

APPENDICES

NORTH DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 4TH FEBRUARY 2004

REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND

LOCATION: ADJACENT TO 7 MARS CLOSE, COSELEY

(As shown on the plan attached)

BACKGROUND

An application has been received from the owner of 7 Mars Close, Coseley, a former Council house purchased under the right to buy, to purchase an area of land to the rear of their property that is controlled by the Housing Department. The land forms a shrubbed area outside the rear boundary fence of the property adjacent to a footpath and the rear pedestrian entrance to the garden.

The land is required to extend the garden of the property as the garden is small and it would allow the owner more family outdoor space within the garden. The extra land would be fenced within the garden and partly planted with bedding plants.

COMMENTS

No objections were received to the proposal, however, the Directorate of the Urban Environment consider that planning permission would be required for change of use from grassed verge to residential curtilage and the disposal of this land could create a precedent for future disposals of similar plots of land in the area.

PROPOSAL

That the Area Committee advised the Lead Member for Housing for approve the sale of the land to the applicant for garden purposes only, subject to planning consent, on terms and conditions to be negotiated and agreed by the Director of Law and Property.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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