

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Easement for gas pipe diversion between Cadent Gas, Arena Racing & Herefordshire Council in respect of land at Hereford Racecourse and adjacent to Brookfield School, Grandstand Road Hereford
Date of decision:	28.06.2023
Decision maker:	Strategic Assets Delivery Director (formerly Acting Head of Property)
Authority for delegated decision:	The Economy and Place Directorate's scheme of delegation dated 3 August 2022 (line 54) gives the Strategic Assets Delivery Director (previously Acting Head of Property) the authority to take the decision
Ward:	Widemarsh & Bobblestock
Consultation:	With legal services who have advised on the Council's position in the matter
Decision made:	Approve easement for gas pipe diversion between Cadent Gas, Arena Racing & Herefordshire Council in respect of land at Hereford Racecourse and adjacent Brookfield School
Reasons for decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mains gas pipeline runs beneath the land required for the Brookfield School redevelopment project and must be diverted before the development can progress. • The diversion will be routed through land owned by the council part of which is leased to Arena Racing and forms part of the racecourse. • Cadent the mains gas supplier requires the council and Arena Racing to enter into a permanent easement granting them the right to install and thereafter use and maintain the pipeline before the physical works to divert the pipe are carried out. • Arena Racing have agreed to be party to the easement on condition that the works to divert the pipe are completed as soon as possible to allow the ground to settle before the start of the forthcoming racing season and that their legal fees in the matter are paid. • The easement will be on standard Cadent terms and the documents will be reviewed and approved by the council's legal team prior to completion. The council's fees in dealing with the matter will be part of the overall redevelopment project
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	If the easement is not completed the gas pipe diversion necessary to facilitate the redevelopment of Brookfield school cannot go ahead.
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	None – there is no alternative route along which the gas pipe can be diverted and if the easement is not completed the work will not proceed
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed..... Date: 28 June 2023

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