

22. GREEN OPEN SPACE WORKING PARTY

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The purpose of this report is to present the minutes of the Board's Green Open Space Working Party.

"The Working Party met in the Parks Unit meeting room on 8 December 2000. Chris Freeman gave an overview of progress to date since the last Green Open Space Seminar meeting of 11 August 1999. An aerial photograph was used to identify certain properties and to clearly outline schools, parks, metropolitan facilities and other major council and private property."

Areas Identified:

1. Latimer Square
2. Barbadoes Street – Cambridge Green between Cambridge Terrace and Churchill Street.
3. Christchurch East – next to the school.

Options Discussed:

- Latimer Square: recent public information leaflet. Item on Capital Works Programme "green street option" from Latimer Square through to Manchester Street to Barbadoes Street.
 - Latimer design brief: workshop of interested parties, Latimer representatives from the community, (business and residential) asking what they want!
 - Work on design process in February 2001 under the umbrella of the City Centre Strategy.
 - Promote the area as a place to go, not just as a place to pass through.
 - Council will move where the market is.
- High Street – promote a heritage theme.
- Consider different living styles – mix of apartments and housing accommodation, social mix is desirable.
- Sullivan Avenue – Polytechnic land may come available.
- Cnr Antigua/Braddon Street heavily residential – Sydenham area.
- Melrose Street – could be an option for purchase.
- Stanmore/Worcester – approach for possible purchase.
- Other Contracts:
 - Worcester Street/Fitzgerald Avenue, purchased by Water Services
 - Essex/Cashel Street – minor redesign to open the area up – children use it as a playground.
- Explore option of land purchase adjacent to Christchurch East School.
- Star and Garter land might be options for joint venture in the future."

CONSENT ISSUES

Recent small residential section property purchases have indicated a number of consent issues with regards existing hard court areas, fences, street setbacks for buildings, landscape strips, site sizes, hours of operation, traffic generation, car parking and residential coherence. These issues will be addressed with the appropriate staff.

WAY FORWARD

The Planning and Investigation Team of the new Parks and Waterways Unit will continue to identify properties in the areas discussed by the Working Party, with emphasis on the areas in Sydenham, south and east of Latimer Square, around Christchurch East School and Stanmore/Worcester.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the minutes be received.
 2. That the community surrounding Latimer Square be consulted regarding any proposals.
 3. That the Board support Council initiatives to promote and revitalise the Latimer area subject to the appropriate consultation taking place.
 4. That the Parks and Waterways Unit's initiatives in sourcing property purchases in the areas identified be supported.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendations be adopted.