

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 2ND SEPTEMBER 2003

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION TO PURCHASE LAND

LOCATION: LAND AT QUARRY BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL HIGH STREET, QUARRY BANK

(As shown on the plan attached)

BACKGROUND

An application has been received from a property developer to purchase a building fronting High Street, Quarry Bank, which forms part of the Quarry Bank Primary School. The location of the school is shown outlined in black on the plan attached, whilst the building applied for is shown shaded.

The property developer has advised that he would use the building either to convert it into a playschool/nursery or flats.

The land is under the control of the Directorate of Education and Lifelong Learning.

COMMENTS

All of the relevant departments have been consulted, but objections have been received from the Directorate of Education and Lifelong Learning, the Directorate of the Urban Environment and the Directorate of Law & Property, who advise that the building is in a very dilapidated state, and is to be demolished and the area made good. A new purpose built nursery unit is to be built on adjoining land. Construction of the new nursery unit is due to commence in the near future. The project is being funded by the LEA Capital programme for 2003/2004. The site would not be suitable for further nursery provision, given its proximity to the new nursery building. Future development of the school would be affected by the sale of any land in this area, and therefore the application should be strongly resisted.

PROPOSAL

That the Brierley Hill Area Committee advise the Lead Member for Education and Lifelong Learning to refuse the application to purchase the building.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. E-mails and memos from applicant dated 6 March 2003 and 26 March 2003.
2. E-mails and memos from the Directorate of Law and Property dated 30 May 2003 and 9 July 2003.
3. E-mails and memos from the Directorate of Urban Environment dated 3 June 2003 and 4 June 2003.

4. E-mails and memos from the Environment Management Division
5. E-mails and memos from the Directorate of Housing.
6. E-mails and memos from the Finance Department

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