

Background

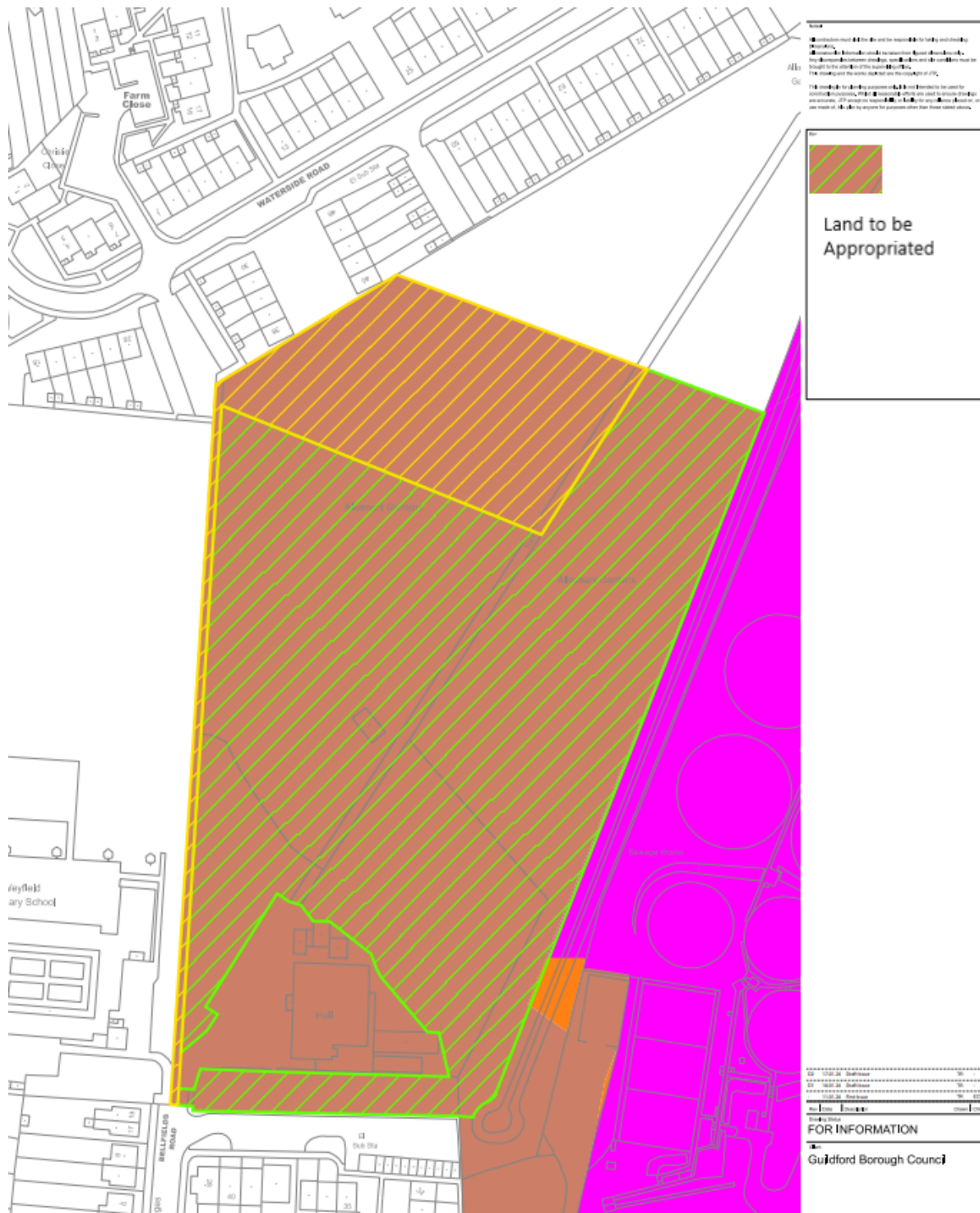
At its meeting on 6 July 2021, the Executive authorised the appropriation for planning purposes of most of the Council owned land within the WUV site in connection with the implementation of the WUV scheme (in so far as it was not already held for such purposes). It also recorded that any further land to be acquired by the Council within the site from TW or other parties was authorised to be acquired for planning purposes to enable the implementation of the WUV scheme.

The July 2021 report noted that Council owned land within the WUV site which was to be appropriated for planning purposes at that time did not include Council land held for the purposes of allotments. This was because land held for the purpose of statutory allotments cannot be appropriated for another purpose without the consent of the Secretary of State pursuant to section 8 of the Allotments Act 1925. Bellfields Allotments (also known as Old Farm, Lagoon and Parsons Green) sits within the WUV site. Part of Bellfields Allotments is required for redevelopment for housing as part of the WUV scheme and this land comprises an integral and vital part of the project which contributes to its viability.

On 8 November 2022 the Secretary of State's consent was given to change the use and dispose of 2.58 hectares of allotment land at Bellfields Allotments to enable its redevelopment for housing as part of the WUV scheme. 38 plots of allotment land are to be retained at Bellfields and for the avoidance of doubt the retained allotment land is not part of this appropriation.

As a separate matter, detailed investigation of the title to the land needed for the WUV scheme has revealed that a very small area of land outside but adjacent to the allotment land was omitted from the plan of the land appropriated by the Council for planning for the WUV scheme in July 2021. The consent of the Secretary of State is not required to enable the Council to appropriate this land for another purpose. Appropriation of this land is required in connection with implementation of the WUV scheme and is shown on the plan.

Appropriation Plan



1. The land shown in yellow on this plan is to be appropriated to the Council for the purposes of the development of the site as a public open space.



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