

APPENDICES

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 3RD FEBRUARY 2004

REQUEST FOR: VEHICULAR ACCESS

LOCATION: 19 THAMES CLOSE, PENSNETT
(As shown on the plan attached)

BACKGROUND

An application has been received from the owner of 19 Thames Close, Pensnett, a former council house purchased under the right to buy, to gain vehicular access to the property across the route marked on the attached plan.

The applicant states that due to the nature of the estate and the number of cars owned by residents, there is no where to park and as other residents create driveways off the road, the number of parking spaces available have reduced. The applicant therefore wishes the Council to consider the removal of the bollards at the end of Thames Close and grant vehicular access across the land to the property in order for them to park their vehicle within the boundary of the property.

The applicant states that there are bollards at Avon Close and Derwent Close which would prevent vehicles from using this route as a short cut and driving straight the way through.

COMMENTS

The relevant Council Directorates have been consulted regarding the application and objections have been received from the Directorate of Housing; the Directorate of the Urban Environment and the Directorate of Law and Property.

It is considered that the current footpath is not sufficient for vehicular use, being designed for foot traffic only and vehicular use would be a danger to pedestrians using the footpath. The granting of this vehicular access would also set a precedent for future similar applications. It was therefore considered that the application should be refused.

PROPOSAL

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter(s) from the applicant.
2. E-mails and memos from the Council Directorates.

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