

To Mr Predrag Suzic

OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY MARCUS COOPER

Dear Mr Suzic,

Monica Potts of the Myddelton Square Association has emailed me with both a copy of Marcus Cooper's Proposal and the response of the Islington Council's Legal Officer.

There is no question of residents paying the exorbitant, or any fees demanded by Marcus Cooper for access to Myddelton Square Gardens which have always been open to the public and must remain so.

Marcus Cooper's previous Proposals, which were refused, have all been on the basis that the Gardens were open to the public. He cannot now do a complete turnaround effectively privatise the Gardens and charge exorbitant sums for access. Surely this is an abuse of process.

Islington has the least open spaces per head of any London Borough. To charge residents would deny access to anyone not a resident. The Gardens are used by everyone in the surrounding area, families; the local school, workers and office workers. I would not want to pay any fee which as a result would deny both their access and those residents who could not afford to pay for what has always been free of charge.

The Council have said have said that no payments should be requested for access and that it should remain open to all.

This latest Proposal put forward by Marcus Cooper is beyond any sense or reason. I therefore urge the Council to negotiate a reasonable lease and if that's not possible to apply for a compulsory purchase order.

Yours faithfully
Elaine Smith