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I have lived at no 62 Myddelton Square for 27 years, and I have been shocked at the seeming impotence of Islington Council to respond to the aggressively exclusionary plans of a property developer . What I specifically like about the gardens of our square is that they are open to all; it is not an upper middle-class preserve , but a shared resource for an entire neighbourhood. The idea that this should become a kind of North London Belgravia , with entry to the square restricted only for those rich enough to afford a four- figure annual sum (as implied in the spurious examples listed in Cooper's lawyer's letter) is utterly repugnant to me. That would also be a change of use entirely contrary to the stated aims of Islington Council. Should any part of Cooper's plans be implemented , they will , I believe, create massive anger and dissent among local people, ranging from civil disobedience campaigns to likely public trespass and perhaps riot. Our Council's failure has not so far been much reported in the national press , but the issue obviously has great potential for holding your officers to ridicule. I hope you will now give priority to resolving a situation that could easily become an uncontrollable disturbance.

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