

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

AGENDA ITEM NO. ....14.....

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| TO: PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE     | Subject: LAND SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS, WESTWOOD ROAD, NEWMAINS |  |
| From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT |  |  |
| Date: 20 MARCH 2002                        | Ref: S/PL/B/3/61(108)/DRM/JF                                   |  |

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee's approval to the declaration that land in Westwood Road, Newmains is surplus to the Department's requirements.

2. Background

2.1 In June 1999 outline planning permission was granted for the erection of a retail and leisure development with associated car parking and landscaping on the site of the former bingo located to the east of Westwood Road, Newmains between Eastwood Drive and Bonkle Road. This 7.32 hectare (18.1 acre) site, as shown on the attached plan, was subsequently marketed by the Council in October 2001. An offer to develop the site has been received by the Council and will be brought before a meeting of the Policy and Resources (Property Sub Committee) on the 7 March 2002. It is necessary however before any negotiations for disposal can be undertaken for the site to be declared surplus to requirements by the Planning and Environment Committee.

2.2 This site was acquired by the former Council and in the 1970's extensive earth mounding and landscaping work was undertaken to reclaim the former bingo. For the last twenty years the site has been grassed and has been maintained by the Council as a general open space area with additional tree planting undertaken by the Central Scotland Countryside Trust. While continuing to contribute to the open character of this part of Newmains the Department has little functional use for the site and accordingly if an appropriate development can be secured on the whole or part of the site then the area may be declared surplus to requirements. Given that the site has been marketed in accordance with the outline planning consent I consider that this land may now be declared surplus to the Department's requirements.

3. Recommendation

3.1 It is recommended that the 7.32 hectare site at Westwood Road, Newmains be declared surplus to the requirements of the Planning and Environment Committee and the matter referred to the Policy and Resources Property Sub Committee for their consideration.



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Date:- 28<sup>th</sup> February 2002

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LAND TO BE  
DECLARED  
SURPLUS

**LAND SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS**

**WESTWOOD ROAD, NEWMANS**



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