



Report of the Chief Planning Officer

CITY PLANS PANEL

Date: 22 November 2012

Subject: LAND OFF SOVEREIGN STREET, LEEDS LS1

12/04017/LA CHANGE OF USE FROM CAR PARK TO PUBLIC REALM AND AMENITY SPACE, TO INCLUDE PAVING, WATER FEATURE, DRAINAGE, EXTERIOR LIGHTING AND ASSOCIATED SOFT LANDSCAPING WORKS

APPLICANT

Leeds City Council

DATE VALID

20 September 2012

TARGET DATE

20 December 2012

Electoral Wards Affected:

City and Hunslet

Yes

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

ADDENDUM TO REPORT:

This Addendum sets out the emerging strategic planning context in relation to the Leeds Core Strategy, and provides clarification of the number of trees being removed and provided in this planning application.

1. Draft Core Strategy

1.1 The Core Strategy sets out strategic level policies and vision to guide the delivery of development investment decisions and the overall future of the district. On 7 November 2012 Executive Board approved the proposed pre-submission changes to the Publication Draft of the Leeds Development Framework Core Strategy. Executive Board also resolved to recommend that Council approve the Publication Draft Core Strategy and the sustainability report for the purposes of submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination pursuant to Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

1.2 Of particular relevance is Spatial Policy 3 - Role of Leeds City Centre, in seeking to maintain and enhance the role of the City Centre as an economic driver for the District

and City Region, by enhancing streets and creating a network of open and green spaces to make the City Centre more attractive, and improving connections between the City Centre and adjoining neighbourhoods.

2 Clarification to number of trees removed at Sovereign Street:

- 2.1 There are 42 trees on the wider site – 33 Norway Maples, 1 Cherry, 8 Italian Alders
- 2.2 Office scheme -15 Norway Maples and 1 Cherry are being removed
- 2.3 Greenspace scheme – 6 Norway Maples are being removed (56 new trees proposed)
- 2.4 Around Plot C (not within this application boundary) - 12 Norway Maples are being retained as part of phase 1 of the greenspace works, but are likely to be removed to enable the redevelopment of Plot C
- 2.5 At the North western corner of the site – 8 Italian Alders are being retained