

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 2ND SEPTEMBER 2003

REQUEST FOR: APPLICATION TO PURCHASE LAND

LOCATION: FRONTING 51 TENNYSON STREET, PENSNETT

(As shown on the plan attached)

BACKGROUND

An application has been received from the tenant of 51 Tennyson Street, Pensnett, who is about to purchase the property under the right to buy, to purchase an area of land fronting the property which is controlled by the Directorate of Housing.

The land is required to provide safe parking for his vehicle and the applicant states that the land is currently surfaced with concrete and gravel.

COMMENTS

The relevant Directorates of the Council have been consulted regarding the application and the Directorate of Housing and the Environmental Management Division of the Directorate of the Urban Environment oppose the sale of the land as the area forms a concrete slope with stones embedded in it sloping down to a wall some 6ft above a public footpath. There are concerns that if a vehicle parking on the concrete area loses control it could cause a serious accident.

The Directorate of Housing also consider that the sale of this land would set a precedent in the area and damage the open nature of the estate. They are aware that there are parking difficulties in the area but do not consider that selling land in this location for this purpose is a solution.

PROPOSAL

That the area Committee advise the Lead Member for Housing to refuse the application.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter from applicant dated 16 March 2003.
2. E-mails and memos from the Directorate of Law and Property 1 April 2003 and 14 April 2003.
3. E-mails and memos from the Directorate of Urban Environment 15th April 2003, 7th April 2003 and 16th June
4. E-mails and memos from the Directorate of Housing 3rd April 2003 and 7th April 2003.

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