

Dear Mr Suzic

I am sure that my fellow house and flat owners and occupants in Myddelton Square are as disturbed as I am by the self-serving report which has been prepared by a surveyor on behalf of Mr Cooper concerning the Myddelton Square Gardens.

The report fails the first test of fair valuation by making inappropriate comparisons between squares in highly fashionable wealthy Boroughs of London and Myddelton Square in Islington.

The differences which the surveyor fails to take account of include:

1. The Council and, I believe, the residents of Myddelton Square wish the Gardens to remain a public amenity - there has never been any history of privileged access and the residents have no interest in privileged access.
2. I for one would not pay any money, whether one -off or annually, to access the Gardens, even if the access became restricted. I believe this is the position of the vast majority and probably all of the occupants of the Square. In any event, even if there were some willingness from some to pay for privileged access, the level of cost the surveyor mentions is off the scale for a mixed demographic in Islington.
3. Many of the houses and flats have access to private gardens of their own. I doubt this is the position with the Squares in other Boroughs which the surveyor uses as a comparison.

The Gardens serve an important role for the wider community. I add my voice to the many which are urging the Council to keep the Gardens a public amenity for the Borough.

Best regards

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