**Frequently Asked Questions**

Property Rateable value

1. **What would the running costs be?**

**Business Rates and Running Costs**

EHDC running costs for the building are as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Item** | **FY 19/20** | **FY 20/21** | **FY 21/22** | **FY 22/23** | **FY 23/24** |
| Running Costs | £26,357 | £15,555 | £2,559 | £10,757 | £5,295 |
| Business Rates | £21,481 | £16,497 |  | £22,400 |  |
| **Total** | **£47,838** | **£32,051** | **£2,559** | **£33,157** | **£5,295 (costs expended to date)** |

The running costs include utilities, insurance, security and repair and maintenance costs. The building was occupied in FY 19/20, since then the costs are on the basis that the buildings are vacant and mothballed.

Future running costs will vary and be dependent on the level of occupancy, future use of the buildings and the increase in energy costs.

1. **Can the EOI (Expression of Interest) be expressed for one building only or does it need to include the wider greenspace to the south?**

The Council’s preference is to dispose of the whole area within the red line, however EOI can be submitted for parts of the site only. Proposals will need to justify the site area required and indicate how the remainder of the site could be managed separately.

1. **Are there any TPO’s (Tree protection Order) within the redline?**

The area is not subject to TPO’s, however consultation with the Arboricultural officer and those that manage EHDC trees will be critical.

1. **What are the access rights/arrangements for the houses behind the eco-station?**

The properties access the site from Camp Road and there are 4 allocated car parking spaces on the site, adjacent to the Eco Station. The rights must be retained but can be altered by the site owner if required. The access and spaces can be indicated at the site visit.

1. **Can the bellmouth from Camp Road be moved?**

This would be subject to the requisite statutory consenting process. As above, continuing access for the properties behind Eco Station must be maintained.

1. **Can access on to Station Road be considered?**

It is understood that the Highway Authority are unlikely to consider access onto Station Road due to the proximity of the junction / traffic lights.

1. **What are the rules/restrictions around the memorial in the southern area?**

The memorial is leased to Whitehill Town Council. It is not proposed to move the war memorial in this exercise, only the longer term management of the land on which it sits. The Town Council and other stakeholders will need to be consulted on the war memorial.

1. **Has any consideration been given to the demolition of the Eco-station?**

No consideration has been given to the demolition of the building at this stage. The LPA’s (Local Planning Authority) preference is that the building is retained as it has heritage conservation merit. The EOI exercise is being undertaken to assess whether there is a viable future use for this building and surrounding site.

1. **What are the current parking standards in place for the Eco-station and homes?**

This is set out in a Vehicle parking standards SPD: Supplementary planning documents | East Hampshire District Council (easthants.gov.uk)

1. **Is there any asbestos in the Eco-station or bank building?**

Surveys are included on the website http://whitehillbordon.com/businesses/northern-gateway/

1. **Is the Eco-station or bank building home to bats?**

No bat surveys have been carried out as the EOI exercise is just to ascertain the nature of interest in the site.

1. **Is the Eco-station connected to the MoD power and water network?**

We believe the property is served on civilian utility supplies.

1. **What is the floor space area of the Eco Station?**

According to the Valuation office rating figures the building’s current NIA is 677sqm. In addition Please refer to the floorplans on the website; <http://whitehillbordon.com/businesses/northern-gateway/>

The area is can be measured up from the plan.