



EXECUTIVE MEMBER DELEGATED POWERS DECISION NOTICE

[2020-16]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 SECTION 9E

1 DETAILS OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER TAKING THE DECISION

Cllr Stephen Boulton, Executive Member for Environment and Planning

2 TITLE OF REPORT

Article 4 Direction on land at Digswell Park Road

3 DECISION TAKEN

The confirmation of an Article 4 Direction at Digswell Park Road to remove nationally permitted development rights for: the erection, construction, maintenance, improvement or alteration of a gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure; the formation, laying out and construction of a means of access to a highway which is not a trunk road or a classified road; the use of the land for any purpose for not more than 28 days in total in any calendar year, of which not more than 14 days in total may be used for (a) the holding of a market, (b) motor car and motorcycle racing including trials of speed and practising for these activities, and the provision on the land of any moveable structure for the purpose of the permitted use.

4 IF URGENT, REASONS FOR URGENCY

N/A

5 DETAILS OF OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBER(S) CONSULTED

Report circulated to members of Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel in June 2020 for immediate Article 4 Direction received no objections.

Report presented to Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel on 29 October 2020 for permanent Article 4 Direction was unanimously agreed by members.

Name Cllr Stephen Boulton

Signature _____

Date this decision was taken: 13 November 2020

Date of circulation/publication of this decision: 13 November 2020

6 EXPLANATION/BACKGROUND

A full explanation of legal, financial, risk and other implications is contained within a report presented to Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel on 29 October 2020.

In summary the Council served an immediate Article 4 Direction on land at Digswell Park Road in June 2020 due to concerns about the auction of plotted land parcels for potential development in the green belt and the setting of a Grade II listed viaduct. The immediate Direction lasts for six months until 26 December 2020. This decision confirms the Article 4 Direction.

Alternative options considered and reasons for their rejection (if any):

The alternative options are:

Do nothing, which could result in activities taking place which harm to character of the Green Belt and the setting of the Grade II* listed viaduct.

Take enforcement action against any unauthorised activity that may occur, but this would not include any activity which has nationally permitted development rights.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS USED TO INFORM THE DECISION

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Report presented to Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel on 29 October 2020

8 DETAILS OF ANY MEMBERS OR OFFICERS WHO HAVE DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND THE NATURE OF ANY SUCH INTEREST AND ANY DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

None

9 ADDITIONAL CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION CONSIDERED

None

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