

APPENDIX C **BATH ROAD**

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members on the demolition of properties at 150-160 Bath Road and seek delegated authority to commence a feasibility study.

2 Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action

- 2 The Cabinet is requested to resolve:

(vii) That officers undertake a feasibility study and develop options to introduce residential development on the area of land that is located behind the road widening line.

3 Supporting Information

- 3.1 In February 2013 Cabinet gave approval to demolish the properties between 150-160 Bath Road, which consisted of five 3 bedroom late Victorian style terraced houses and an adjoining conversion providing a ground floor and upper main door flat. To obtain economies of scale, the demolition was procured along with other projects (including the demolition of Gurney House) and was subsequently completed in March 2014. The properties were demolished to facilitate a long-term strategy to improve traffic flow.
- 3.2 The road widening line, which was the catalyst for the acquisition of the properties remains in place. Proposals are being developed for transport improvements related to a rapid transport system along the A4.
- 3.3 The potential exists to introduce a residential development on land that sits behind the road widening line to provide an attractive gateway into the town and maximise the value of the remaining asset.

4 Conclusion

- 4.1 Whilst the demolition of the properties at 150-160 Bath Road has introduced an immediate environmental improvement, the Council will incur ongoing costs to maintain the newly landscaped area. Given the high demand for housing, it is prudent to explore options for the development of land behind the road widening line in tandem with the ongoing feasibility study linked to traffic improvements.

5 Appendices Attached

Appendix 1: Site Plan of 150 – 160 Bath Road, Slough