

APPENDICES

NORTH DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 13TH JULY 2004

REQUEST TO PURCHASE COUNCIL OWNED LAND

LOCATION: PARKES HALL ALLOTMENTS, (LAND ADJACENT TO 42 ROSEMARY CRESCENT), WOODSETTON

(As shown on the plan attached)

BACKGROUND

A request has been received from the owner of 42 Rosemary Crescent to purchase the council owned land adjacent to his property. The applicant wishes to erect a garage for his vehicles, as there is not sufficient parking space on Rosemary Crescent for his vehicles.

The land is under the control of the Director of the Urban Environment and currently forms part of the Parkes Hall Allotments. It is leased to the Trustees of the Parkes Hall Allotments Society.

COMMENTS

All the relevant Council Directorates have been consulted.

The Directorate of the Urban Environment object to the proposal as it would not only create an irregular boundary line, it would also set a precedent for future applications to purchase allotment land. There is currently more interest in members of the public taking up allotments with some allotments having waiting lists. Granting the application would conflict with the emerging Revised Deposit UDP.

The Directorate of Law and property have stated that as the land is currently leased to the Trustees of the Parkes Hall Allotments Society, they would have to surrender the area back to the Council and the Secretary of State permission would be required for the land to be used for other than the purposes of allotments.

PROPOSAL

That the Area Committee advises the Lead Member for Leisure to refuse the application to purchase the land for the reasons set out above.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letters from the applicant.
2. E-mails and memos from the Council Directorates.

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