

APPENDICES

CENTRAL DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 7TH JULY 2004

APPLICATION TO PURCHASE LAND

LOCATION: LAND OFF UPLANDS ROAD, DUDLEY
(As shown on the plan attached)

BACKGROUND

An application has been received to purchase a large expanse of Council owned land for the purposes of grazing horses. The land is controlled by the Directorate of Housing and is close to the Sandwell border, the Warrens Hall Nature Reserve and the Bumble Hole Conservation Area.

The applicant wishes to purchase the land for the grazing of her own horses.

COMMENTS

The relevant council Directorates have been consulted regarding the application and the Directorate of the Urban Environment and the Directorate of Law and Property wish the application refused.

The land is a site of importance for nature conservation and this has recently been confirmed in the draft Deposit Unitary Development Plan. There is also currently a bid for forestry commission funding for the woodland part of the site and part of the site is currently let on a grazing agreement. The land is also an important area of public open space in the area and the Bumble Hole Conservation Group have been consulted who also very strongly oppose any disposal of the area, as it is rich with wildlife and an important archaeological site.

PROPOSAL

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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