

DELEGATED DECISION

Regeneration and Economic Development



November 2017

Declare Former the Durham Free School surplus to requirements and dispose of the property on the open market

UPRN: 0752S01

Report of Gerard Darby, Asset Services Manager

Purpose of the Report

- 1 The purpose of the report is to seek approval to:-
 - a) Declare Former the Durham Free School, shown edged red on the attached plan and amounting to 2.61 ha (6.45 acres), surplus to requirements.
 - b) Dispose of the property on the open market.

Background

- 2 The Durham Free School closed in March 2015. The school buildings were demolished in May 2016 and the site is cleared.
- 3 On 15 September 2017 the Department of Education granted permission for the Council to dispose of the school land used by the former Durham Free School under S77 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 and Schedule 1 of the Academies Act 2010.
- 4 It is intended that the Council will retain the sports pitches on the site.
- 5 All services have been consulted and have said that they have no interest in the property and as such the property is surplus to Council requirements.

Current Position

- 6 Service departments and partners were consulted in January 2016 to ascertain if they would have suitable alternative use for the property and no interest has been shown.

- 7 As part of the consultation process, technical advice has been sought and the following responses have been received:

Archaeology

Site is greater than 1ha and as such requires archaeological evaluation prior to determination of any planning application

Public Rights of Way

Part of Public Bridleway no 114 crosses the south west corner of the site boundary to join with the school entrance road.

There have been no adverse technical responses associated with the disposal of the site.

Recommendations and reasons

- 8 You are recommended to agree to:
- a) Declare Former the Durham Free School surplus to requirements
 - b) Dispose of the site on the open market.

Background papers

Plan

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance - The Council will receive a capital receipt from the sale of the property.

Staffing - None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder - None

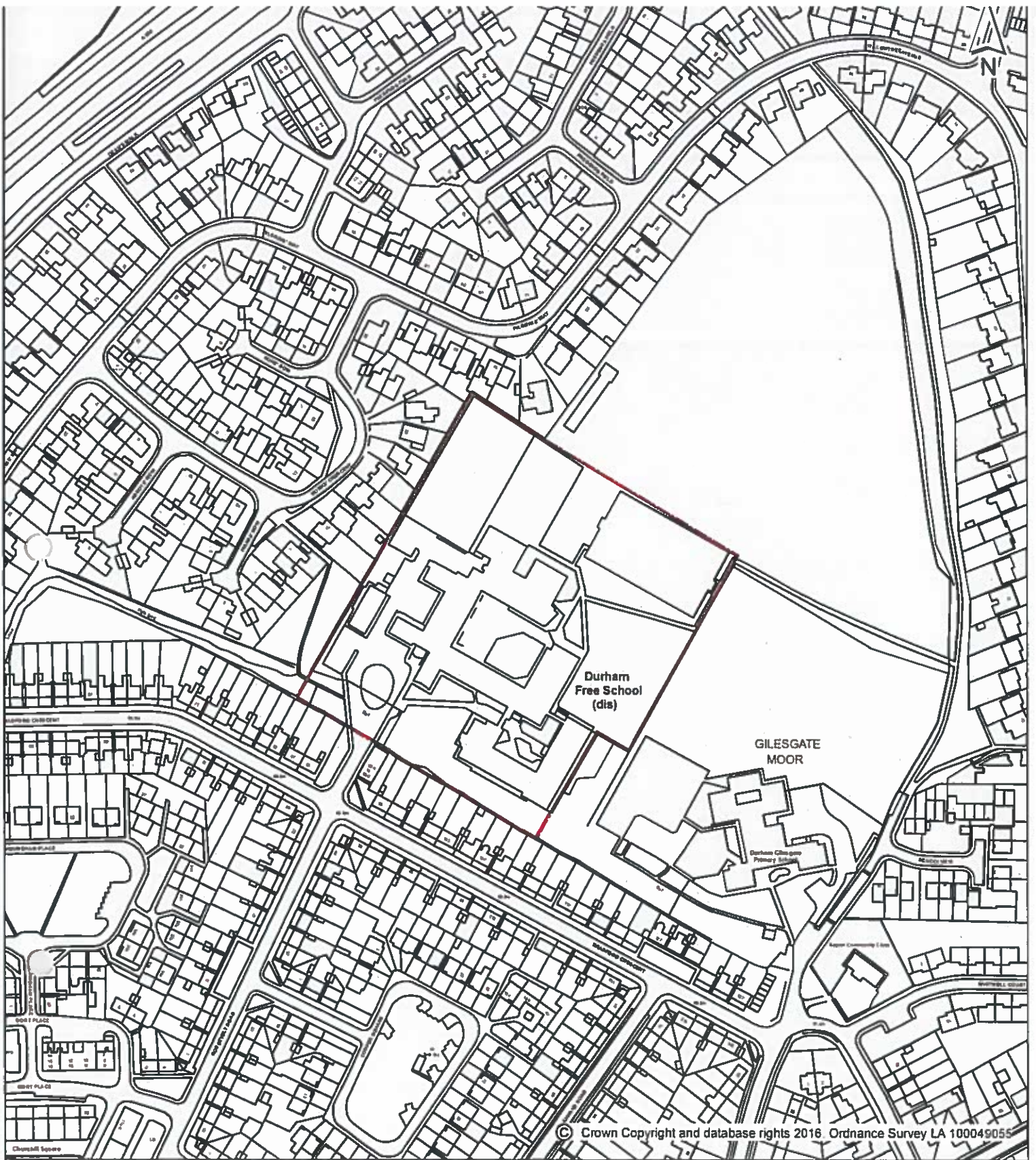
Human Rights - None

Consultation - Councillors Eddie Tomlinson, Patrick Conway, Katie Corrigan, and Bill Moir were consulted in January 2016 with no queries raised and no conflicts of interest have been declared.

Procurement - None

Disability Issues - None

Legal Implications - None



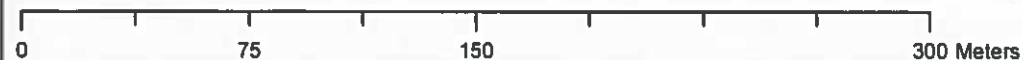
GILES GATE. FORMER DURHAM FREE SCHOOL.

Scale : 1:2,500

Total Area Verged Red : 25033.01 m², 6.19 Acres or thereabouts.

Based Upon O.S Map :NZ2943. Date :27/06/2016. Plan Ref: ARC-16-012

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