



**SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**

# Officer Delegated Decision

30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Richard Wyles - Deputy Chief  
Executive & S151 Officer

## **Acquisition of public open space land contained within Title Number LL351627, adjacent to Casterton Road, Stamford, PE9 2XX.**

### **Contact**

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<b>Decision made by:</b>	Richard Wyles (Deputy Chief Executive & S.151 Officer)
<b>Decision:</b>	To approve the acquisition of five areas of open space land at Casterton Road, Stamford, PE9 2XX.
<b>Public or Exempt:</b>	This report is not exempt from publication; Appendix Two (Heads of Terms) is exempt under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the basis that, having regard to all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act. This is due to the commercial sensitivity of the information within the Heads of Terms.
<b>Reasons for exemption:</b>	N/A
<b>Conflicts of interest:</b>	No
<b>Policy compliant:</b>	Yes

**Details of delegation:**

Part 3(c) of the Constitution, Paragraph 26 – Property (including land)  
*Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, relevant Director and any other officers they authorise in writing as being appropriately qualified and trained.*

Land

*e) To negotiate and conclude, subject to Council policy and procedure, land, property acquisitions and disposals of housing working with relevant partners where appropriate*

## 1. Implications

### *Finance*

- 1.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this report. The maintenance of this area is already included in the grounds maintenance budget.

Reviewed by: Richard Wyles, Deputy Chief Executive and s151 Officer

### *Legal and Governance*

- 1.2 The Deputy Chief Executive has the delegated authority to take this decision.

Reviewed by: *James Welbourn, Democratic Services Manager*

## 2. The Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to approve the acquisition of five areas of public open space land, amounting to 1.44 acres, adjacent to Casterton Road Stamford PE9 2XX all contained within Title Deed LL351627. **APPENDIX ONE – LAND PLAN.**

## 3. Available Options Considered

- 3.1 To give approval to take into Council ownership five areas of public open space, 1.44 acres of land in total, contained within Title Number LL221026 at Casterton Road, Stamford, PE9 2XX, which are already being maintained by the Council.

- 3.2 To refuse to take a transfer which could lead to an uncertain future for the land, should the current owner decide to place the land onto the open market.

#### **4. Preferred Option**

- 4.1 Approve Option One to acquire all five areas of public open space forming the rationale for this report and recommendation.

#### **5. Reasons for the Decision**

- 5.1 The developer of the adjacent, long established, housing development was not formally required to transfer this public open space land to the Council and in 2014, took a decision to offer this, and various other sites in the vicinity for sale at a public auction.
- 5.2 The site was bought at auction by the current owner.
- 5.3 Notwithstanding the current ownership, SKDC has been maintaining the land as part of the public realm for some years.
- 5.4 Following discussions with the current owner, agreement has been reached for the Council to acquire the freehold title of all the plots in accordance with the attached **EXEMPT APPENDIX TWO – HEADS OF TERMS**.

#### **6. Consultation**

- 6.1 No formal public consultation is required.

#### **7. Appendices**

7.1 **APPENDIX ONE – LAND PLAN**

7.2 **EXEMPT APPENDIX TWO – HEADS OF TERMS**

Signed by: **Richard Wyles**

Dated: **30 April 2026**