

APPENDICIES

STOURBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 10 DECEMBER 2003

REQUEST TO: PURCHASE LAND

LOCATION: LAND FORMERLY KNOWN AS 111-113 BIRMINGHAM STREET STOURBRIDGE AND LAND FORMERLY KNOWN AS 121-129 BIRMINGHAM STREET STOURBRIDGE
(As shown outlined in black on the plan attached)

BACKGROUND

An application has been received to purchase Council owned land formerly known as 111-113 Birmingham Street Stourbridge (Site1 shown outlined in blacked on the plan attached) and land formerly known as 121-129 Birmingham Street Stourbridge (Site 2 shown outlined in black attached). The applicant wishes to purchase these two sites to build two houses, one for his own family and one for his parents.

The land at 111-113 Birmingham Street was purchased under Section 72 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, and is under the control of the Directorate of the Urban Environment (Cultural & Community Services) whilst the land at 121-129 Birmingham Street was purchased under the Birmingham Street Clearance Area Compulsory Purchase Order 1982, under the control of the Directorate of Law & Property. Both areas of land are laid out as open space.

COMMENTS

All of the relevant Council Directorates have been consulted and objections to the sale of this land have been received from the Directorate of the Urban Environment who advise that the sale of both areas of land should be resisted as they are a well established site for wild life and form part of the Stour Valley Linear Open Space (Policy SO2). Additionally, both areas of land form part of the flood plane for the River Stour.

PROPOSAL

That the Area Committee advise the Lead Member for Leisure to refuse the application to purchase land at Site 1, and the Lead Member for Law & Property to refuse the application to purchase at Site 2 for the reasons referred to above.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Correspondence from the applicant

Emails & Memos from Council Directorates

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