

## Item 14 of Development Committee 16 August 2023

### Western Gateway to Calderdale

#### Background

██████████ 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. Several of these sites have been discussed at the Development Committee before, especially the brownfield sites.

The sites are below including the action taken so far:

1. The former Turn Leathers site, Portsmouth

Contact has been made with Pettys Estate Agents (Burnley) as they have a board up saying that they are the agents for the site. It is noted that quite a bit of tidying up has been done recently on the site and a 'sold' sign has gone up recently on a board advertising 'residential development opportunity'.

2. The former secondhand wood yard opposite Bobbin Mill, Cornholme

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.

3. Bobbin Mill flats, Cornholme

This site has been of concern to members, especially Cllr A Greenwood. Unfortunately, we do not have any specific reports from residents of Bobbin Mill to take to the owners, Together Housing. An email has been sent to ██████████ to enquire if she has any contacts so this can be taken further.

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.

6. Litter in the river/bank at Portsmouth

An email has been sent to [REDACTED] to establish the exact location of the litter so that this information can be passed on to the Canal and River Trust for action.

7. She also requested that a couple of skips be provided so that dumped mattresses and prams dumped in Portsmouth and Cornholme could be removed.

An email has been sent to [REDACTED] to establish the locations of the rubbish. The next step will then be to approach Calderdale Council to see if they will remove the dumped items under their fly tipping policy. Failing this, the Full Council may consider the necessity of skips.

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