TEAM MANAGER, HIGHWAY RECORDS

REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE 10th May 2022.

PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF PART OF WELLINGTON STREET, SHEFFIELD S1.

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek authority to approve the proposed Stopping-Up Order closing a narrow strip of footway, 31 metres x 200mm in length, as shown hatched black on the plan included as Appendix A.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 An application to make a Highway Stopping-Up Order, under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, has been made to the Department for Transport's National Transport Casework Team (N.T.C.T.).
- 2.2 Planning consent has been granted conditionally (under application number 20/01895/RG3) for the erection of office building (B1a) with ancillary retail / café/bar space (A1/ A2/ A3/ A4/ A5) and associated works.
- 2.3 N.T.C.T. has contacted the City Council, as a statutory consultee, in respect of the proposed closure.
- 2.4 The applicant is seeking the permanent closure of part of the highway footway of Wellington Street, as shown hatched black on the plan included as Appendix A.
- 2.5 The applicant contends that, to facilitate the development, it will be necessary to permanently stop up the area of highway shown by black hatching on the closure plan included as Appendix A.

3.0 CONSULTATIONS

3.1 In this particular case, it is not the role of the City Council to consult the statutory organisations and other relevant bodies. However, as part of the process of making the application to N.T.C.T, the applicant should have consulted the usual sources and been in discussion with affected parties concerning the resiting and protection of their equipment. It is understood that the N.T.C.T. also make their own consultations as appropriate. At the time of writing this report the Council had not received notification of any objections.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Director of Legal Services has been consulted and has advised that, assuming the subject area of highway needs to be stopped up to facilitate the development, and that planning consent has been granted, it will be appropriate to process the closure using the powers contained within Section 247 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990

5.0 HIGHWAY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Located in the City Centre of Sheffield, Wellington Street is an all-purpose adopted highway.
- 5.2 The subject area forms part the northern footway of Wellington Street.
- 5.3 On completion of developments at Wellington Street, occasional vehicular service access, between Carver Street and Cambridge Street, will be controlled by rising bollards. It is intended that the full width will be available for pedestrian movements, therefore the slight reduction in the width of available footway should not have a detrimental effect on highway users.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 No particular equal opportunity implications arise from the proposal in this report.

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 No particular environmental implications arise from the proposal in this report.

8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The closure will result in a very slight reduction to the Highway Maintenance budget.
- 8.2 All costs relating to the closure of the highway will be met by the applicant.

9.0 CONCLUSION

9.1 Based on the above information, I have no objections to the proposed Order, as shown on the plan included as Appendix A.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Raise no objection to the proposed stopping up of part of the public highway (footway) at Wellington Street in the City Centre of Sheffield.
- 10.2 Authorise the Director of Legal Services to notify N.T.C.T. of this decision.

Mark Reeder Engineer Highway Records Highway Maintenance Division

10th May 2022

REPORT APPROVED BY TOM FINNEGAN-SMITH HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Date 10 May 2022

