

Eastleigh Local Area Committee

Tuesday 15 September

Update Report

| Date Received or Minute No/Ref: | Subject: | | Officer Contact: |
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| January Minute 95 | Public Participation | Question from Mr Payne of clearance of leaves from public drainage points to avoid flooding and marketing of 'The Green' site | Guy Riddoch |
| September Update | <p>Mr Payne received an email response from the Local Area Manager, Guy Riddoch, on 4 May 2020:</p> <p>Apologies for the late reply on this matter but, as I am sure you will understand officers have had to focus efforts elsewhere in recent weeks. I am now pleased to say that I can reply to your questions about The Green and leaf clearance, which you asked at the last Eastleigh Local Area Committee meeting on 19th January 2020.</p> <p>In May 2019 external real estate consultants with both regional and national representation were appointed for 'The Green', to actively promote and market the site. In addition, a separate marketing consultancy were appointed to develop a marketing campaign including a site brochure, bespoke website and advertising boards to maximise the site opportunities.</p> <p>Whilst the site has planning permission for an office building it was felt prudent at this stage not to invest significant amounts of public money without formally marketing the site to secure a pre-let for all or part of the building. As the site was formally occupied by the Council there is no loss of income and due to commercial sensitivities we are unable to divulge details of the previous pre-let negotiations for the site. We are continuing to work closely with our external consultants to review the progress of the marketing campaign and consider alternative options for the site if a pre-let is not identified.</p> <p>There were 27 trees on site (no grade-A trees) of which 13 have had to be removed, however 33 additional trees and five tall specimen shrubs are required to be planted.</p> <p>Turning to the accumulation of leaves in the gullies in town centre streets, we will trial a new approach for the coming autumn using leaf blowers, where staff will blow leaves off pavements and out of the gutters into the centre of the road. We will then use a mechanical</p> | | |

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| | <p>sweeper to remove the leaves. If successful, this will help avoid blocked gullies and clean leaves in a way that minimises disruption to local residents.</p> |
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If you are aware of any blocked gullies between these scheduled cleans can you please provide precise location and we can contact the County Council who will send a gully sucker. Or if you prefer you can report these directly via the County Council 'Report it' pages on their web site.