

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

**PROPOSED HIGHWAY CLOSURE  
BEACONSFIELD ROAD LEADING TO NEW CHESTER ROAD, NEW FERRY  
(BROMBOROUGH 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 footpath leading from Beaconsfield Road to New Chester Road, New Ferry.

**2.0 REPORT**

- 2.1 The Director of Property Services in conjunction with the developer, has requested that the area of adopted footpath highlighted on the plan, be officially closed.
- 2.2 The closure will facilitate the redevelopment of the site and the demolition of the disused petrol station which currently occupies the site.

**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 developer. The closure of areas of adopted footpath 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 is to be sought for the redevelopment of the site for housing purposes.

**6.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The closure of the footpaths and the proposed redevelopment of the site 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 demolition of the petrol station and the proposed housing development will greatly improve the appearance of this area of New Ferry.

**9.0 ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT**

- 9.1 A letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2001 from the developer has been used in the preparation of this report.

**10.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 Bromborough 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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