

REPORT OF CABINET

(Meetings held on 6 November and 4 December 2002)

1. REVISED DEPOSIT STAGE OF THE LOCAL PLAN ALTERATIONS (REPORT A – 6 NOVEMBER 2002 AND REPORT C – 4 DECEMBER 2002) (MINUTE NOS. 79 AND 93)

The Cabinet at their meeting on 6 November considered the revised deposit stage of the local plan alterations and made a number of recommendations on specific issues. A special joint meeting of the Planning Development Control Committee and the Economy and Planning Review Panel ('the special joint meeting') then considered these issues. The Housing, Health and Social Exclusion Review Panel also considered the recommendations on Affordable Housing and Care Homes and issues relating to Calshot.

The Cabinet on 4 December considered the outstanding recommendations on the proposed revisions to the Local Plan First Alteration, taking into account the views of the special joint meeting and the Housing, Health and Social Inclusion Review Panel. The Cabinet reports as follows:-

Recommendation 2: Employment Provision

The expansion of the allocation of land at Gordleton Pit was not supported by Local Members; the Special Joint Meeting the Residents' Association or the local Chamber of Trade.

Members noted that in particular, there remained problems with access to the site in terms of highway issues. The County Council were undertaking a study into the four main roads leading to the site but that there was no obvious solution to the difficulties in view of the designation of the area.

In view of the comments received the Cabinet agreed that the proposal to expand the allocation of land at Gordleton Pit should be deleted.

Recommendation 5 : Affordable Housing

Members noted the comments from the Special Joint Meeting and from the Housing, Health and Social Exclusion Review Panel. The Cabinet were of the view that to introduce a requirement for 50% provision of affordable housing in rural areas and Sandheath would be unworkable and would deter developers from coming forward. They therefore supported the proposals put forward by the Economy and Planning Portfolio Holder to introduce a requirement for 35% affordable housing provision consistent across the district.

Recommendation 12: The Furlong, Ringwood

After discussion members agreed to recommend that the reference to the Southern part of the Furlong Car Park should be changed to the south western part of the Furlong Car Park and that no change should be made to the primary shopping area boundary as defined at the first deposit stage of the Local Plan.

Recommendation 14: Calshot

Members supported the provision of 35% affordable housing being applied in this area as elsewhere across the district.

Recommendation 16: Affordable Housing on Farms

Having considered the comments of the Special Joint Meeting and the Housing, Health and Social Exclusion Review Panel members agreed that this recommendation should be deleted.

Recommendation 18: Extensions to Dwellings

In the light of the comments made by the Special Joint Meeting members agreed that whilst they supported the new policy to introduce the ability for dwellings that were currently restricted to a 30% increase in size to have a conservatory in addition to any other extensions, but recommend that any conservatory should not exceed 20 square metres floor area.

Recommendation 19: Essential Accommodation for Rural Businesses

After discussion members deleted this proposal.

Recommendation 20: Milford-on-Sea

Members noted that Milford-on-Sea was surrounded by Green Belt and there was no room for development sideways into that area. Milford-on-Sea Parish Council had proposed that a height restriction should be placed on buildings to stop over-development.

The Cabinet supported this proposal.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) That the responses to the representations received at revised alteration First Deposit Stage as set out in Attachment 2, Annex 1, as previously circulated, be agreed, subject to the following further revisions detailed below;***
- (b) That the Revised Alterations to the adopted New Forest District Local Plan, as set out in Attachment 2, Annexes 2 and 3, as previously circulated, be agreed, subject to the following further revisions detailed below, and formally placed on deposit for public consultation; and***
- (c) That the Director of Environment Services be authorised to make any necessary further minor amendments, including consequential changes and further editing changes, in preparing the proposed alterations for publication.***

Further revisions:

Recommendation 1 - Housing Land Provision

That the “baseline” Structure Plan housing requirement can be met without further allocations, but further sites need to be identified in total for some 124 dwellings for the “reserve provision”.

Recommendation 2: Employment Provision

That no change be made in principle to the strategy for employment provision, other than the redesignation back to employment of the site at Shore Road, Hythe (Policy HD-7A). The reserve employment site at Ringwood should be retained.

Recommendation 3: “Reserve Sites”, including Land South of the A31, East of Ringwood

That, in view of the updated housing land supply figures, it is no longer necessary to provide as much reserve housing provision therefore the site previously identified on land west of Nouale Lane, Ringwood, be deleted from the reserved sites for housing to meet Structure Plan requirements

Recommendation 4: Housing Densities

That no change be proposed to the recommendation contained in the original report considered by the Cabinet at their meeting on 15 April 2002;

Recommendation 5: Affordable Housing

That policies AH-1 and AH-2 (and related policies and text) be revised as shown in Attachment 1.7(a) subject also to the further changes set out in Attachment 1.7(b), page 21.

Recommendation 6: Care Homes

That the policies relating to Care Homes be revised as set out in Attachment 1.11, page 26.

Recommendation 7: Nature Conservation

That the Nature Conservation Policies be revised as set out in the Annex 2 to Report A to the Cabinet pages 11-15 subject to the further changes set out in Attachment 1.4, page 17.

Recommendation 8: Flooding and drainage

That the flooding and drainage policies be revised as set out in Annex 2, pages 22-24.

Recommendation 9: Parking Standards

That the Parking Standards as set out in Annex 2, pages 83-93 be included in the Local Plan.

Recommendation 10: Open Space

That the Open Space Policies be revised as set out in Annex 2, pages 32-34 subject to the further changes set out in Attachment 1.6, page 19.

Recommendation 11: Safeguarding Consultation Zones

That the policies on Safeguarding Consultation Zones be revised as set out in Annex 2, pages 18-21 subject to the further changes set out in Attachment 1.5, page 18.

Recommendation 12: The Furlong, Ringwood

- (a) That the policies on The Furlong, Ringwood be revised as set out in Attachment 1.2, page 15 subject to in attachment 1.2 changing the reference to the Southern Part of the Furlong Car Park to being the South Western Part of the Furlong Car Park; and***
- (b) That no change be made to the primary shopping area boundary as defined at first deposit stage.***

Recommendation 13: Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty

That the policies on the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty be revised as set out in Attachment 1.3, page 16.

Recommendation 14: Calshot

That the new policy regarding the regeneration of Calshot, with associated allocations of land for residential development, as set out in Attachment 1.8, page 23 be included in the Local Plan.

Recommendation 15: Footpath at Brookley Road, Brockenhurst

That the proposed footpath at Brookley Road, Brockenhurst (see April Report: Annex 1, pages 96-7 and Annex 2, page 30 in Attachment 2) be deleted.

Recommendation 16: Affordable Housing on Farms

This recommendation was deleted.

Recommendation 17: Access to the Coast

That the revised policy regarding Access to the Coast set out in Attachment 1.10, page 25 be included in the Local Plan.

Recommendation 18: Extensions to dwellings

That the new text regarding extensions to dwellings in the New Forest and countryside as set out in Attachment 1.12, page 31 be included in the Local Plan subject to the text in Attachment 1.12 being amended to read “in considering proposals for a conservatory not exceeding 20 square metres floor areas,”.

Recommendation 19: Essential accommodation for rural businesses

This recommendation was deleted.

Recommendation 20: Milford-on-Sea

That the following new policy relating to the defined area of Milford on Sea be included in the plan:

- (a) development resulting in buildings of more than two storeys in height where they are to be used for residential purposes (including flats) will not be permitted; and***
- (b) development for purposes other than residential (which includes flats) shall be no higher than the building which is to be replaced, except where there would be no harmful impact having regard to the character established by the heights of other buildings in the immediate locality.***

Recommendation 21: Hythe Centre/Proposed Rail Station:

That the proposed footpath/cycleway to School Road be retained, but the proposed footpath to New Road be deleted.

2. EXPENDITURE PLAN PROPOSALS AND CONSULTATION (REPORT G – 6 NOVEMBER 2002 AND 4 DECEMBER 2002 REPORT I) (MINUTE NOS. 85 AND 99)

The Cabinet at their meeting on 6 November considered the expenditure plan proposals for the coming financial year. They referred the proposals to the Review Panels and Committees for their comments which were reported back to the Cabinet at their meeting on 4 December.

The Cabinet has thanked the Review Panels and Committees for their comments which they will take into account in their future consideration of the proposals.

3. ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2001/2002 (REPORT A – 4 DECEMBER 2002) (MINUTE NO. 91)

The Cabinet considered the Annual audit letter that summarised the work undertaken by the District Auditor for the preceding year. They also received a presentation from District Audit highlighting some of the issues raised.

Members noted that the recommendations contained in the Audit Letter needed to be considered against a backdrop of high quality service provided by the Council at a time of financial constraints. The District Auditor hoped to issue an unqualified audit opinion in the next few weeks.

Members were pleased to note in the Annual Audit Letter the comment that “The Council continues to maintain a sound financial position, with both good budgetary control and a good year end debtors’ position.”

It was noted that the Council had successfully produced an implementing E-Government Statement and had met its initial IEG targets. However, the District Auditor had commented that there was a need to develop a comprehensive E-Government Programme. The Cabinet noted that the Council's E-Governance Programme was on line with set targets and the E-Government Strategy was well developed. The Strategy related closely to the emerging Community Strategy and Corporate Plan and gave costings and a programme of works.

Members noted that in relation to housing responsive repairs, whilst there was an over reliance on manual paper based systems and under use of technology, officers were already aware of the need for improvement and were already implementing the recommendations from District Audit. The current satisfaction rates of tenants currently stood at 99% and all Best Value Performance Indicators were met. However, it was agreed that there would always be room for improvement.

The Finance and Support Portfolio Holder commented that the financial situation in 2001/2002 had been good and would put the Council in a good position to deal with any further cuts in Government funding in the coming year.

4. PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES – NEW FOREST EAST AND NEW FOREST WEST (REPORT B – 4 DECEMBER 2002) (MINUTE NO. 92)

The two wards of Boldre and Sway are to form a single District Ward with effect from the May 2003 elections which means that both parishes must be placed within one Parliamentary Constituency. Following a review of Parliamentary constituency boundaries the initial recommendations published by the Boundary Commission placed Boldre and Sway in New Forest West. The Cabinet objected to this proposal on the grounds that Sway had many more historic, social and practical links with parishes and communities to the east than those to the west. It was therefore recommended that the new Boldre and Sway ward should be placed in New Forest East.

A public inquiry into the Commission's recommendations was held in June and, as a result, revised recommendations now propose that the Boldre and Sway ward should be located in New Forest East.

The Assistant Commissioner commented at the Inquiry:-

"The representations and evidence demonstrated overwhelming local support for the siting of Boldre and Sway in East and provided totally convincing testimony of the links and ties between Boldre and Sway and East and the absence of the same between Boldre and Sway and West. Put shortly I was thoroughly convinced that Boldre and Sway looks overwhelmingly to the east rather than to the west."

The revised recommendations will mean that the composition of the Constituencies, based on 2000 electorates (the Commission was obliged to base its recommendations on the 2000 electorate figures), will be:

New Forest East - 69,646
New Forest West - 65,269

The Cabinet has supported the revised proposals for the New Forest East and New Forest West Parliamentary Constituencies, placing the new Boldre and Sway ward in New Forest East on the grounds of the historic, social and cultural links between Boldre and Sway and the parishes and communities to the east.

5. MILFORD-ON-SEA VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT (REPORT D – 4 DECEMBER 2002) (MINUTE NO. 94)

In line with the Countryside Agency's initiative Milford-on-Sea Parish Council has produced a Village Design Statement (VDS).

The VDS outlines the main features of the environment that the community like and dislike, and the current policies and projects to improve the area. The Statement also provides general design guidance for the parish as a whole with more detailed views for various areas within it.

The Statement largely accords with the current adopted Local Plan and with the First Alteration First Stage Deposit, except in one particular regard where the Parish Council wish to limit the height of new development within the village. The Cabinet, in considering the First Alteration First Stage Deposit (see Item 1 of this report) agreed with the proposal of the Parish Council in relation to restricted height of new development in the village.

With this amendment the Cabinet has agreed that the Milford-on-Sea Village Design Statement be adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the New Forest District Local Plan.

6. 'YOUR REGION, YOUR CHOICE' – WHITE PAPER (REPORT E – 4 DECEMBER 2002) (MINUTE NO. 95)

The Council at their meeting on 14 October agreed a cross party motion as the basis for a response to the Government on the White Paper 'Your Region, Your choice'

After consideration the Cabinet agreed that the motion, as agreed by the Council, should be sent as the Council's response to the White Paper.

7. REVIEW OF THE CORPORATE PLAN – HEART OF FOREST (REPORT F – 4 DECEMBER 2002) (MINUTE NO. 96)

The Council's Corporate Plan – The Heart of the Forest – was approved by Council in April 2001 as a consultation draft, replacing the previous corporate plan.

Since then, the document has been published and the consultation process involving the Council's Members, employees and partners has been completed.

The Corporate Plan is the most important Council Strategy as it needs to shape the way this Council works. To do this, it needs to work at both a strategic and service level to help bring all members and services together to work towards the same goals. It is an essential element of the Council's Performance Management System which will be the way to achieve this focus on what is important to this Council.

With the production of the Community Strategy in 2003, the Corporate Plan will need to respond through both the setting of future strategic priorities and the annual process of setting portfolio key targets in the light of the issues coming forward from the communities themselves.

To take the matter forward the Cabinet has agreed a programme of work to involve all members in the process to develop the Council's vision and, to input into the identification of the key strategic priorities for the next three years and portfolio priorities for 2003/04.

That programme for this year is detailed below:

December - Cabinet to agree programme and receive consultation feedback to be used to develop final plan

December/ January - All Review Panels to consider the feedback and the key strategic priorities (2003/06) and portfolio key targets (2003/04)

February - Cabinet to consider final draft Corporate Plan including priorities and targets.

8. DELIVERY OF COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT TO DISTRICT COUNCILS – CONSULTATION PAPER (REPORT G – 4 DECEMBER 2002) (MINUTE NO. 98)

Performance improvement within Local Government is currently a key issue and Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) is a key driver to facilitate this process. It is a part of the Government's Performance Management framework for local government and is intended to lead to co-ordinated planning processes and increased freedoms and flexibilities. It also asks: -

- What is your council trying to achieve?
- How has your council set about delivering priorities?
- What has your Council achieved to date?
- In light of what your council has learned, what does it plan to do next?

This approach of driving local government service improvement was outlined in the Local Government White Paper 'Strong Local Leadership – Quality Public Services'. The White Paper encourages greater focus on improved services for local people by freeing 'good councils' from central government controls and restrictions and providing 'poorer' councils with more support to facilitate service improvement.

The Government has recently issued a consultation paper 'Delivering Comprehensive Performance Assessment for District Councils.' This paper consults local authorities on the proposed methodology to be used for district councils, not on other issues such as whether there should be a CPA process or the 'freedoms' that will be awarded for high performing councils.

There is nothing in the CPA process that the Council should be unduly concerned about. Although there are a number of developments that the Council needs to make in order to strengthen its planning and performance management processes and to the corporate planning process these are already in hand.

Members expressed a number of concerns in relation to the consultation paper. They remained to be convinced as to what additional freedoms Comprehensive Performance Assessment would bring to Councils. The document was silent on the cost of improvements to the Council Tax payers. Whilst the document could not be argued against in terms of strategic direction, there was a need to ensure the delivery of good service with a minimum of bureaucracy.

The Cabinet has agreed that the following comments should form the basis of a response to the consultation document:-

- (i) The major concern of any central performance system is, does the process give due regard and flexibility to the needs and issues of local communities? The Government have clearly stated that although they appreciate the needs of local communities they do expect local authorities to deliver on national priorities. There is no evidence in the consultation paper that due regard will be made of the diversity and needs of individual district councils. This is an essential part of the process if it is not to fall rapidly into disrepute.
- (ii) The lack of flexibility that was demonstrated in the process for county and single tier authorities cannot be duplicated for district councils. The range of priorities for district councils make them a completely different challenge and this Council would urge the Audit Commission to consider this issue when building the assessment framework.
- (iii) This Council remains to be convinced that the thematic service inspections will give the appropriate reflection of a council's performance given the issues outlined above and the very different way in which these services are provided from council to council.
- (iv) This Council generally supports the concept of a peer challenge process, having already undertaken an LGIP review. That experience however did leave the Council questioning the ability of the Team to adequately understand and value the issues for the local community in the time that they had available. It also questions the ability to obtain appropriate evidence for the same reason.
- (v) Following the experience of single tier authorities and county councils this Council is extremely concerned over the resources that will be required to facilitate the on-site inspections and the peer challenge. This Council would therefore urge the Audit Commission to ensure that the processes are streamlined or consolidated to ensure scarce resources are not redirected away from front line service delivery to deal with this process.
- (vi) This Council is concerned that the evidence from the thematic service reviews will be used to inform the judgement on whether the council has the capacity to improve. This is to an extent limiting the evidence and if a judgement is to be made the Audit Commission will need to ensure that this judgement can be substantiated. This has been a concern in the best value process and this Council would not like to see this replicated in the CPA process.

- (vii) Whilst accepting the benefits of a peer challenge the Council would wish to ensure that this process adds value by identifying the development needs of the council. It is however unclear from the consultation document how the peer challenge fits into the methodology and what added value this will bring. This Council believes that the Audit Commission must give greater clarification to this issue.
- (viii) Three peer review options are mentioned in the consultation document yet there is no mention of the cost of each option and how these would be funded. Most district councils have difficulty in funding existing demands and therefore it would be very difficult to justify any additional costs to the taxpayer for this activity. The Audit Commission is urged to clarify this situation as a matter of urgency.

**9. LEISURE FEES AND CHARGES APPLICABLE FROM 1 JANUARY 2003
(REPORT H – 4 DECEMBER 2002) (MINUTE NO. 98)**

The Cabinet has considered the proposed Leisure Portfolio fees and charges applicable from 1 January 2003. The schedule of proposed fees and charges is attached as Appendix 1 to this report

The Leisure Portfolio Holder, following comments received from users at Keyhaven, was of the view that the arrangements for setting fees and charges could be improved. With this in mind he proposed, and the Cabinet agreed, that the increase in mooring fees and charges for Dinghy parking at Keyhaven should be reduced from 13% to 6.5%.

Cllr Hutchins, Chairman of the Leisure Review Panel, reported the views of the Focus Group meetings that had been considering the proposed scale of fees and charges. It was noted that the Ringwood Focus Group were of the opinion that the charges were very modest. The Keyhaven Focus Group strongly objected to the increase in charges.

Members commented that whilst the proposals to reduce the percentage increase in charges at Keyhaven was welcomed the method of assessment for calculating the fees and charges required revision. The Cabinet agreed that a Consultative Group, comprising local interested parties, should be formed for Keyhaven with Cllr Pemberton, local ward member, as Chairman, to consider these issues and bring forward proposals for a revised scale of fees and charges for 2004/05.

In setting up the Consultative Group members agreed that a similar model would be considered to review issues at Dibden Golf Centre.

RECOMMENDED

That the proposed fees and charges as set out in Appendix 1 to this report be approved.

10. NEW MILTON RECREATION CENTRE – EXTENSION TO FITNESS SUITE – VIREMENT (REPORT J – 4 DECEMBER 2002) (MINUTE NO. 100)

A scheme to extend the existing fitness area over the main reception and ground floor offices was included in the capital expenditure plans for the Leisure Portfolio in 2002/03. A sum of £120,000 was allocated.

Following the Best Value review of the catering areas in all of the Recreation Centres it was decided to close the Bar and Kitchen facilities at New Milton Recreation Centre. This closure resulted in those areas of the building, which are adjacent to the existing fitness suite at first floor level, becoming available for the proposed extension to the fitness suite.

Tenders were received from three Contractors the lowest price was £227,975 and the highest £305,610. Detailed discussions have been taking place with the lowest tenderer to reduce the cost of the scheme and this has resulted in a revised cost of £159,611 a reduction of £68,364, which is still approximately £40,000 short of the budgeted figure.

The Leisure Portfolio capital programme has been reviewed in the light of the additional costs required for this scheme. The schemes below are not considered to be as high a priority as the fitness suite extension and therefore it is proposed to fund the additional costs by virement from the following schemes.

<u>Centre</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>£</u>
Lymington	100707 – Extension to Sports Hall Store	23,000
New Milton	100502 – Squash Court Refurbishment	5,000
Totton	100808 – Car Park Barrier	<u>12,000</u>
		<u>£40,000</u>

The proposed investment of £160,000 will generate an additional net income over 5 years of £191,000 giving a payback period of 4.3 years.

RECOMMENDED

That virement of £40,000, from existing schemes in the Leisure Portfolio Capital Programme as detailed, to enable the extension to the Fitness Suite at New Milton Recreation Centre be approved.

11. REPRESENTATIVES ON REVIEW PANELS, OUTSIDE AND OTHER BODIES (REPORT K – 4 DECEMBER 2002) (MINUTE NO. 101)

The Cabinet has agreed a number of changes to representatives on outside and other bodies. Other changes, detailed below, require the approval of the Council.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) That Cllr Woods be appointed to the NFDC/Test Valley Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee in place of Cllr N Smith; and***
- (b) That the vacancies on the Corporate and Finance and Environment Review Panels caused by the appointment of Cllr N Smith to the Cabinet be filled by Cllr Hayes.***

**12. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 2002 TO OCTOBER 2002
(REPORT L – 4 DECEMBER 2002) (MINUTE NO. 102)**

The Cabinet considered a report setting out the forecast budget variations of all Portfolios and Committees from approved original estimates for 2002/03. Subject to the necessary Council approvals as set out below, the Cabinet has agreed, as set out in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of Report L to their meeting on 4 December, the revised General Fund budget; the revised Capital Expenditure and the revised Housing Revenue Account.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) That virement of £44,000 be approved for additional expenditure offset by increased income of £45,000 at Applemore Recreation Centre;**
- (b) That a supplementary estimate of £32,000 be approved for Totton Recreation Centre due to reduced income; and**
- (c) That additional capital expenditure (for which there is no overall impact on the Council as these schemes are funded externally) be approved as detailed below:**
 - (i) £51,000 for Western Solent Coastal Strategic Plan;**
 - (ii) £53,000 for Portmore Flood Relief; and**
 - (iii) £53,000 for Lyndhurst Flood Relief.**

**13. CHANGES TO PORTFOLIOS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF REVIEW PANELS
(MINUTE NOS. 103 AND 104 – 4 DECEMBER 2002)**

The Cabinet considered various changes to Portfolios and responsibilities of Review Panels.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) That the Health and Social Exclusion Portfolio be renamed the "Health and Social Inclusion" Portfolio;**
- (b) That the following changes in the composition of the Environment; Health & Social Inclusion and Policy & Strategy Portfolios be agreed:-**
 - (i) That the following functions be transferred from the Environment to the Health and Social Inclusion Portfolio:**
 - Environmental Health Services -**
 - Implementation of strategies for -**
 - Air pollution control**
 - Noise and statutory nuisances**
 - Drinking water standards**
 - Drains and sewers (in the public health context)**
 - Land contamination**
 - Radiation monitoring**

Food safety
Communicable disease
Pest control
Dog warden service
Sunday trading
Animal welfare (except for those matters being the responsibility of the General Purposes & Licensing Committee)

- (ii) *That the following function be transferred from the Policy & Strategy Portfolio to the Health and Social Inclusion Portfolio:*

Health and Safety of employees

- (c) *That the amendments to Chapter 9 of the Constitution shown in bold italic print at Appendix 2 to this report be approved; and*
- (d) *That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make any other minor amendments to the Constitution that are required as a direct consequence of recommendation (c).*

14. FUTURE OF THE LOCAL CENTRE SITE, CHALLENGER WAY, DIBDEN (REPORT M – 4 DECEMBER 2002) (MINUTE NO. 106)

The Cabinet has considered the future use of the Dibden Local Centre site. An informal consultation exercise has recently been completed with all the local district council members and Hythe and Dibden Parish Council. At the same time, all parties who had previously expressed an interest in the site were asked to set out their aspirations and how they would be implemented.

The Dibden Local Centre site is marked as site A on the plans attached at Appendix 3 to this report.

The exploration of options has indicated that its future could be affected by three other pieces of land. Site B on the plan is a directly adjoining piece of land, privately owned, and allocated for housing in policy HD-17 of the Local Plan. To the north of this, Site C is zoned for educational purposes in Policy HD-25, but its owners, Hampshire County Council, have indicated informally that it might not be required for this purpose. It is possible that this site might also be disposed of for residential purposes. Finally, Site D, about a mile away in Fairview Drive, Dibden (and not shown on the plan) is owned by this Council but is currently leased by Age Concern. They have indicated that their existing facilities are restricted in their use and in a poor condition. They have expressed a wish to move to the local centre site, which could release the Fairview Drive site for an alternative use.

In considering the options the Cabinet were of the opinion that there did not appear to be any compelling justification for the provision of a place of worship on Site A.

Members agreed that if an opportunity arose to provide Key Worker housing as part of the allocation on Site A then they would consider that option further at the time.

Members noted that this issue is considered to be a “key decision”. It was not included in the last forward plan of key decisions as, when that plan was prepared, it was not known that funding to enable part of the proposed development to proceed was available. It was then learned that funding may be available, but only if the matter was progressed urgently. For this reason it was not reasonable to wait until the matter could be included in a forward plan before taking the decision.

As required by legislation in these circumstances, all Review Panel Chairmen were notified of the above terms on 26 November 2002 and the Council are advised of the position in this report.

After discussion the Cabinet has agreed

- (a) that the principle of splitting Site A for both community use and a housing development be agreed;
- (b) that Age Concern be confirmed as the preferred main user of the community provision section subject to detailed discussions to ensure maximum community, including youth provision, use of their buildings, provided external funding is available in a reasonable timescale, and in respect of the terms for their giving up the lease of the Fairview Drive site;
- (c) that no place of worship be provided on Site A;
- (d) that the preferred tenure and type of housing on the section of Site A, not required for community facilities be market value housing with the usual provision for 35% general needs affordable housing;
- (e) that the principle be agreed of allowing access to Site B through the local centre site A; and
- (f) that further discussions be held with the owners of Site B and any parties with whom they have a contractual relationship to consider how this might contribute to the optimum development of both sites and to establish the timescales involved.

**Cllr M J Kendal
CHAIRMAN**

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LEISURE PORTFOLIO

PROPOSED SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2002/03

KEYHAVEN RIVER

		Current Charge £	Proposed Charge £	Increase %	Review Indicator
All increases with effect from 1st January 2003:					
Waiting Lists (inc. VAT)					
Waiting List Fee	Moorings	20.00	20.00	0.0	
	Dinghy Park	15.00	15.00	0.0	
Licence Fees - Private Moorings (excl. VAT)		55.17	55.17	0.0	
Mooring Fees [including Licence Fee] (excl. VAT)					
Drying	Small Boats	178.34	189.93	6.5	M
	Large Boats	196.61	209.39	6.5	M
Part Drying		224.54	239.14	6.5	M
Deep Water		357.75	381.00	6.5	M
Wall Moorings		107.43	114.41	6.5	M
Non-Residents		<i>As above plus 50%</i>			
Dinghy Park (excl. VAT)					
Dinghy Park	per space per annum	107.43	114.41	6.5	M
Grass Bank	"	50.00	53.25	6.5	
Non-Residents		<i>As above plus 50%</i>			

LEISURE PORTFOLIO

PROPOSED SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2002/03

KEYHAVEN RIVER

	Current Charge £	Proposed Charge £	Increase %	Review Indicator	
All increases with effect from 1st January 2003:					
Other Charges (incl. VAT)					
Temporary Dinghy Park per space per week	12.50	12.50	0.0		
Launching Fees - Single Launch					
Under 12 Feet	5.00	5.00	0.0	M	
12 - 16 Feet	10.00	10.00	0.0	M	
16 - 20 Feet	15.00	15.00	0.0	M	
Over 20 Feet	20.00	20.00	0.0	M	
Launching Fees - Season Ticket					
Under 12 Feet	25.00	25.00	0.0		
12 - 16 Feet	50.00	50.00	0.0		
16 - 20 Feet	75.00	75.00	0.0		
Over 20 Feet	100.00	100.00	0.0		
Non-Residents	<i>As above plus 50%</i>				
Temporary Mooring Fees					
Anchorage/Visitor Moorings (dependant upon location)					
per night	from	5.00	5.00	0.0	M
	to	10.00	10.00	0.0	M
per week	from	12.00	12.00	0.0	M
	to	20.00	20.00	0.0	M
short stay	from	3.00	3.00	0.0	M
	to	5.50	5.50	0.0	M

Review Indicator Key

M - Market comparisons undertaken
L - Local Authority comparisons undertaken
S - Statutory Charge Level

LEISURE PORTFOLIO

PROPOSED SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2003/04

APPLEMORE RECREATION CENTRE

			Current Charge £	Proposed Charge £	Increase %	Review Indicator
All Increases with effect from 1st January 2003:						
Memberships						
Family			54.00	58.00	7.4	M / L
Adult	(18 and over)		27.00	29.00	7.4	M / L
Junior	(under 18)		15.00	16.00	6.7	M / L
Senior	(60 +)		21.00	22.50	7.1	M / L
Concessionary			5.00	6.00	20.0	M / L
Centre Based Clubs						
Number of Members:	Under 20		105.00	110.00	4.8	M / L
	20 - 49		210.00	220.00	4.8	M / L
	50 - 100		295.00	310.00	5.1	M / L
	101 +		420.00	440.00	4.8	M / L
Centre Based Junior Clubs						
Number of Members:	Under 50		105.00	110.00	4.8	M / L
	50 - 75		155.00	165.00	6.5	M / L
	76 +		210.00	220.00	4.8	M / L
Spectator / Non Member Admission			0.65	0.70	7.7	M / L
Swimming Charges						
Adult		per hour	2.05	2.10	2.4	M / L
Junior	(under 18)	"	1.00	1.05	5.0	M / L
Senior	(60 +)	"	1.15	1.20	4.3	M / L
Concessionary	Adult	"	1.15	1.20	4.3	M / L
	Junior	"	0.75	0.80	6.7	M / L
Area Hire - Pool Hall		"	49.00	51.50	5.1	M / L

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PROPOSED SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2003/04

APPLEMORE RECREATION CENTRE

			Current Charge £	Proposed Charge £	Increase %	Review Indicator
All Increases with effect from 1st January 2003:						
Dryside Activities Charges						
Badminton	Peak	per hour	5.50	5.70	3.6	M / L
	Off Peak	"	4.10	4.30	4.9	M / L
Creche		per hour	1.80	1.80	0.0	M / L
Sports Hall (Four Courts)	Peak	per hour	26.00	27.50	5.8	M / L
	Off Peak	"	18.00	19.00	5.6	M / L
Sports Hall (Six Courts)	Peak	per hour	45.00	48.00	6.7	M / L
	Off Peak	"	23.50	25.00	6.4	M / L
Squash Court	Peak	per 40 mins	3.70	3.90	5.4	M / L
	Off Peak	"	3.30	3.50	6.1	M / L
Fitness Suite						
Profiles	Fitness Direct	Individual	33.00	36.00	9.1	M / L
		Joint	60.00	66.00	10.0	M / L
Annual		Individual	330.00	360.00	9.1	M / L
		Joint	600.00	660.00	10.0	M / L
Casual Use			3.90	4.10	5.1	M / L

Review Indicator Key

M - Market comparisons undertaken
 L - Local Authority comparisons undertaken
 S - Statutory Charge Level

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PROPOSED SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2003/04

NEW MILTON RECREATION CENTRE

			Current Charge £	Proposed Charge £	Increase %	Review Indicator
All Increases with effect from 1st January 2003:						
Memberships						
Family			54.00	58.00	7.4	M / L
Adult	(18 and over)		27.00	29.00	7.4	M / L
Junior	(under 18)		15.00	16.00	6.7	M / L
Senior	(60 +)		21.00	22.50	7.1	M / L
Concessionary			5.00	6.00	20.0	M / L
Centre Based Clubs						
Number of Members:	Under 20		105.00	110.00	4.8	M / L
	20 - 49		210.00	220.00	4.8	M / L
	50 - 100		295.00	310.00	5.1	M / L
	101 +		420.00	440.00	4.8	M / L
Centre Based Junior Clubs						
Number of Members:	Under 50		105.00	110.00	4.8	M / L
	50 - 75		155.00	165.00	6.5	M / L
	76 +		210.00	220.00	4.8	M / L
Spectator / Non Member Admission			0.65	0.70	7.7	M / L
Swimming Charges						
Adult		per hour	2.05	2.15	4.9	M / L
Junior	(under 18)	"	1.00	1.05	5.0	M / L
Senior	(60 +)	"	1.30	1.40	7.7	M / L
Concessionary	Adult	"	1.15	1.30	13.0	M / L
	Junior	"	0.75	0.80	6.7	M / L
Area Hire - Pool Hall			44.50	47.00	5.6	M / L

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PROPOSED SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2003/04

NEW MILTON RECREATION CENTRE

			Current Charge £	Proposed Charge £	Increase %	Review Indicator
All Increases with effect from 1st January 2003:						
Dryside Activities Charges						
Badminton	Peak	per hour	5.85	6.20	6.0	M / L
	Off Peak	"	4.10	4.25	3.7	M / L
Creche		per hour	1.50	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sports Hall	Peak	per hour	27.50	29.00	5.5	M / L
	Off Peak	"	16.50	17.00	3.0	M / L
Squash Court	Peak	per 40 mins	4.60	4.85	5.4	M / L
	Off Peak	"	3.65	3.85	5.5	M / L
Fitness Suite						
Direct Debit Option 1		Individual	34.00	36.00	5.9	M / L
		Joint	61.00	61.00	0.0	M / L
Direct Debit Option 2		Individual	31.00	33.00	6.5	M / L
		Joint	53.00	55.00	3.8	M / L
Direct Debit Option 3		Individual	22.00	23.00	4.5	M / L
Direct Debit Option 4		Individual	22.00	24.00	9.1	M / L
		Joint	40.00	40.00	0.0	M / L
Contours			3.75	4.00	6.7	M / L
Foundry			2.50	2.65	6.0	M / L

Review Indicator Key

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PROPOSED SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2003/04

RINGWOOD RECREATION CENTRE

			Current Charge £	Proposed Charge £	Increase %	Review Indicator
All Increases with effect from 1st January 2003:						
Memberships						
Family			54.00	58.00	7.4	M / L
Adult	(18 and over)		27.00	29.00	7.4	M / L
Junior	(under 18)		15.00	16.00	6.7	M / L
Senior	(60 +)		21.00	22.50	7.1	M / L
Concessionary			5.00	6.00	20.0	M / L
Centre Based Clubs						
Number of Members:	Under 20		105.00	110.00	4.8	M / L
	20 - 49		210.00	220.00	4.8	M / L
	50 - 100		295.00	310.00	5.1	M / L
	101 +		420.00	440.00	4.8	M / L
Centre Based Junior Clubs						
Number of Members:	Under 50		105.00	110.00	4.8	M / L
	50 - 75		155.00	165.00	6.5	M / L
	76 +		210.00	220.00	4.8	M / L
Spectator / Non Member Admission			0.65	0.70	7.7	M / L
Swimming Charges						
Adult		per hour	2.05	2.15	4.9	M / L
Junior	(under 18)	"	1.00	1.05	5.0	M / L
Senior	(60 +)	"	1.30	1.40	7.7	M / L
Concessionary	Adult	"	1.15	1.30	13.0	M / L
	Junior	"	0.75	0.80	6.7	M / L
Area Hire - Pool Hall		"	49.00	51.50	5.1	M / L
Block Booking Hire						
Peak - Band A		per hour	41.70	62.50	49.9	M / L
Peak - Band B		"	41.70	59.00	41.5	M / L
Off Peak - Band C		"	41.70	56.00	34.3	M / L
Off Peak - Band D		"	41.70	54.00	29.5	M / L

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PROPOSED SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2003/04

RINGWOOD RECREATION CENTRE

			Current Charge £	Proposed Charge £	Increase %	Review Indicator
All Increases with effect from 1st January 2003:						
Dryside Activities Charges						
Badminton	Peak	per hour	6.00	6.40	6.7	M / L
	Off Peak	"	4.40	4.60	4.5	M / L
Creche		per hour	1.80	1.95	8.3	M / L
Sports Hall	Peak	per hour	30.00	32.00	6.7	M / L
	Off Peak	"	22.00	23.00	4.5	M / L
Squash Court	Peak	per 40 mins	4.10	4.30	4.9	M / L
	Off Peak	"	3.90	4.00	2.6	M / L
Fitness Suite						
Bodyline	Monthly	Individual	31.00	33.00	6.5	M / L
		Joint	52.50	55.00	4.8	M / L
	Monthly - All Inclusive	Individual	34.00	36.00	5.9	M / L
		Joint	60.75	64.00	5.3	M / L
Annual		Individual	310.00	325.00	4.8	M / L
		Joint	525.00	540.00	2.9	M / L
Annual - All Inclusive		Individual	340.00	357.00	5.0	M / L
		Joint	607.50	637.00	4.9	M / L
Fitness	Peak	Per Session	3.90	4.10	5.1	M / L

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PROPOSED SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2003/04

LYMINGTON RECREATION CENTRE

			Current Charge £	Proposed Charge £	Increase %	Review Indicator
All Increases with effect from 1st January 2003:						
Memberships						
Family			54.00	58.00	7.4	M / L
Adult	(18 and over)		27.00	29.00	7.4	M / L
Junior	(under 18)		15.00	16.00	6.7	M / L
Senior	(60 +)		21.00	22.50	7.1	M / L
Concessionary			5.00	6.00	20.0	M / L
Centre Based Clubs						
Number of Members:	Under 20		105.00	110.00	4.8	M / L
	20 - 49		210.00	220.00	4.8	M / L
	50 - 100		295.00	310.00	5.1	M / L
	101 +		420.00	440.00	4.8	M / L
Centre Based Junior Clubs						
Number of Members:	Under 50		105.00	110.00	4.8	M / L
	50 - 75		155.00	165.00	6.5	M / L
	76 +		210.00	220.00	4.8	M / L
Spectator / Non Member Admission			0.65	0.70	7.7	M / L
Swimming Charges						
Adult		per hour	2.05	2.15	4.9	M / L
Junior	(under 18)	"	1.00	1.05	5.0	M / L
Senior	(60 +)	"	1.30	1.40	7.7	M / L
Concessionary	Adult	"	1.15	1.30	13.0	M / L
	Junior	"	0.75	0.80	6.7	M / L
Area Hire - Pool Hall		"	48.50	51.00	5.2	M / L

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PROPOSED SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2003/04

LYMINGTON RECREATION CENTRE

			Current Charge £	Proposed Charge £	Increase %	Review Indicator
All Increases with effect from 1st January 2003:						
Dryside Activities Charges						
Badminton	Peak	per hour	5.75	6.00	4.3	M / L
	Off Peak	"	4.10	4.25	3.7	M / L
Creche		per hour	1.50	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sports Hall	Peak	per hour	26.50	27.50	3.8	M / L
	Off Peak	"	16.50	17.00	3.0	M / L

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PROPOSED SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2003/04

TOTTEN RECREATION CENTRE

			Current Charge £	Proposed Charge £	Increase %	Review Indicator
All Increases with effect from 1st January 2003:						
Memberships						
Family			54.00	58.00	7.4	M / L
Adult	(18 and over)		27.00	29.00	7.4	M / L
Junior	(under 18)		15.00	16.00	6.7	M / L
Senior	(60 +)		21.00	22.50	7.1	M / L
Concessionary			5.00	6.00	20.0	M / L
Centre Based Clubs						
Number of Members:		Under 20	105.00	110.00	4.8	M / L
		20 - 49	210.00	220.00	4.8	M / L
		50 - 100	295.00	310.00	5.1	M / L
		101 +	420.00	440.00	4.8	M / L
Centre Based Junior Clubs						
Number of Members:		Under 50	105.00	110.00	4.8	M / L
		50 - 75	155.00	165.00	6.5	M / L
		76 +	210.00	220.00	4.8	M / L
Spectator / Non Member Admission			0.65	0.70	7.7	M / L
Swimming Charges						
Adult		per hour	2.05	2.10	2.4	M / L
Junior	(under 18)	"	1.00	1.05	5.0	M / L
Senior	(60 +)	"	1.15	1.20	4.3	M / L
Concessionary	Adult	"	1.15	1.20	4.3	M / L
	Junior	"	0.75	0.80	6.7	M / L
Area Hire - Pool Hall		"	49.00	51.50	5.1	M / L

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PROPOSED SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2003/04

TOTTEN RECREATION CENTRE

			Current Charge	Proposed Charge	Increase	Review Indicator
			£	£	%	
All Increases with effect from 1st January 2003:						
Dryside Activities Charges						
Badminton	Peak	per hour	5.70	6.00	5.3	M / L
	Off Peak	"	4.35	4.60	5.7	M / L
Creche		per 90 mins	2.45	2.60	6.1	M / L
Sports Hall	Peak	per hour	26.00	27.30	5.0	M / L
	Off Peak	"	18.00	19.00	5.6	M / L
Fitness Suite						
Lifestyles Direct	Monthly	Individual	33.00	36.00	9.1	M / L
		Joint	60.00	66.00	10.0	M / L
	Annual	Individual	330.00	360.00	9.1	M / L
		Joint	600.00	660.00	10.0	M / L
Casual			3.95	4.30	8.9	M / L

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TERMS OF REFERENCE OF REVIEW PANELS

1. The statutory overview and scrutiny functions of the Council shall be undertaken by Review Panels. Each Panel shall have a particular responsibility for the overview and scrutiny of the functions undertaken for the following Portfolios within the Cabinet:-

The Corporate and Finance Review Panel:

The Policy and Strategy and Finance and Support ***Portfolios***

The Crime and Disorder Review Panel:

The Crime and Disorder ***Portfolio***

The Environment Review Panel:

The Environment Portfolio, ***and the environmental health and health and safety functions of the Health and Social Inclusion Portfolio***

The Housing, Health and Social Inclusion Review Panel:

The Housing ***Portfolio, and those functions of the*** Health and Social ***Inclusion Portfolio not assigned to the Environment Review Panel***

The Economy and Planning Review Panel:

The Economy and Planning ***Portfolio***

The Leisure Review Panel:

The Leisure ***Portfolio***



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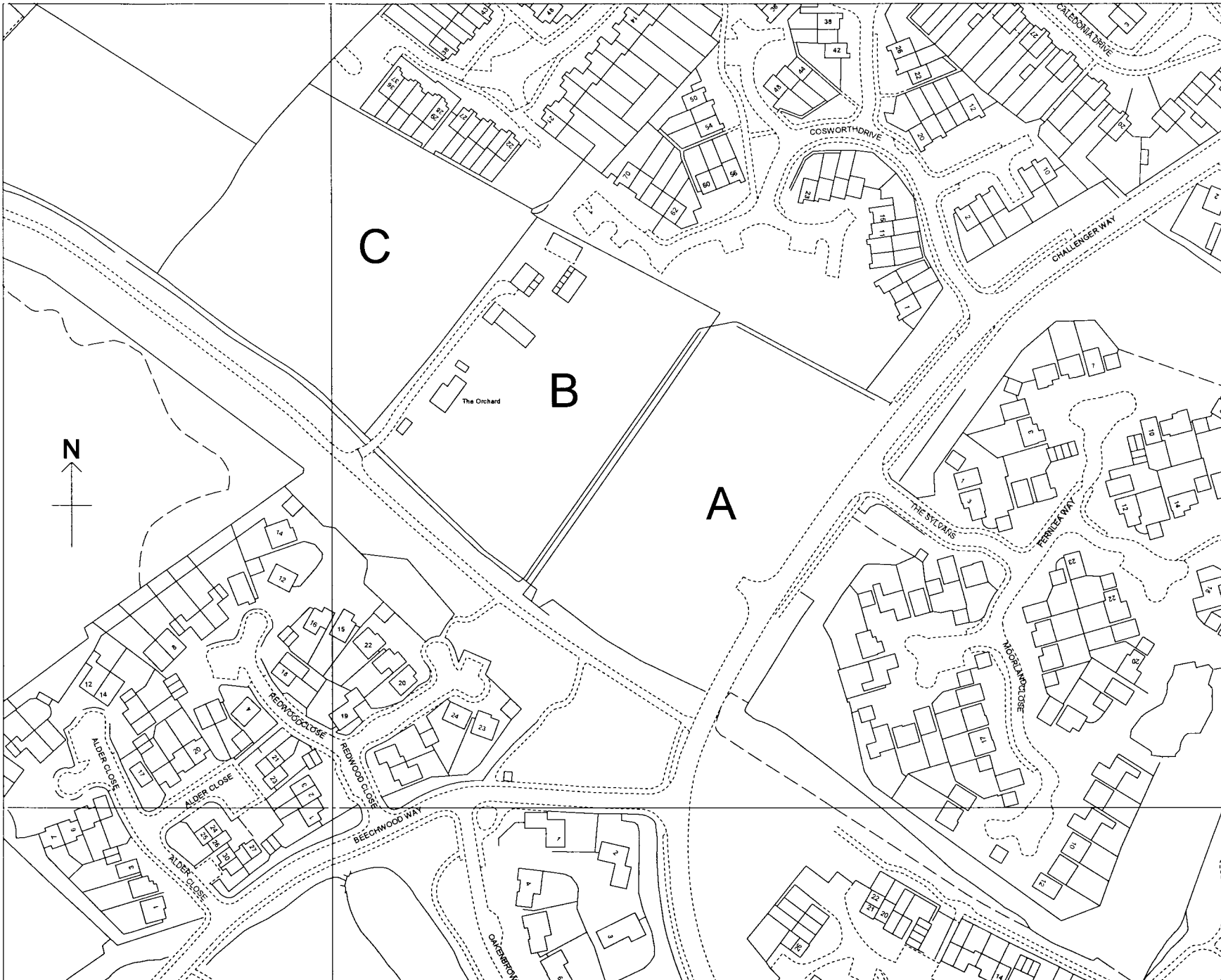
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