



Hartlepool
Borough Council

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Department: Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services

Division:

Date Input to System: 01/10/2026

Officer Making Decision: MR KA BOSTOCK

Subject / Description &
Reason for Decision:
(for publication)

Grant of lease of Upper Burn Valley Bowls Pavilion and Greens. Following the vacation of Upper Burn Valley Bowls greens and pavilion by the former tenant (Hartlepool and District Bowls Association) it is proposed to grant a lease of the property to Payout Hartlepool. Payout Hartlepool are a Hartlepool based community interest company who run a range of play based outdoor activities for children.

The proposal is supported by the Parks and Open Spaces section who have set out the following context:

"Payout are already running some activities in Burn Valley Gardens during the week, at weekends and though the school holidays.

They have built a great relationship with the sixth form college - both the pupils and the staff - who are now also active in the park - with Payout's support.

They have also broken-down barriers with the resident's group and have encouraged the group to become more active in the park - again with support.

During the time Payout have been active in the Burn Valley we have noticed a dramatic reduction in antisocial behaviour, increased public engagement and pride in the park.

The council are also investing in the park through the Pride in Place Impact Funding so there is a good momentum of collaboration taking place. With their commitment we can only build and strengthen the opportunities offered to local residents and visitors to the Burn Valley".

The grant of the lease will also ensure use and maintenance of the pavilion and adjoining areas.

The proposed terms of the lease are set out in the CONFIDENTIAL ANNEX.

The grant of the lease is subject to the grant of planning permission for the change of use from bowls greens and pavilion.

The proposed lease area is shown verged red on the plan.

Type of Decision: Non Key

Nature of Delegation Being Exercised: Officer Delegated Authority
In accordance with paragraph 13.2 of the Delegation Scheme set out in the Constitution the Director of Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services is authorised to exercise the following specific functions as set out below.

DNRS216 Power to accept subject to contract the highest tender received by the Borough Council for property advertised for sale or to let by way of lease or licence upon the open market and to report back to the appropriate Committee/Board for information
DNRS217 Power to approve land and property disposal, leases, lettings, licences, wayleaves, easements, undertaking and concluding rent reviews, lease renewals and the release and amendments of restrictions, covenants and other land and property matters within prescribed thresholds as set out in the Finance and Corporate Affairs Committee arrangements

Alternative Options Considered & Rejected: None

Any Declared Register of Interest: No

Other Considerations:

OFFICER WITH THE DELEGATION

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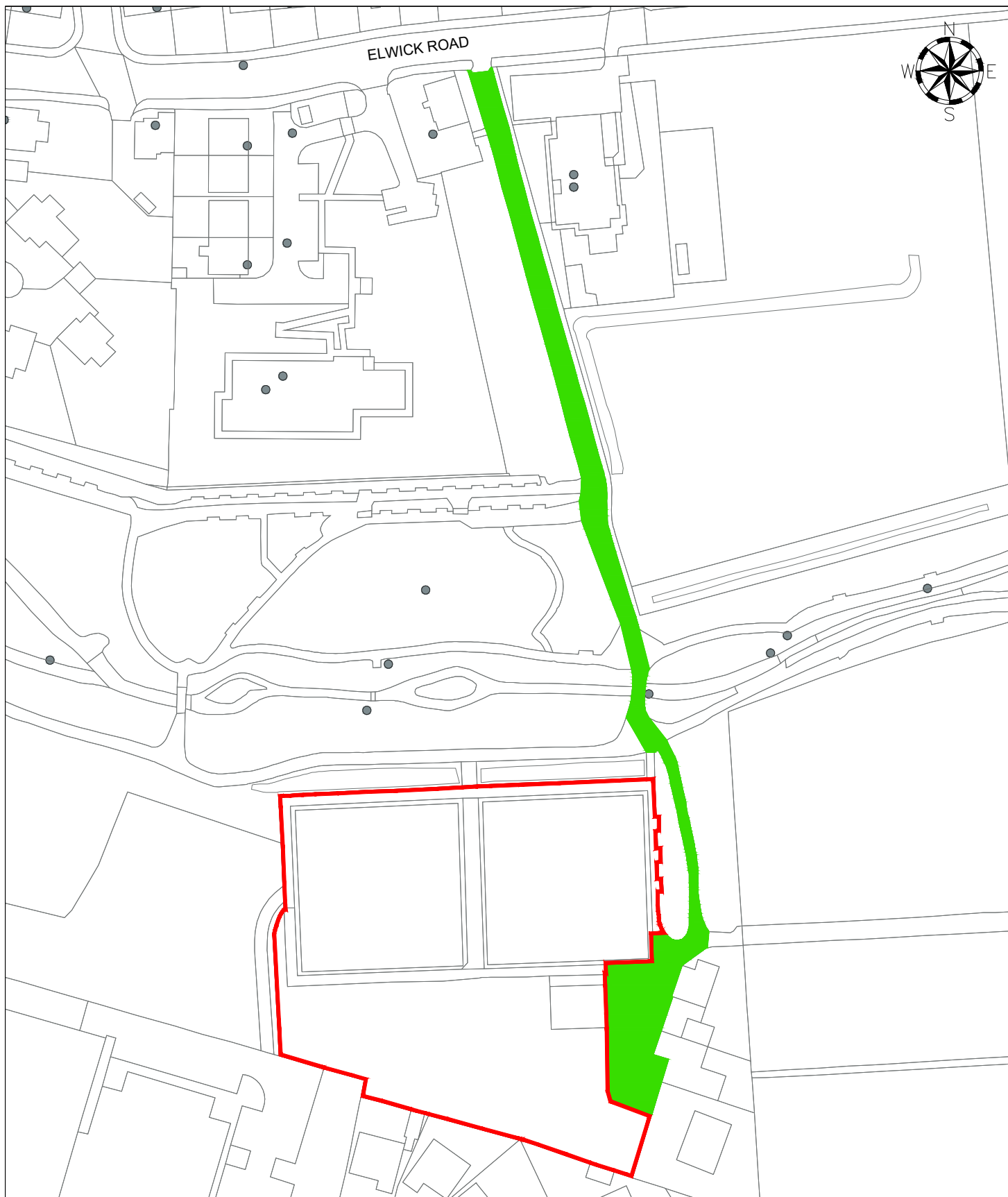
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LOCATION	Burn Valley Gardens Bowls Greens, Elwick Road, Hartlepool	DRAWN BY	CT	DATE	07/05/26
		SCALE	1:1250		
DEED PACKET	-	OS MAP	-	DRWG NO	E/L/732



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