

APPENDICES

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 5TH JUNE 2003

REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND

LOCATION: LAND OFF KETLEY ROAD, KINGSWINFORD
(As shown on the plan attached)

BACKGROUND

A request has been received from a Mr D Tyler to purchase the council owned land as shown on the plan attached. The land is required for an adult recreational area for the local community as well as serving as an amenity attraction to bring people in from outside the area.

The land is under the control of the Housing Department and forms part of the Public Open Space at Standhills Road/Ketley Road.

COMMENTS

All the relevant Council departments have been consulted.

The Directorate of Law and Property object to the request on the grounds that the land is densely wooded and serves the local community at present.

The Department of the Urban Environment object to the proposed sale as the area is crossed by a well-used footpath, steep slope and dense shrubs and trees. They have also stated that if permission were to be given for the sale, then any agreement should safeguard the land for use for recreational purposes only.

The Housing Department, whilst not objecting to the sale in principle, would want assurances that the future use of the site would not cause a nuisance to nearby tenants.

PROPOSAL

That the Area Committee advise the Lead Member for Housing to refuse the application to purchase the land.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter from the applicant dated 20th December 2002.
2. Letters, memos and e-mails from the Directorate of Law and Property dated 20th December 2002 and 10th January 2003
3. Memos and e-mails from the Directorate of the Urban Environment dated 16 January and the 10th April 2003.
4. E-mail from The Housing Department dated 10th January 2003.

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