

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting11th September 2008

1. Title of Item/Report

Southern Gateway Compulsory Purchase Order

2. Record of the Decision

Members considered a report that sought approval to proceed with the acquisition of land on the site of the former Glynn Webb retail site located on the North East corner of the junction between the A1305 and the A1130, known as 'Riverside Roundabout'.

Cabinet were reminded that capital funds had previously been approved to secure the acquisition of the site through negotiation with the current site owners.

It was explained that, to date, the negotiations had not been successful and the acquisition of the site was needed to deliver the highway improvement as part of the Tees Valley Bus Improvement scheme.

Powers to acquire the property area using a Compulsory Purchase Order under the Highways Act 1980 are required in order for this strategic improvement scheme to proceed. Members were provided with a plan detailing the location of the area in question.

RESOLVED that:-

1 the principle of securing land outside of the Council's ownership to deliver the Tees Valley Bus Major Scheme is accepted.

2 in relation to (1) above, the Director of Law and Democracy be authorised to take all necessary action to secure the acquisition of the land and any necessary rights over the land identified at Appendix B to the report or such additional land as may be deemed necessary by the Head of Technical Services for the purposes set out in this report using compulsory purchase powers pursuant to part XII of the Highways Act 1980, as necessary, and the subsequent transfer of the land and rights to the Council by means of a General Vesting Declaration or Notice to Treat.

3. the Corporate Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport, work to support the Compulsory Purchase Order process and then if secured, develop and implement the proposed highway improvement scheme, as previously agreed by Cabinet on 7 September 2006 minute reference 521.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The progress of the Tees Valley Major Bus Scheme, and ability to deliver bus journey time savings, is dependant upon the re-alignment of this critical junction. Member approval is sought to the processing of a Compulsory Purchase Order to enable progress of the re-alignment scheme should negotiation prove unsuccessful.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Not later than Midnight on Friday 19th September 2008

Proper Officer
15 September 2008