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Moves proposal labelled 'barbaric'

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THE idea of moving people of colour out of the Albert Park area was 'barbaric', the Durban spokesman for Lawyers for Human Rights, Mr Churton Collins, said yesterday.

He was commenting on a statement by Mr Cliff Mathee, National Party MP for Point, who said the Government would have to move Indian, black and coloured residents out of the area.

Mr Mathee said he would never consider the Albert Park area an open area.

Mr Collins said his organisation saw the NP MP as one of the major barriers to peaceful change.

'He must stop being obstructive and face reality,' he said.

Mr Collins warned that social problems could occur and that the district could become a 'ghetto' unless urgent attention was given to proper development of the residential area in the vicinity of Albert Park.

Mr Iqbal Mohamed, chairman of the Durban Central Residents' Association, said the association was aware that there were problems in the Albert Park area such as crime and prostitution.

'But we can resolve these problems together as residents. There is no justification to give this a racial tag,' he said.

The controversy took a new turn yesterday when Mrs Desiree Sanson, the City Councillor for the area, challenged the new Indian owners of the Wingfield Residential Hotel in St Andrew's Street for letting black people move in.

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