

Item 11 of Development Committee 11 October 2023

Western Gateway to Calderdale

Update

██████████ wrote to members on 18 July asking for action to be taken about the following sites in Portsmouth, Cornholme and Todmorden on the A646 from Portsmouth to Todmorden. This was discussed at the Development Committee on 16 August 2023.

██████████ also copied her letter to Cllr Scanlon and a response has been received from the Director of Regeneration and Strategy. This is at Item 11a.

1. The former Turn Leathers site, Portsmouth

Planning permission for residential development was granted in 2017. A variation has been requested on that planning permission which is for 10 apartments in the old mill and 12 new build terraced properties.

2. Sladen Wood Mill opposite Bobbin Mill, Cornholme

The owners have agreed to improve the appearance of the site. The owners have stated that they have no fixed plans for site yet.

3. Bobbin Mill flats, Cornholme

Members agreed at the meeting on 16 August to approach residents for feedback and to provide this to the Assistant Town Clerk so that a meeting can be held with Together Housing.

4. Frosthorne Mill, Cornholme

Emails have been exchanged with the agents and architects for this site. It has been purchased for residential development purposes. A 'pre-application' application is about to be made to Calderdale Council to start a discussion about how this site can best be developed. The architects have also been in touch for information about the area, the housing need, and the developing Neighbourhood Plan.

5. Scaitcliffe Hall, Todmorden

A letter has been sent to the owners of the site expressing concern about the poor appearance of the site and the impact of this on the local community. Also enquiring what their plans are for the site and what Todmorden Town Council can do to help.

No reply has been received yet and a further letter has been sent.

6. Litter in the river/bank at Portsmouth

This issue was reported to the Environment Agency and the site has been tidied up.

7. General Tidying up in Portsmouth and Cornholme

The issue of dumped items in Portsmouth and Cornholme has been investigated. One of the areas has been cleared of white goods but a private garden was found with dumped

mattresses and general rubbish. A chat was had with the owner and Calderdale Council has been approached for help.

Other issues that have been reported to Calderdale Council and the Neighbourhood Coordinator include:

- The stone steps down to Burnley Rd (near 850 Burnley Rd) are in a poor condition with weeds etc.
- A row of trees is overgrown and is obstructing people walking on the path near the steps.
- Nettles blocking the path at Greenfield Terrace.
- The path along Burnley Rd from Cornholme, from just beyond the Staff of Life to Lydgate is blocked in various places with tree roots, branches and weeds which narrow the path down and force walkers into the road.
- Cars are always parked on the pavement opposite Ernest St, OL14 8JS. Would it be possible to convert the pavement into a parking area instead of a pavement?

Assistant Town Clerk
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25 September 2023