

DATE OF COMMITTEE - 21st April 2021

Report on amendment to legal agreement - PA/343870/19 – Mayfield Primary School, Mayfield Road, Oldham OL1 4LG

Report of Interim Head of Planning and Development

At the Planning Committee meeting on 28th January 2020, Members resolved to grant planning permission for extensions and alterations to Mayfield Primary School, including a new all-weather playing surface to the south-east, and new/extended car parking facility.

The approval was subject to a financial contribution of £13050 for the provision of replacement tree planting at Stoneleigh Park. This was in accordance with saved Policy D1.5 of the Oldham Unitary Development Plan which requires replacement planting for loss of trees on a 3 for 1 basis.

The development is now nearing completion.

The Council's Trees Officer has undertaken a site visit to determine precisely how many trees have been removed, retained or transplanted. It has been confirmed that there has been a total of 19 trees removed with one still requiring removal which when complete, will equate to a total loss of 20 trees.

The original calculation was that there was going to be the removal of 29 trees. This would have required the replanting of, at a ratio of 3:1, 87 trees. Each replant would cost £150 which equated to a total of £13 050 which has already been received.

The final number of 20 tree removals requires the replanting of 60 trees, a reduction in the total number of 27. $£150 \times 60 = £9000$.

Therefore, there should be a refund to the school of $(£13 050 - £9000 =) £4 050$.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Committee accepts the finding of the Trees Officer, and that in accordance with the requirements of adopted Policy D1.5, the required financial contribution is revised to £9000 and an appropriate refund issued.