

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: LEARNING AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: LAND SURPLUS TO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS ADJACENT TO FORGEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE
From: HEAD OF COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND LEARNING		
Date: 27/01/2014	Ref: LMCM/IM/NR	

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Learning and Leisure Services Committee for an area of land adjacent to Forgewood Community Centre surplus to Learning and Leisure Services operational requirements. This will pave the way for the Forgewood Housing Co-operative (FHC) to develop a new community facility for Forgewood, a community driven initiative which aims to replace the existing poor condition 1960's building with a quality centre that meets the needs of local residents in the heart of Forgewood.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Forgewood Community Centre

Committee will recall that at its meeting on 5 November 2013 it gave approval to declare Forgewood Community Centre and environs surplus to operational requirements (see appendix 1 for details) to support the development of a new community facility for Forgewood.

2.2 Project/Facility – Governance/Operation

The proposed new facility will be community owned and managed, with support from the local registered social landlord, Forgewood Housing Co-operative. FHC was established in 1994 following the stock transfer of properties from the then Motherwell District Council. FHC operates as a non-charitable Industrial Provident Society, currently managing 218 properties in the Forgewood area of North Lanarkshire.

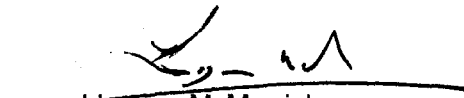
3. CONSIDERATIONS

There is now a requirement to declare an additional area of land, extending to 529m² or thereabouts as outlined in the plan detailed in Appendix 2, adjacent to Forgewood Community Centre, surplus to Learning and Leisure Services operational requirements to support the new development.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Learning and Leisure Services Committee is recommended to:

- (i) declare the area of land adjacent to Forgewood Community Centre, as defined in the plan contained within Appendix 2 of this report, surplus to operational requirements, to be dealt with in accordance with the Council's policy on surplus land and buildings; and
- (ii) refer this report to the Policy and Resources (Regeneration and Infrastructure) Sub Committee for consideration.



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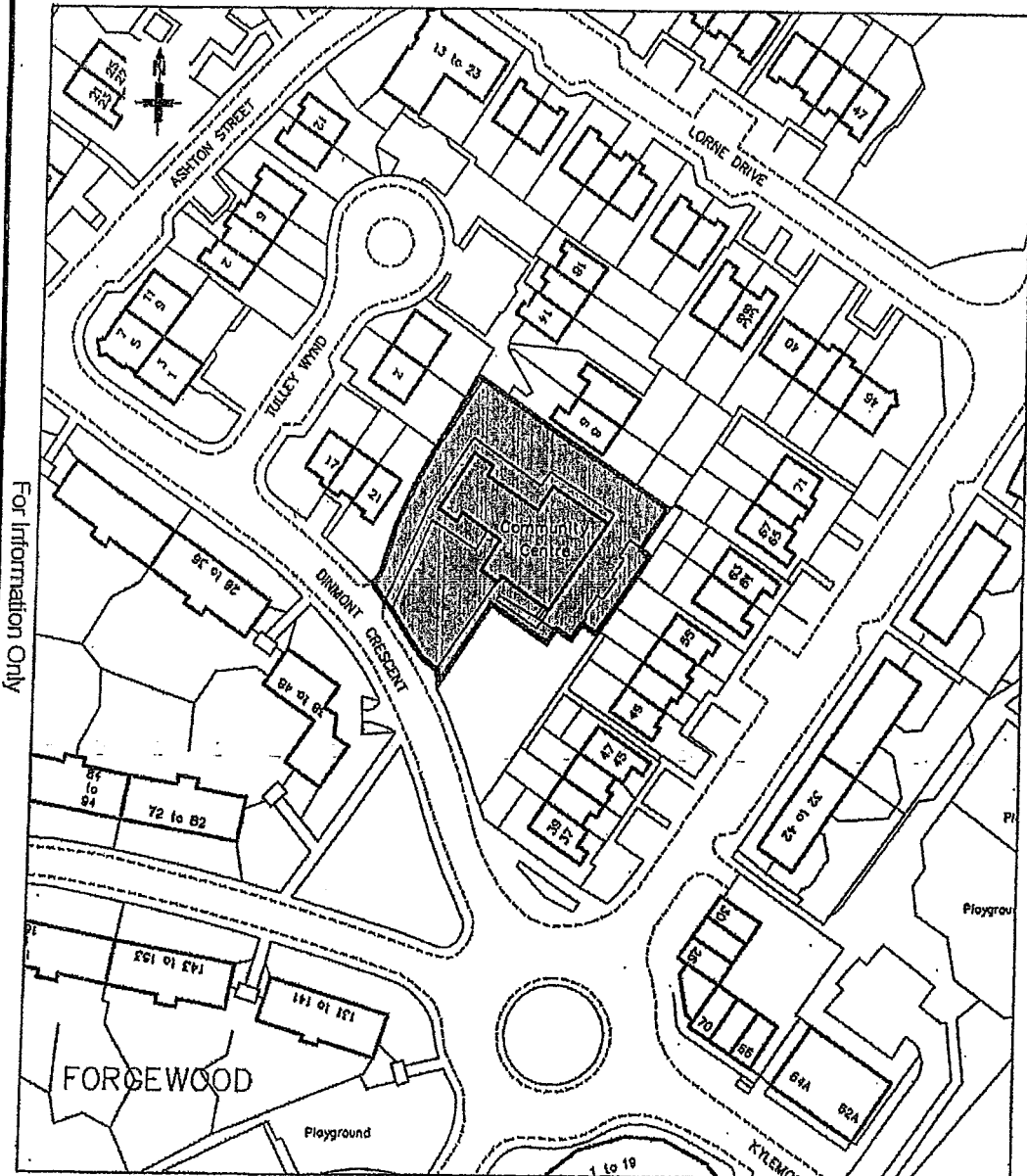
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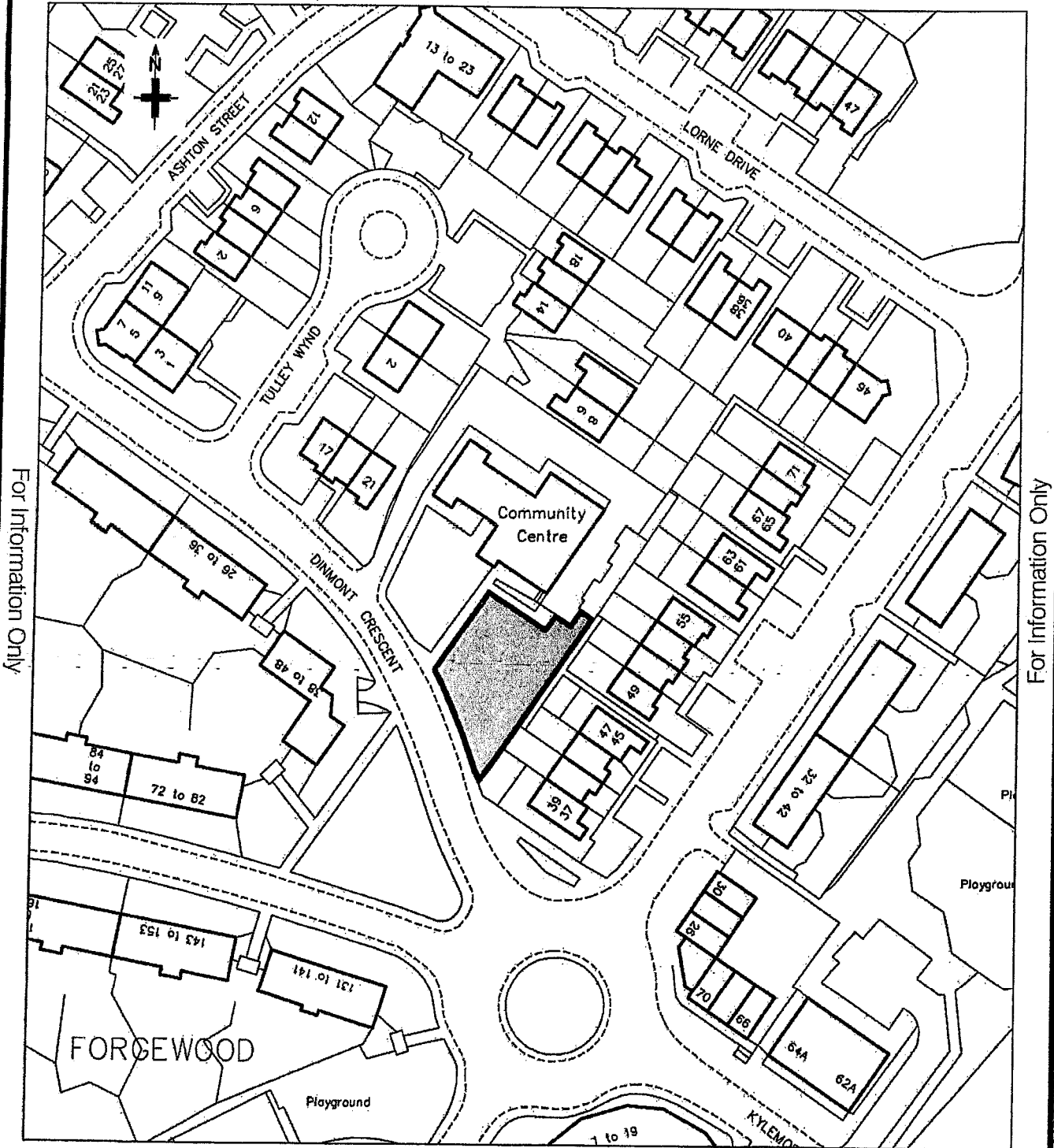
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