11. ENTRANCE BARRIERS ON PARKS

The Parks Manager reported, seeking the views of the Committee on a proposal to redesign park entrances to improve access for cyclists, wheelchair and pushchair users.

In essence, the Parks Unit proposes to remove many of the entrance barriers to parks, particularly the overlapping staple type barriers. Currently, staff are identifying the park entrances that require alteration and estimate that up to 300 park entrances will require upgrading at a cost of approximately \$250 per entrance. It is estimated the work will take 3-4 years to complete. To keep the community informed the project will be publicised through the community newspapers. All Community Boards have advised of the programme.

The Committee **decided** that the barrier replacement programme be endorsed.