REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

1 FEBRUARY 2019

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF PARTS OF HOLLY STREET, CITY CENTRE, SHEFFIELD

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek authority to process the Highway Stopping-Up Order required for closing part of Holly Street in the City Centre of Sheffield, as shown hatched on the plan attached as Appendix A.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The applicant (J.D Wetherspoons) is seeking to permanently close the area of highway shown hatched on the plan attached as Appendix A, in order to facilitate development at Holly Street.
- 2.2 Planning permission (ref: 18/04195/FUL) has been granted for the provision of an outdoor seating area adjacent to the Lloyds No1 Café Bar at 12 Division Street Sheffield S1 4GF.
- 2.3 The applicant has asked Sheffield City Council to submit an application to the Department for Transport (DFT) on their behalf, for the permanent Stopping-Up Order under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- 2.4 In order to facilitate the approved development, it is necessary to permanently stopup the area of all-purpose highway shown by hatching on the plan included as Appendix A.

3.0 CONSULTATIONS

3.1 Consultation with the Statutory Undertakers, the Emergency Services and other relevant bodies will be carried out by the DFT's National Transport Casework Team (N.T.C.T) as part of the application.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Legal Services have been consulted and have advised that, assuming that the subject piece of highway needs to be closed to facilitate the proposed development, it would 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 Currently the subject area forms part of the pedestrianised section of Holly Street in the City Centre of Sheffield.
- 5.2 The current width of the pedestrian area is approximately 18.5 metres; closure of the subject area will reduce this by approximately 4.5 metres and will create a new highway boundary in line with that already created on the adjacent former NUM building frontage by a similar Stopping Up Order made in 2016.
- 5.3 Therefore, closure of this area should not affect the public's enjoyment of the area. The closure is necessary for the proposed development and it is considered that it will have no detrimental effect on the surrounding highway network and its users.
- 5.4 There is currently a public cycle rack within the subject area. As a condition of the planning permission this will be relocated nearby at the developers' expense.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no particular equal opportunities implications arising from the proposals in this report.
- 7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS
- 7.1 There are no particular environmental implications arising from the proposals in this report.

8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There will be no increase in liability on the Highway Maintenance revenue budget as a result of this highway closure.
- 8.2 All costs associated with, and arising from, the application for the permanent highway closure and consequent works on site will be met by the applicant.

9.0 CONCLUSION

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

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Raise no objections to the proposed closure of part of Holly Street, Sheffield, as shown by hatching on the plan included as Appendix A, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with Statutory Undertakers with regards to their mains and services that may be affected.
- 10.2 Authorise Legal Services to take all necessary action on the matter under the powers contained within the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 247, and to apply to the Department for Transport for an Order to close the said area of highway.

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REPORT APPROVED BY HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

