

APPENDICES

NORTH DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 26th JANUARY 2005

APPLICATION TO DECLARE SURPLUS COUNCIL OWNED LAND

**LOCATION: FORMER RED CROSS OFFICES AND HOUSING LAND,
CROSS LANE, SEDGLEY**

(As shown on the plan attached)

BACKGROUND

The site on Cross Lane became vacant after the Red Cross surrendered their lease on 23rd September 2003. A request was circulated to all Council Directorates asking them to consider whether they have a use for the site. Consideration was given to a proposal to include this site in a development of Joe Jones Court. Unfortunately the funding has not been forthcoming for that proposal. As no further proposals have been made, permission is now sought to declare the site surplus to requirements and to dispose of the site on the open market for the best price reasonable obtainable.

The former Red Cross site is considered too small for a residential development. It was therefore requested that consideration is given to the joint disposal of the Housing land adjoining the site on the north side on Tower Street. This land was acquired in 1964 under the Housing Act 1957.

The former Red Cross site is under the control of the Director of Education and the area to the north is under the control of the Director of Housing.

COMMENTS

The relevant Council Directorates have been consulted and no objections have been received.

The Directorate of Law & Property and the Directorate of the Urban Environment have both stated that the former Red Cross site was too small for a residential development. Consideration should be given to a joint disposal of both the former Red Cross site and the housing land to the north.

PROPOSAL

That the Area Committee advises the Lead Member for Housing and the Lead Member for Education and Lifelong Learning to declare the former Red Cross site and the Housing land on Tower Street surplus to requirements. They should then be added to the land disposals register to be sold for the best price reasonably obtainable, 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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