

HALESOWEN AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 2nd FEBRUARY 2005

REQUEST FOR: APPLICATION TO PURCHASE COUNCIL OWNED LAND

LOCATION: LAND ADJOINING 116 COLLEY GATE, HALESOWEN
(As shown hatched black on the plan attached)

BACKGROUND

A request has been received from a solicitor on behalf of their client to purchase the Council owned land adjoining 116 Colley Gate, Halesowen. Their client owns 116 Colley Gate, the adjoining property, and wishes to build shops with flats above. It is intended that the land they wish to purchase will be used for car parking by the residents of the flats.

The land is under the control of the Directorate of Urban Environment and is used as a car park.

COMMENTS

All of the relevant Directorates have been consulted and no objections were received.

The Director of the Urban Environment, however, has stated that there have been informal discussions with the owners of 118 and 120 for the redevelopment of the whole site including 116 and the Council car park. Any redevelopment should include car parking, rear access and servicing for the shop units. If the sale is approved it may be necessary to carry out improvement works on the Toys Lane car park and this could be funded by the car park sale.

PROPOSAL

That the Area Committee advises the Lead Member for Transportation to declare the Council owned car park adjoining 116 Colley Gate, Halesowen, surplus to requirements and adds it to the disposal register. The land should then be sold, subject to Planning approval, on terms and conditions to be negotiated and agreed by the Director of Law and Property.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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