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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 (The Brook Group of Companies) is seeking to permanently close the area of highway shown hatched on the plan attached as Appendix A, in order to facilitate a new office/restaurant development, converting the former National Union of Mineworkers Building at Holly Street.
- 2.2 Planning consent (ref: 13/03307/FUL amending application 11/01396/FUL) was granted on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014.
- 2.3 The applicant has asked Sheffield City Council to submit an application to the Department for Transport (DfT) on their behalf, for permanent Stopping-Up Order under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

3.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 Consultations have been carried out with the Statutory Undertakers, the Emergency Services and other relevant bodies.
- 3.2 Not all consultees had responded at the time of writing this report but of those who have replied, only one has affected apparatus.
- 3.3 At the time of writing no objections have been received.
- 3.4 Although not objecting, BT Openreach are concerned that they may have apparatus in the area. In order to confirm the location of Openreach equipment the applicant has paid for a survey of the area. Subject to the findings of this survey the applicant has expressed willingness to pay for diversions or wayleaves if required, and knows that there is a likelihood that their company will formally object, and thus stall the process, if full agreement with them has not been reached by the time the DfT serve formal notice of their intention to make the Order.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Legal Services have been consulted and have advised that, assuming that the subject highways need 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 3.9 metres.
- 5.3 Therefore, closure of this piece of highway 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.

## 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 parts 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 TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & PARKING SERVICES

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# PROPOSED CLOSURE OF PART OF HOLLY STREET, SHEFFIELD S1 APPENDIX A



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 HIGHWAY TO BE CLOSED

