

COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Tim Golder

DATE: 25 April 2018

REPORT OF: Tony Watson, Business Manager, Economy & Assets and Portfolio Holder for Assets, skills & tourism

SUBJECT: Newton Abbot, Bradley Lane

PART I

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council approve the recommendations made in part II of this report.

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to;

Outline the recommendation of acquiring premises to relocate an existing Council tenant from Bradley Lane, which will in turn:

- Secure an important employer in the District
- Enable the redevelopment of Bradley Lane to move forward
- Preserve the Councils revenue income

2. BACKGROUND

The Council have been assembling land at Bradley Lane since 2010 with a long term ambition to realise redevelopment of the whole site.

The Councils adopted local plan allocates Bradley Lane (NA10) as a mixed use development site for the creation of additional B class floor space (office and industrial) and 170 homes.

The area is currently occupied by a number of industrial tenants, with many playing a vital role in the success of Newton Abbot and providing important employment for local residents.

The retention where possible of these businesses through assisting with relocation or being directly involved is critically important to ensuring the ongoing provision of employment opportunities in Newton Abbot.

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In summer 2017, The Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government released a grant fund for stalled or difficult development sites. This opportunity was available to Local Authorities and provides capital financing in order to realise development by 2020.

The Council have been successful in an application and in February 2018 were awarded £2.5m for Bradley Lane.

The recommendations for delivery will be dealt with in a future report and work is ongoing to determine the most appropriate method of development.

The purpose of this report is to consider the options available to relocate a key employer in the Town to safeguard jobs for local people and future employment opportunities.

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Cllr Jeremy Christophers
Leader

BELOW TO BE FILLED IN BY THE REPORT AUTHOR:

Wards affected	All
Contact for any more information	Tony Watson
Background Papers (For Part I reports only)	Nil
Key Decision	N
In Forward Plan	N
In O&S Work Programme	N
Community Impact Assessment attached:	N
Appendices attached:	Nil