

<b>BRIEFING NOTE FOR:</b>	Forward Plan Select Committee
<b>DATE:</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> August 2010-07-21
<b>SERVICE AREA:</b>	Property & Asset Management

<b>Report ref:</b>	
<b>Report title:</b>	<b>Elm Gardens- Potential Disposal to support decant proposals for Barham Park Redevelopment</b>

## **SUMMARY**

A statutory designated allotments site of circa 4290 sq m. The allotment site is no longer in use and is in need of substantial repair and renovation if it were to be brought back into use for it's original purpose.

This matter was previously to Executive, 26 May 2009, which then supported the recommendation to seek de-designation of the site from the Secretary of State and, if successful, to seek to re-use site as a decant site for the Barham Park regeneration scheme. The Executive also instructed officers to work with Notting Hill Housing Trust to secure appropriate development. Sec. of State approval has been subsequently obtained which was subject to the identification of an alternative suitable site to replace the lost allotments. A replacement site has been identified at Gladstone Park which is capable of re-providing the allotments. The potential cost of creating the new allotment would be in the order of £200k. It is intended that the provision of this alternative allotment would, in some way, be a condition of the sale.

Notting Hill Housing Trust has subsequently met with the planners and are proposing approximately 27 units low density scheme- preference is all rent. Negotiations are currently underway to agree a capital value for this site and once a provisional deal has been agreed it will be brought back to the Executive for member consideration. An indicative timetable is set out below:

Planning Application submitted Nov 10  
 Planning Consent granted Feb 11  
 Start on site May 11  
 Completion June 12

Terms for the sale of the site have not yet been agreed and therefore it is probable this time-table will slip and as such a report for Executive is unlikely to be presented before September 2010 at the earliest.