

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

CENTRAL DUDLEY AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 4th SEPTEMBER 2003

REQUEST TO PURCHASE COUNCIL OWNED LAND

LOCATION: 16 ALTON GROVE, KATES HILL
(As shown on the plan attached)

BACKGROUND

This application was on the agenda for the meeting of the Central Dudley Area committee on 18th June 2003. Unfortunately, the meeting reached 9.30 p.m. before all of the land and property matters could be considered. This application is therefore resubmitted to this meeting for consideration.

A request has been received from the owner of 16 Alton Grove, Kates Hill, to purchase the Council owned land at the rear of their property. The land is required for an extension to their garden.

The land is under the control of the Directorate of the Urban Environment.

COMMENTS

All the relevant Council Departments have been consulted.

Legal & Property Services object to the request on the grounds that the sale of the land would create an irregular boundary in terms of estate management. The Council acquired the site by Deed of Gift of the 10th May 1956 and it was noted that the purpose of the gift had been for the land to be used as a playing area for children in the neighbourhood.

The Directorate of the Urban Environment object to the request on the grounds of loss of open space and could create precedence for future applications.

PROPOSAL

That the Area Committee advise the Lead Member for the Directorate of the Urban Environment to refuse the application to purchase the land.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter from the applicant dated 31st January 2003.
2. Letters, memos and e-mails from Directorate of Law and Property dated 2nd January, 4th February, the 4th March and the 31st March 2003.
3. Memos and e-mails from the Directorate of the Urban Environment dated 16th April and 15th May 2003.
4. E-mail from Directorate of Housing dated 18th March 2003.

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