

**METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF WIRRAL
CABINET –14th MARCH 2002**

**PROPOSED HIGHWAY CLOSURE
PASSAGEWAY – ST NICHOLAS ROAD TO MALVERN ROAD, WALLASEY VILLAGE
(WALLASEY WARD)
SECTION 257 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 To request Members' approval to commence the legal proceedings for the permanent closure of a section of adopted passageway at St Nicholas Road, Wallasey Village.

2.0 REPORT

2.1 The residents have submitted a request to close the length of footway shown on the plan.

2.2 Due to the location of the footway, youths congregate causing disturbance for adjoining properties.

2.3 The proposal is to erect gates at either end of the footway, which will prevent access.

3.0 FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The closure will be carried out by existing staff as part of their normal duties. All legal and administration costs will be met by the residents. The closure of an area of adopted highway reduces the Authority's potential maintenance liability.

4.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific ethnic minority, elderly persons or equal opportunities implications.

5.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Planning permission will be sought in the near future for the erection of gates.

6.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The erection of gates to restrict access will improve security in the immediate area.

7.0 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no specific human rights implications arising directly from this report.

8.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The closure of the passageway will eliminate a gathering point for local youths causing nuisance and improve the environment for local residents.

9.0 ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

9.1 No correspondence has been used in the preparation of this report.

10.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Wallasey Ward.

11.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 That approval be given for the commencement of the closure procedures under Section 257 Town and Country Planning Act 1990, subject to the granting of planning consent.

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