b>  That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highway and Transport agreed to:  1) Consider any objections received to the Open Space Notice relating to Land at The Grange Rickmansworth Road Northwood (the Land) and agreed to dispose of the Land under section 123 (2a) of The Local Government Act 1972. The Open Space land was shown edged red on plan B.  2) Authorised the Corporate Director of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Property, Highway and Transport, to make any further necessary decisions regarding the project's implementation.
<b>Reason for decision</b>	Cabinet Member approval is sought to proceed with the disposal of open space Land at The Grange Rickmansworth Road Northwood after consideration of any objections.  At the Cabinet meeting dated 14th September 2023 Cabinet approved the disposal of land and buildings at The Grange to the existing tenant for the sum of £1,000,000. The land approved for disposal at the Cabinet meeting of 14th September 23 is shown edged red on plan A below.  Part of the site approved for disposal on 14th September 23 was acquired by the Council to be used as open space. The Council acquired the Land under a transfer dated 19th February 1957

	<p>between Henry D L Campion and The Urban District Council of Ruislip and Northwood. The Transfer stated that the Land was to be used for the purpose of Public Health Acts 1875-1936, The Open Spaces Act 1906 and The Physical Training and Recreation Act 1937. The Land subject to the open space restriction is shown edged red on plan B below.</p> <p>For any sale of The Land for a use other than Open Space, the Council would need to obtain a release of The Land from the provisions of the Public Open Spaces Act 1906. In accordance with s 123(2a) and 127(3), Local Government Act 1972 and section 233(4) Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The Council must advertise its intention to dispose of Open Space land for two consecutive weeks in a local newspaper and consider any objections.</p> <p>The Open Space Notice has been advertised in the Uxbridge Gazette on 18th October 23 and 25th October 23, the consultation period ended on 8th November 23 and no objections were received.</p> <p>Whilst the Land was acquired under the above Acts, the land is not used as open space. The transfer dated 19 February 1957 stated that the Land should be incorporated and used as part of the garden of The Council's adjoining property The Grange.</p> <p>The Land has been included in commercial leases at The Grange since at least 2006. The current Lease dated 15th August 2018 is between the Mayor and Burgesses of London Borough Hillingdon and Richard Arens and Richard C Arens. The lease was granted for a term of 12-years from 6 July 2018, thus has approximately 7-years unexpired and the property is used as a wedding venue and garden. The lease plan is shown edged red on plan A below.</p> <p>Access to the open space Land is only available from The Grange and the Land is not open to the public.</p>
<b>Alternative options considered and rejected</b>	<p>Whilst the Land is included in the lease of The Grange, officers considered negotiating a surrender of the Land and retaining it for public use, however there is no access from the public highway to the Land and the only access is through The Grange.</p> <p>The Land is mainly mature trees and under planning the Land would be regarded as open space or garden land and planning permission would be required for any alternative use.</p>
<b>Classification</b>	Part I – Public
<b>Link to associated report</b>	<a href="#">Report Link</a>

<b>Relevant Officer contact &amp; Directorate</b>	Julia Thompson – Place Directorate
<b>Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted</b>	N/A

### **Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in**

<b>[Internal Use only]</b>	
<b>When can this decision be implemented by officers?</b>	<p>Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is:</p> <p><b>5pm on Friday 12 January 2024</b></p> <p>However, this is subject to the decision not being called in by Councillors on the relevant Select Committee. Upon receipt of a valid call-in request, Democratic Services will immediately advise the relevant officer(s) and the decision must then be put on hold.</p>
<b>Councillor scrutiny call-in of this decision</b>	<p>Councillors on the relevant Select Committee shown in this notice may request to call-in this decision. The request must be before the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period above.</p> <p>Councillors should use the Scrutiny Call-in App (link below) on their devices to initiate any call-in request. Further advice can be sought from Democratic Services if required:</p> <p><b><a href="#">Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps</a></b> (secure)</p>
<b>Further information</b>	<p>These decisions, where applicable, have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>This is the formal notice by the Council of the above executive decision, including links to the reports where applicable.</p> <p>If you would like more information on this decision, please contact Democratic Services on 01895 250636 or email: <a href="mailto:democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk">democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk</a>.</p> <p>Circulation of this decision notice is to a variety of people including Members of the Council, Corporate Directors, Officers, Group Secretariats and the Public. Copies are also placed on the Council's website.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Democratic Services London Borough of Hillingdon Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge UB8 1UW</b></p>