

## **APPENDICES**

### **BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE**

**DATE: 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2004**

### **REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND**

**LOCATION: ADJACENT TO 2 ASH CRESCENT, KINGSWINFORD**

**(As shown on the plan attached)**

### **BACKGROUND**

An application has been received from the tenant of 2 Ash Crescent, Kingswinford, who is currently purchasing the property under the right to buy scheme, to purchase an area of Council owned land adjacent to the property. The land is in the control of the Directorate of Housing and forms a corner plot upon the estate.

The land is required as the applicant wishes to extend the garden of the property when they have purchased it to provide a garage and to extend the garden area.

### **COMMENTS**

The relevant Council Directorates have been consulted regarding this application and objections to the disposal of the land have been received from the Director of Law and Property and from the Directorate of Housing.

The land is part of an amenity area that forms a corner plot within the estate and the Directorate of Housing have a policy of not normally selling such corner plots on such estates, as they form an open area and its disposal may set an unwanted precedent for future applications. It is therefore considered that the application should be refused and the land be retained by the Council as an open area.

### **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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