

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

**PROPOSED HIGHWAY CLOSURE
ASQUITH AVENUE, BIRKENHEAD (BIRKENHEAD WARD)
SECTION 257 TOWN & 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 unadopted passageway in Asquith Avenue, Birkenhead.

2.0 REPORT

2.1 The Department of Education and Cultural Services Community Safety Section, on behalf of the residents has submitted a proposal to close the length of passageway highlighted on the plan.

2.2 It is proposed that gates be erected due to unsociable behaviour taking place in the passageway which is between 2-24 Asquith Avenue and 114-128 Duke Street, Birkenhead.

2.3 If successful, properties adjoining the passageway will gain greater security.

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 Community Safety Fund.

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 for the erection of gates will be sought.

6.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The erection of gates will improve security for those properties adjoining the passageway.

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 proposal to restrict public use will improve security in the immediate area.

9.0 ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

9.1 A letter dated 11 September 2001 Department of Education and Cultural Services has been used in the preparation of this report.

10.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Birkenhead Ward

11.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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