

From CABINET held on 7 March 2023

Council Agenda Item 15 (Cabinet minute No 29)

Enabling Redevelopment of Debenhams Palmerston Road - CPO

Recommendation (for Council)

RESOLVED that Cabinet recommends that Full Council:

1. Approves the strategy to assemble the land required for the development of the former Debenhams Site in Palmerston Road, in line with the approved planning application for the site;
2. Delegates authority to the Director of Regeneration and S151 Officer on the advice of the City Solicitor in consultation with the Leader to: -
 - (i) Negotiate and complete acquisitions of legal interests subject to affordability, based on the statutory Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) Compensation Code, in land required for the delivery of the former Debenhams planning consent;
 - (ii) Procure and appoint specialist advisers as required for Land Referencing Agents and specialist compulsory purchase surveyors;
 - (iii) Approve the progress of all work necessary to establish a case for compulsory purchase;
 - (iv) Approve, in principle, the use of compulsory purchase powers for the acquisition of land to deliver the former Debenhams (Palmerston Road), regeneration scheme (indicatively shown in red on the attached plan at Appendix 2) and note that the making of any compulsory purchase order will be subject to a further report to cabinet and Full Council confirming that the criteria in paragraph 3.18 have been met.
3. NOTES the red line area shown on the plan (Appendix 2) as currently drawn. Officers will take all reasonable measures to minimise the need to acquire third party interests in accordance with CPO Guidance and the existing design approach to the scheme.