# TEAM MANAGER, HIGHWAY RECORDS

REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF PART OF HOWARD STREET AND PART OF ARUNDEL STREET, SHEFFIELD CITY CENTRE, SHEFFIELD, S1.

### 1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek authority to make an application to the Department for Transport's National Casework Team (N.T.C.T) for the permanent closure of part of Howard Street and part of Arundel Street, in the City Centre area of Sheffield, as shown hatched black on the plan included as Appendix A, hereby referred to as 'the plan'.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The applicant is seeking to permanently close part of Howard Street and part of Arundel Street, as shown hatched black on the plan, to facilitate development on land situated between Howard Street, Arundel Street, Charles Street and Paternoster Row, Sheffield.
- 2.2 Subject to the approval of this report an application will be made to the Department for Transport (DFT), for the permanent Stopping-Up Order under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- 2.3 Planning permission has been granted conditionally, under reference 21/02802/FUL for the erection of three 4-8 storey buildings for educational use, formation of University Green and associated works at the site of the former Sheffield Science Park, 60 Howard Street Sheffield S1 2LX
- 2.4 In order to facilitate the approved development, the applicant contests that it is necessary to permanently stop up the areas of all-purpose highway, shown on the plan by black hatching.
- 3.0 CONSULTATIONS
- 3.1 Consultation with the Statutory Undertakers 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 The Director of Legal & Governance has been consulted and has advised that, assuming the subject area of highway needs to be stopped up to facilitate the approved development, 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 Howard Street and Arundel Street are adopted all-purpose highways in the City Centre of Sheffield.
- 5.2 The developer asserts that the proposed permanent closure is necessary to facilitate the development.
- 5.3 This proposal will remove an area of pedestrianised highway at the junction of Howard Street and Paternoster Row. Though this will narrow the opening to Howard Street (as shown in the photo included as Appendix B) it will have little effect on the direct pedestrian route. The proposed area is approximately 60m<sup>2</sup> and shown hatched red on the photos included as Appendix C.
- 5.4 At the Arundel Street junction with Charles Street a triangular area of footway, approximately 5m<sup>2</sup> in area, will be removed. This is shown hatched red on the photos attached as Appendix D.
- 5.5 Therefore, it is considered that the closure of these highways should not affect the public's enjoyment of the area. The closures are necessary for the proposed development, and it is considered that they will have no detrimental effect on the surrounding highway network and its 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 costs associated with, and arising from, the permanent highway closure and consequent works to carry out the work 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 Order, as shown on the plan included as Appendix A.

### 10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Raise no objection to the proposed Stopping Up Order for the permanent closure of part of Howard Street and part of Arundel Street, as shown by black hatching on the plan included as Appendix A.
- 10.2 Authorise the Director of Legal and Governance 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 areas of highway.

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1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

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Signed

Date 10 November 2021



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