

APPENDICES

HALESOWEN AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 17TH SEPTEMBER 2003

REQUEST FOR: APPLICATION TO PURCHASE LAND FRONTING

LOCATION: 1 ST. PAUL'S DRIVE, HALESOWEN

(As shown hatched on the plan attached)

BACKGROUND

An application has been received from the owner of 1 St. Paul's Drive, Halesowen to purchase a strip of land fronting the property that was purchased for housing purposes but now forms part of the highway.

The land is a small triangular area of land outside the boundary of the property that has remained in Housing ownership following the creation of the highway.

The applicant wishes to purchase this land to enable him to knock down the existing walls of the property and incorporate the land within the garden creating an off-road safe parking area.

COMMENTS

The relevant Council Directorates have been consulted regarding this application and the Directorate of the Urban Environment and the Directorate of Law and Property oppose the sale of the land as its incorporation into the property would be detrimental to pedestrian safety. The land forms part of the visibility line for the road and its incorporation into the adjoining property would be unlikely to gain planning consent as it forms part of the highway.

PROPOSAL

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter from applicant dated 11/3/03.
2. E-mails and memos from the Directorate of Law and Property 24/4/03 and 8/4/03.
3. E-mails and memos from the Directorate of Urban Environment 8/4/03, 25/3/03, 8/4/03, 31/3/03, 16/6/03.
4. E-mails and memos from the Directorate of Housing 24/3/03.

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