

Policy & Resources Committee

Title:	Disposal of Amenity Land at 28 Youens Drive
Date:	14 February 2023
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Purpose of this Report

1. To provide an update and agree a price for the area of amenity land for disposal at 28 Youens Drive.

Background

2. At the Policy & Resources Committee meeting on 3 August 2021 it was agreed in principle that amenity land adjacent to 28 Youens could be disposed of, subject to the release of covenants in the deed related to this specific piece of land.
3. The owner obtained planning permission from South Oxfordshire District Council on 15 February 2022 for change of use of public open space to private garden (application P21/S5089/FUL).
4. A quotation from Andrew Eades, Chartered Surveyors to undertake a valuation of the land was provided to the owner and the Town Council.
5. All costs associated with the transfer will be met by the owner.

Land Valuation

6. Andrews Eades undertook the survey and suggested the parcel of land is worth in the order of £10,000 plus all additional costs associated with the transfer and enclosure (Appendix 1).
7. Should the Council agree the value, it is suggested that consideration be given to the sum received being put in Ear Marked Reserves for the Environment.
8. Crest Nicholson, the developers of the Thame Park Road development, have confirmed their agreement to release covenants related to 28 Youens Drive as shown within the Land Registry document (Appendices 2 & 3).

Land Acquisition and Disposal Policy

9. The Council has a policy for land acquisition and disposal (Appendix 4).

Legal Powers:

Local Government Act 1972 S.127

Action Required:

- i) To agree the sale price of land to be sold to enable Officers to progress the disposal of the amenity land.*