

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 5 JUNE 2003

REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND

LOCATION: ADJACENT TO 7 HEYDON CLOSE, PENSNETT

(As shown on the plan attached)

BACKGROUND

An application has been received from the current tenant of 7 Heydon Road, Pensnett, who is in the process of purchasing the property under the right to buy, to purchase an area of Housing controlled land to the rear of the property.

The land is to the rear of gardens of 124 and 125 Tiled House Lane, and is fenced off from these gardens and has become a landlocked dumping ground for rubbish and is overgrown and unattended.

The applicant proposes to clear away the rubbish and plant a few broad leaf trees and generally to make it safe enough to be enjoyed by his family while trying to keep the area as natural as possible. He has no plans to build on the land, only to preserve it and to prevent any further deterioration or abuse. He therefore wishes to incorporate the land within his garden.

COMMENTS

The relevant Council departments have been consulted regarding the application and no objections have been received.

The Housing Department state that the two properties 124 and 125 Tiled House Lane are currently void and they would have great difficulty in trying to persuade any ingoing tenant to take responsibility for this additional area of land. They therefore recommend that the land is sold to the applicant for garden purposes.

PROPOSAL

That the Area Committee advise the Lead Member for Housing to approve the sale of the land to the applicant on terms and conditions to be negotiated and agreed by the Director of Law and Property.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter from applicant dated 28 January 2003.
2. E-mails and memos from the Directorate of Law and Property 24 April 2003 and 27 March 2003.
3. E-mails and memos from the Directorate of Urban Environment 15 April 2003.
4. E-mails and memos from the Housing Department 7 April 2003.

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