

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

**REPORT**

To: Housing and Technical Services Committee		SUBJECT: Request from residents of Townhead Road, Rannoch Avenue, Achray Place, Dunvegan Avenue and Avon Place, Coatbridge requesting lane closure
From: Director of Housing & Property Services		
Date: 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2007	Ref: JF/LJ	

**1. Introduction**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise committee of a request received from residents of Townhead Road, Rannoch Avenue, Achray Place, Dunvegan Avenue and Avon Place, Coatbridge to close two lanes.

**2 Background**

2.1 During a site visit to the Townhead Area, representatives from Coatbridge First Stop Shop received numerous requests from local residents to close the lanes from Townhead Road, Coatbridge leading to Dunvegan Avenue and Rannoch Avenue, Coatbridge.

2.2 A number of complaints have been received concerning anti-social behaviour and drinking in the lanes, these complaints were raised by residents who reside adjacent to the lanes.

2.3 The Anti-Social Task Force has not received any complaints from this area, however, Strathclyde Police responded to 13 complaints of drinking and anti-social behaviour in the lanes between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2006 and 29<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

2.4 These lanes provide access to Townhead Road however they are not regularly used.

**3. Current Position**

3.1 A postal survey of 48 residents from the area has been completed by the department, this resulted in 20 responses being returned, 17 (35%) requesting the lanes be closed and 3 (6%) requesting the lanes remain open.

3.2 The local member supports the residents request for closure of these lanes.

4. **Financial Implications**

4.1 The cost to remove existing tarmac and erect metal fencing is £2500, this will be funded from Housing Revenue budget 2007/08.

5. **Recommendations**

5.1 It is recommended the committee approve that a planning application is submitted to Planning and Environment to close the lane.

6. **Background Information**

6.1 Background papers are available within the department.

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**DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND PROPERTY SERVICES**

# Lane at Townhead Road, Coatbridge

