

**STOURBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE**

**DATE: 9th JUNE 2003**

**REQUEST FOR: PEDESTRIAN ACCESS**

**LOCATION: REAR OF 74 NORFOLK ROAD, WOLLASTON**

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

**BACKGROUND**

An application has been received from the owner of 47 Norfolk Road, Wollaston, a former Council house sold under the right to buy, for pedestrian access to the rear of the property.

The applicant wishes to extend the building which will block off his existing access to the rear garden and he therefore asks if he can have an access agreement to cross land adjacent to the property across land that forms an amenity area to the Housing controlled flats and for the Council to allow him to insert a gate into the existing fence in order to gain access to the rear garden without going through the house.

The land is under the control of the Housing Department.

**COMMENTS**

The relevant Council departments have been consulted regarding this application and the Housing Department and Directorate of Law and Property wish the application refused as it would impact on the amenity area available to the tenants of the flats and the land is at a different level to 247 Norfolk Road, Wollaston. It would therefore be in the best interest of estates management to oppose the granting of this agreement.

**PROPOSAL**

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

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Letter from applicant dated 17 February 2003.
2. E-mails and memos from the Directorate of Law and Property 3 April 2003.
3. E-mails and memos from the Directorate of Urban Environment 15 April 2003 and 18 April 2003.
4. E-mails and memos from the Housing Department 19 March 2003.

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