

To Mr Predrag Suzic

OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY MARCUS COOPER

I have been a resident in Myddelton Square for 54 years. It has been my home and the Square has played a huge part in my life. I am writing to strongly object to the proposals put forward by Marcus Cooper. As I understand it, Mr Cooper got hold of the "Freehold of the Square" within a package of properties from Derwent. We as residents should have been notified of any change of ownership and the communication of his intentions should not have just been a tiny advertisement buried in the Islington Gazette to satisfy legal requirements. Indeed, this should never have been on sale in the first place as the land was always designated for public use of residents when the properties were originally built, and was a condition for allowing those houses to be built (together with the provision of a church for the area)

The idea that Mr Cooper now has the right to demand property owners in the Square to pay a sum based on the current worth of the dwellings is outrageous. These flats/, houses are not just business investments, they are people's homes and many have no intention of realising their worth.

Why should homeowners be asked to ensure Mr Cooper gets payback when the Square is a public amenity, protected under the Public Squares Act? As such it is used by lots of Council tenants and the wider community. The local school Clerkenwell Parochial uses the square, and the many staff from businesses based in St John Street can be seen at lunch time on a daily basis. I would also like to add that Mr Cooper has done nothing for the upkeep of the park since he acquired the freehold other than to propose ludicrous ideas such as running machines, kiosks etc all to line his pockets. The Myddelton Square gardens were and should be meant for the community and not to serve the greed of a property tycoon.

I sincerely hope that Islington Council (Litigation) will continue to fight to resist the outrageous proposal put forward by Robert Orr-Ewing on behalf of Marcus Cooper.

Yours faithfully,

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