

Exemption/Public Interest Test – Checklist

Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972

Report Title: £100 Million Affordable Housing Programme: Land at Potton End, Eltisley, South Cambridgeshire.

Meeting: Housing & Communities Committee

Date: 10th January 2022

1. Category of Exemption applied (see Guidance for categories):

Appendix 1 of the Report titled **2021/22 Affordable Housing Programme: land at Potton End, Eltisley** exempt from publication in accordance with paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 on account that the Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person or organization (including the authority holding that information).

Public Interest Test Questionnaire

This is not a definitive list but does provide a set of questions to help decide if information should be confidential

FACTORS SUPPORTING DISCLOSURE	ANSWER YES/NO
Will disclosure help people to understand and participate in public debate about current issues?	no
Will disclosure help people to understand why the Combined Authority has taken certain decisions?	yes
Will disclosure give the public information about the personal probity (or otherwise) of elected members or council staff?	no
Will disclosure encourage greater competition and better value for money for council taxpayers?	yes
Will disclosure allow individuals and companies to understand decisions made by the Combined Authority that have affected their lives?	no
Is the information about factors that affect public health and public safety? (NB you should be careful if considering the release of information which might adversely affect public health and safety)	no

Will disclosure reveal incompetent, illegal or unethical decision-making or examples of malpractice?	no
Will disclosure reveal that such maladministration has not in fact occurred?	no
FACTORS SUPPORTING WITHHOLDING INFORMATION	ANSWER YES/NO
Will disclosure damage the Combined Authority's interests without giving the public any useful information?	no
Will disclosure damage another organisation or person's interests, without giving the public any useful information?	yes
Will disclosure give an unfair, prejudicial, or inaccurate view of a situation?	no
Will disclosure prevent the effective delivery of services without giving the public useful information?	yes
Will disclosure put the health and safety of any group or individuals at risk?	no
Is there a clear and coherent reason why the community in general would benefit more from information being withheld?	Yes – extremely business sensitive information, as dealings are still ongoing

Outcome of Public Interest Test

The exempt documents have business sensitive and financial information of a site/scheme details, costs and other influential details such as site plans and details of the site, which if in the public domain could lead to competition from other parties, as the deal is not at a conclusion.

Appendices

1. CPCA /Land at Potton end Business Case (business sensitive) & Financial Appraisal DAT. (commercially sensitive)

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Date 17/12/21

Signed off by Director



Date 17/12/2021

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Date 20th December 2021