

2 GILBURN ROAD - MAINTENANCE OF OPEN SPACE (AN411-2003)

An area of derelict land along the southside of Gilburn Road, which backs onto the houses at the rear of Sherbrook Crescent, has recently been landscaped under a Better Neighbourhood Services Fund project. The ground, which is situated over the now culverted Gelly Burn, has regularly been used for fly tipping, is overgrown and has been a constant source of complaint from local residents for over twenty years. Part of the site includes the Gilburn Road Conservation Area.

The site has now been cleared of rubbish, topsoiled, grassed and fences repaired.

It has been ascertained that the culverted Gelly Burn is the boundary line of the ownership between the Council and each individual adjoining property on Sherbrook Crescent that backs onto the ground. Therefore approximately 50% of the ground is owned by the Council and the remaining 50% by the various owners in Sherbrook Crescent.

Now that the site is landscaped it is the intention that Dundee Contract Services maintain the site under the Open Spaces Budget at an estimate of £800 per annum, for which provision will be made when the Revenue Estimates are reviewed for 2004/2005.

In order to assist in the maintenance of the ground a request will be made to each of the ten affected house owners in Sherbrook Crescent to make a one-off contribution of £75.00 each to share the cost of landscape maintenance in the first five years. Thereafter the Council will fully maintain the site.

It is recommended that the Committee approves the above arrangement and instruct the appropriate officers accordingly.