

To: HOUSING AND SOCIAL WORK SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: PROPOSED LANE CLOSURE AT CUMBERLAND PLACE AND WELLINGTON PLACE, KIRKWOOD, COATBRIDGE
From: HEAD OF HOUSING SERVICES		
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1. Purpose of Report / Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise committee of complaints received from elected members on behalf of residents within the vicinity of the lanes at Cumberland Place and Wellington Place, Kirkwood, Coatbridge and to deal with the request to close the lane.

2. Background

- 2.1 Elected members have received a number of complaints from residents who reside within close proximity to the lanes concerning acts of anti social behaviour including vandalism, drinking of alcohol, verbal abuse and excessive noise.
- 2.2 The lanes provide access for residents in Cumberland Place and Wellington Place to Mitchell Street and Ramsey Place, Kirkwood, Coatbridge.
- 2.3 A survey of 70 residents was carried out with 13 responses received, all of whom were in favour of the lane closure.
- 2.4 Closure of this lane would result in a minor inconvenience to residents as another lane from Sharp Avenue will remain open for residents to access Mitchell Street and Ramsey Place.
- 2.5 The Local Elected Members have also been consulted and have no objections to the proposed closure.

3. Proposals/Considerations

- 3.1 It is proposed that in accordance with residents wishes to seek the appropriate planning consent to close this lane to the public to reduce vandalism and anti social issues for local tenants and residents.

4. Financial / Personnel / Legal / Policy / Equalities Implications

- 4.1 The cost of closure is estimated at £900 and would be funded from the Estate Based Initiative budget within the Housing Revenue Account.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 It is recommended that the committee note the content of this report and approve in principle the closure of the lane subject to planning application and referral to a future Planning & Transportation Committee for consideration.



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24 June 2010

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