

Professor Heidi Johansen-Berg (Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Initiatives))

There is one item of business before Congregation today. Would you please be seated?

The agenda item is a resolution authorising space called the Garden Land to Kellogg College. The resolution, together with an explanatory note, was placed on the agenda of this meeting in the University Gazette published on 15 January.

A notice of opposition signed by ten members of the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography was received. We have since had notice that these signatories have withdrawn their opposition to the resolution.

I shall first call on members to move and second the resolution. I call on Gillian Aitken, Registrar, to move the resolution.

Gillian Aitken, Registrar

I am Gillian Aitken, the Registrar of the University and I am moving the resolution published in the Gazette on 15 January, authorising space called the Garden Land to Kellogg College. The text of the resolution is:

‘the site comprising approximately 1773 sqm of land currently forming the rear gardens of 2-6 Winchester Road and 47-55 Banbury Road ([and by that I will refer to it as]the Garden Land), be allocated to Kellogg College for a term of 21 years from a commencement date provided for in the Heads of Terms (after Kellogg has evidenced funding for the project and obtained necessary University governances for the allocation and Heads of Terms, and entered into a building contract), for the construction of 3 new build graduate accommodation blocks, together with associated landscaping works.

In addition, that further land comprising approximately 602 sqm at the rear of 2-6 Winchester Road and front and rear of 45 Banbury Road be allocated to Kellogg College on a temporary basis for the period of the construction works, for use by the contractor and to undertake landscaping works as part of the project.’

Following the notice of opposition, constructive dialogue between the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, the Office of the Registrar, the Social Sciences Division, Estates Services and the Winchester Road Project Board has resulted in an agreement which addresses the concerns raised by the School, and the withdrawal of the opposition published in the Gazette on 5 February.

Estates Services are working closely with the School to identify alternative spaces for teaching, research and other activities to mitigate disruption caused by the development. In addition, a Neighbour Forum will be established that will act as an important conduit for information exchange and consultation between the Project Board, the School and other local stakeholders such as St Antony’s College and OSGAR, ‘O-S-G-A-R’. Thank you.

Professor Heidi Johansen-Berg

Thank you. I call on Iain Critchlow, Deputy Director of Estates Services, to second the resolution.

Iain Critchlow, Deputy Director of Estates Services

I am Iain Critchlow, Deputy Director of Estates and I second the resolution.

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Professor Heidi Johnsen-Berg

In accordance with regulation 4.2 of Congregation regulations 2 of 2002, it is my opinion that the withdrawal of the signatories to the opposition means that opposition has fallen away and that the resolution is carried. A vote will only be required if my opinion is challenged by at least 6 members of Congregation rising in their places.

I declare the resolution carried. That concludes the meeting of Congregation, thank you for your attendance today.