

STOURBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 10th DECEMBER 2003

REQUEST FOR: APPLICATION TO PURCHASE LAND

LOCATION: ADJACENT TO 59 PRESCOT ROAD, STOURBRIDGE

(As shown on the plan attached)

BACKGROUND

A request has been received from the owner of 59 Prescott Road, Pedmore, a former Council house purchased under the right to buy, to purchase a small area of Council owned land, as marked on the attached plan which is controlled by the Directorate of Housing.

When 59 Prescott Road was conveyed to the present owner, a right of access was granted across this strip of land in order to gain pedestrian access to the property.

A right of access was also retained by the Council across this strip of land in favour of the tenant of 57 Prescott Road.

The applicant states that 57 has its own access to the property and does not use this access and they therefore wish to purchase the strip of land in order to have a private access to the entrance to the property.

The applicant states that No. 53 Prescott Road, a similar property, at the other end of the block of four, was sold without such a shared access with their neighbour.

COMMENTS

The relevant Council Directorates have been consulted regarding the application and the Directorate of Housing consider that the path in question is of no benefit to No. 57 Prescott Road, who have a separate pathway to the front door of their property and as this path primarily serves No. 59 Prescott Road, they have no objections to the transfer of title of the area of the path only, subject to the agreement of the tenant of No. 57 Prescott Road.

The Directorate of the Urban Environment has no objections to the disposal of the land but restrictions should be placed on the height of any boundary treatment.

PROPOSAL

That the Area Committee advise the Lead Member for Housing to approve the sale of the strip of land subject to terms and conditions to be negotiated and agreed by the Director of Law and Property, providing the tenant of 57 is in agreement.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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