

**NORTH DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE**

**DATE: 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2004**

**APPLICATION TO PURCHASE LAND REAR OF:**

**LOCATION: STRATHMORE, ST. JAMES'S STREET, LOWER GORNAL**  
**(As shown on the plan attached)**

**BACKGROUND**

An application has been received from the owner of Strathmore, St, James's Street, Lower Gornal, a private property, to purchase an area of Council owned land to the rear of the property.

The land is controlled by the Directorate of Housing and is adjacent to senior citizens bungalows off Turner Street.

The applicant wishes to purchase the area of land in order to extend their garden.

**COMMENTS**

The relevant Council Directorates have been consulted regarding the application and objections have been received from the Directorate of Housing and the Directorate of the Urban Environment, Green Care Division. Objections have also been received from the residents of the bungalows in Turner Street.

It is considered that the disposal of this land would leave an uneven boundary line, and would remove shrubs from the land and would take away part of the amenity space for the bungalows.

The residents of the bungalows consider that this area creates a small buffer zone protecting them from activities in the adjacent gardens and the disposal of this land would be detrimental to their privacy.

**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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