

7 PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES - CAMPERDOWN PARK (AN345-2004)

Following a temporary closure to the Western Gateway of Camperdown and following concerns from the Parks' residents and users regarding speeding vehicles using the Park as a through route to Liff and beyond, the current temporary closures have not only relieved the problem of such vehicles and hence improved the safety of the Park, but also led to a reduction of damaged and abandoned/dumped cars and security has been improved in relation to the reduced number of exit points.

It is therefore recommended that the temporary closure to the West Gate becomes permanent and similarly it is proposed that the South Drive access which exits on to Liff Road is closed up. This follows concerns regarding the number of drivers abusing the one way system which exits on to Liff Road.

It is further proposed that an appropriate installation of a barrier which will allow free flow of pedestrians, cyclists and horses is implemented. The barriers are of a style that can be lifted on special events where specific traffic management regimes need to be introduced in terms of the entry and exit of vehicles to the Park and also to enable emergency vehicles to access the Park as necessary. The costs are estimated at £2,000 in total and will be funded from the Leisure and Arts Revenue Budget 2004/05.

As there has been an unimpeded right of passage for more than twenty years it will be necessary to formally close the road subject to the appropriate Traffic Order being processed by the Planning and Transportation Department.

Consultations have been carried out with the Park's residents, the key stakeholders using the Park, Planning and Transportation, Menzieshill, Balgay, Denhead of Gray and Gourdie Community Council and all are supportive of the proposals.

It is recommended that approval be given to the proposals.