

**METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF WIRRAL  
CABINET – 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2002**

**PROPOSED HIGHWAY CLOSURE  
PASSAGEWAY LEADING FROM MARKET STREET TO HADFIELD AVENUE,  
HOYLAKE  
(HOYLAKE 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 unadopted passageway running between Market Street and Hadfield Avenue.

**2.0 REPORT**

2.1 The owners of the adjoining properties have requested that the area of unadopted passageway highlighted on the plan be closed.

2.2 The closure has been requested because of problems associated with youths congregating and causing a nuisance.

2.3 There have been further problems of anti-social behaviour when public houses in the area are closing.

2.4 The applicant proposes to erect gates which will improve security and prevent unlawful 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 Danick Building and Property Co the applicant for the closure.

**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 is being sought.

**6.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The erection of gates will restrict access and improve the security of 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 improve security for both the commercial properties on Market Street and the residential properties in Hadfield Avenue.

## **9.0 ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT**

9.1 A letter dated 17 September 2001 from Danick Building and Property Co. has been used in the preparation of this report.

## **10.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 Hoylake Ward

## **11.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

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