

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Grant of an easement to Cadent Gas enabling them to access and maintain underground gas pipes at the Oval Hereford
Date of decision:	15.03.24
Decision maker:	Strategic Assets Delivery Director
Authority for delegated decision:	Corporate Services' scheme of delegation dated July 2023 updated August 2023(line 35) gives the Strategic Assets Delivery Director the authority to take the decision & Record of Officer Decision dated 24.06.2022 – Decision - Transfer of land (site of former bus stop) at The Oval Hereford to Connexus Housing Ltd - Herefordshire Council
Ward:	Newton Farm
Consultation:	With Strategic Housing who are working with Connexus Housing to provide urgently needed affordable housing on the land
Decision made:	To approve the granting of an easement to Cadent Gas enabling them to access and maintain underground gas pipes at the Oval Hereford
Reasons for decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The land is currently a small section of public highway, the site of a former bus shelter which is being transferred to Connexus Housing to slightly enlarge their adjoining site and improve the layout of their proposed housing scheme. • The Council will be awarded full nomination rights in respect of the proposed housing providing a contribution to the County Plan 2020/24 objective of providing more affordable housing • Connexus have applied for a highways stopping up order which has been objected to by Cadent Gas who have gas pipes beneath the land and wish to protect their ability to access the pipes for repair and maintenance. • Cadent Gas have indicated that the grant of an easement protecting their rights to access their infrastructure will satisfy their objection and allow the housing development to progress
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	Not proceeding with this proposal would mean that the land would remain part of the adopted highway and the housing scheme could not progress as currently envisaged
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	None
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

Signed..... Date: 15.03.24
Strategic Assets Delivery Director