

Dear Mr. Suzic,

PROPOSALS FOR THE MYDDELTON SQUARE GARDENS

My wife and I have owned our flat in the Square for 33 years and we have objected vigorously to the successive outrageous proposals being made for the Gardens by the Marcus Cooper Group.

The latest proposal, that the Council be charged £100,000 per annum and that it recovers this outlay in the turn by charging the surrounding property owners in excess of £1,000 annually is quite unbelievable. The land in the Square and the gardens within it was given for the residents in perpetuity by the New River Company in 1821.

It is highly unlikely that any of the residents in the Square would pay the sums being proposed so there would be no income derived from gating the gardens. If push came to shove and the gates were locked all day, residents at least would have the benefit of views of the trees and the gardens from their windows. They would also enjoy walking round the Square on their way to wherever. The real losers would be those who use the Gardens for the numerous regular activities; the local schools and playgroups, residents in the surrounding area and local workers who enjoy the open space during their lunch breaks.

We urge the Council to waste no more time with Marcus Cooper try-ons. Just proceed to compulsory purchase and protect the Gardens for public use and enjoyment in perpetuity.

Yours sincerely,

John and Ann Ross