

To: P Suzic

Subject: Myddelton Square Gardens

We have received a copy of Mr Marcus Cooper's latest proposal, and the response by the Council's Legal Officer, from Monica Potts of the Myddelton Square Association.

We are amazed at Mr Cooper's proposal. The square gardens are and always have been open for use by the public. We believe the original owners, the New River Company, stipulated that this should always be so and that this requirement is supported by legislation preserving public open space in urban areas.

As long term residents in the Square we have no wish for use of the garden to be restricted and would certainly not pay the fees suggested by Mr Cooper. We regard his proposal as a frivolous attempt to delay a resolution of the Council's application for a renewal of the lease of the gardens and hope that the Council will vigorously pursue this application. In the alternative we expect the Council to apply for a compulsory purchase order to ensure the gardens can stay in public use in perpetuity.

Yours faithfully,

Elisabeth and Owen Davies