

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

**PROPOSED HIGHWAY CLOSURE
SEVERN STREET/TWEED STREET, BIRKENHEAD (BIDSTON WARD)
SECTION 116 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980**

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 To request Members' approval to commence the legal proceedings for the permanent closure of a section of adopted highway at Severn Street and Tweed Street, Birkenhead.

2.0 REPORT

2.1 The Director of Housing & Environmental Protection has requested that the section of adopted highway shown marked on the plan be closed as the properties formerly served by this highway have now been demolished.

2.2 The responsibility for the maintenance of the land in question will revert to the Director of Housing & Environmental Protection.

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 Director of Housing & Environmental Protection. The closure of an area of highway will reduce the Authority's 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 There are no implications under this heading.

6.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no implications under this heading.

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 There are no implications under this heading.

9.0 ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

9.1 No background papers have been used in the preparation of this report.

10.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Bidston Ward.

11.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 That approval be given for the commencement of the closure procedures under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980.

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