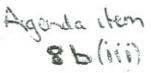


# REPORT TO COUNC



#### PORTFOLIO AREA: INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT

Date of Meeting: 5th March 2002

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Key Decision:

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Recorded in Forward Plan:

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Title:

RESIDENTS PETITION – MORTON PARK CUTS

Report of:

Director of Environment and Development

Report reference: EN 026/02

## Summary:

A Petition has been received from residents of Morton Park requesting the closure of the 'cuts' which run between Castlerigg Drive and Lowther Browns Lonning, Morton Park. A copy of the Petition together with a map showing the location of the cuts is attached.

Local residents are concerned that the 'cuts' are used as an easy escape route by vandals, thieves and hooligans. They request that the cuts are closed.

# Recommendations - It is recommended that:-

The Petition be forwarded to the County Council with a request that it be considered by the Carlisle Transport Steering Group and Carlisle Local Committee.

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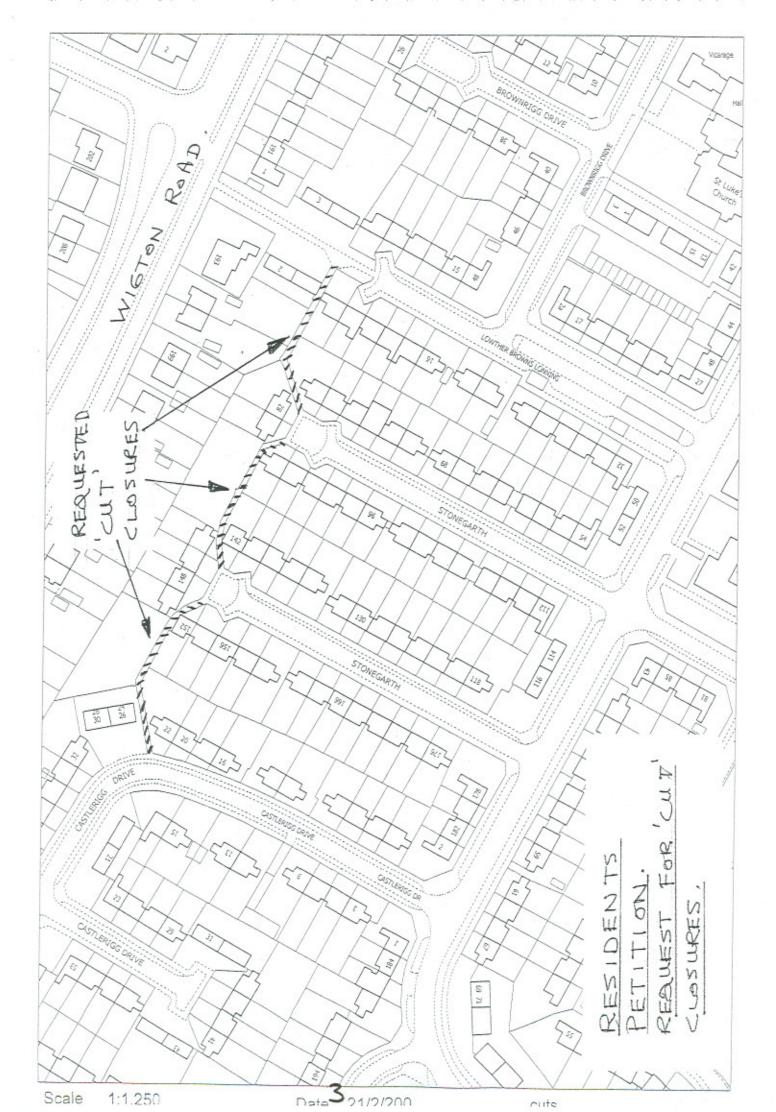
## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 A Petition has been received from residents of Morton Park requesting the closure of the 'cuts' which run between Castlerigg Drive and Lowther Browns Lonning, Morton Park. A copy of the Petition together with a map showing the location of the cuts is attached.
- 1.2 Local residents are concerned that the 'cuts' are used as an easy escape route by vandals, thieves and hooligans. They request that the cuts are closed.
- 1.3 The cuts in question are designated public footpaths and they are maintained by the City Council under "Claimed Rights". The surface of the paths and the footway lighting are in reasonable condition.
- 1.4 In order to close the 'cuts' a relevant Order would have to be advertised by the County Council under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980. Any objections to closure would then have to be considered and the Secretary of State would be required to confirm the Extinguishment Order.
- 1.5 In order to progress this issue it is suggested that this Petition be forwarded to the County Council for consideration by the Carlisle Transport Steering Group and Carlisle Local Committee.

#### 2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Petition be forwarded to the County Council with a request that it be considered by the Carlisle Transport Steering Group and Carlisle Local Committee.

# **DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT**



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31 January 2002

Stephen Halstead Carlisle City Council Civic Centre CARLISLE CA3 8QG

Dear Stephen,

#### PETITION FROM RESIDENTS OF MORTON PARK.

I enclose a petition containing some one hundred signatures from residents of Morton Park.

They are seeking the closure of a footpath/cut leading from Castlerigg Drive, through Stonegarth and into Lowther Browns Lonning. This cut is used as an escape route for vandals, thieves and hooligans and is the source of considerable annoyance and distress for the people who live near it. At one point it passes through a cul de sac leading any chase by the police in vehicles into a dead end.

I am assured that there are many residents who would be will to speak when this petition is heard by the City Council and I, too, will be willing to speak in favour of closure.

Would you, therefore, kindly bring this petition before the relevant Portfolio Holder and notify me when it will be heard.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Farmer