ITEM: 8

REQUEST FOR THE EXTINGUISHNMENT OF PRIVATE RIGHTS OVER A NUMBER OF PATHWAYS ON LAND AT WASTWATER CLOSE, WHITEHAVEN

Lead Officer:

Tony Pomfret – Development Control Manager

This report informs the Panel of a request to make a Stopping Up Order under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 On 28 April 2010 planning permission was granted for the development of this site to provide 11 bungalows. The site was formerly occupied by flats which have been previously demolished.

2.0 THE STOPPING UP ORDER REQUEST

2.1 The applicant has informed the Council that to enable the development to proceed they require the extinguishment of public rights over a series of pathways that currently cross the site. Although these pathways are not adopted highways or registered rights of way they have acquired rights due to the length of time they have been open to public use (more than 20 years).

3.0 THE LEGAL POSITION

- 3.1 Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states that a Local Planning Authority may, by order, authorise the stopping up of any footpath if the Council is satisfied that it is necessary to do so in order to enable the development to be carried out. An Order under section 257 has to be made and then advertised for a period of not less than 28 days. During this time representations and/or objections can be received.
- 3.2 Notice of the making of the Order also has to be given to every owner, occupier, lessee of any of the land; the Parish Council; statutory undertakers and such other persons as the Council may consider appropriate. A copy of the notice also has to be



