

STOURBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 9 JUNE 2003

REQUEST: TO PURCHASE LAND

LOCATION: LAND TO THE REAR OF 42 CARELESS GREEN, WOLLESCOTE, STOURBRIDGE

(As shown on the plan attached)

BACKGROUND

An application has been received from the owner of 44 Careless Green to purchase land which is included within the Housing tenancy of No.42 Careless Green. (The land applied for is shown hatched black on the plan attached).

The applicant advises that the Housing tenant of No. 42 is disabled and is unable to look after his garden, so this area has become overgrown. The applicant's garden tapers and if the application to purchase the land was successful it would open up her garden and enable the land to be maintained.

The tenant of No. 42 Careless Green has confirmed in writing that he would have no objections to the sale of this part of his garden land.

The land is under the control of the Housing Department.

COMMENTS

All of the relevant departments have been consulted, and objections have been received from the Housing Department who advise that whilst they appreciate that the sale of land may relieve some of the problems of the existing tenant, it would have a serious impact on future tenancies. In addition, the Housing Department advises that the sale of the land should be refused as it is contrary to their policy of not selling to adjoining properties areas of land which is included within a housing tenancy.

PROPOSAL

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter from applicant dated 27th January 2003, 1st February 2003 and 10th February 2003.
2. Letter from tenant dated 20th February 2003.
3. E-mails and memos from the Directorate of Law and Property dated 18th February 2002.
4. E-mails and memos from the Housing Department dated 18th February 2002 and 28th February 2002.
5. E-mails and memos from the Finance Department dated 18th February 2002.

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