

TEAM MANAGER, HIGHWAY RECORDS

REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
18th May 2022

PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF PART OF CHURCH STREET, ECCLESFIELD SHEFFIELD, S35.

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 Church Street, Ecclesfield, 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 Church Street, to facilitate development on land situated at the junction of Church Street and The Common, Ecclesfield, 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 19/04536/FUL for the erection of 2x retail units, a cafe with drive-thru facility and formation of associated access and parking
- 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 Church Street is an adopted all-purpose Classified highway (B6087) in Ecclesfield, 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 highway verge at the junction of Church Street and The Common. Photos, showing an aerial view of the location and at the junction with The Common, are included as Appendix B & C, respectively.
- 5.4 The following highway safety comments were taken from the Planning Officers report: ***In relation to highway safety, the Church Street junction with The Common is on the outside of a bend, with good visibility splays. The distance from the centreline of the Church Street junction to the slightly repositioned centreline of the proposed site access is just short of 40 metres, with the distance to the centreline of the Aldi access a further 40 metres to the south. These distances give enough separation between junctions and sightlines and visibility splays are all up to standard.***
- 5.5 Therefore, it is considered that the closure of this part of the 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 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 developer.
- 8.2 An area of approximately 154 m² will be removed from the Highway Maintenance Contract, amounting to a small annual saving of £65 to the highway maintenance budget.

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 Church Street, Ecclesfield, 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.

Mark Reeder
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18th May 2022

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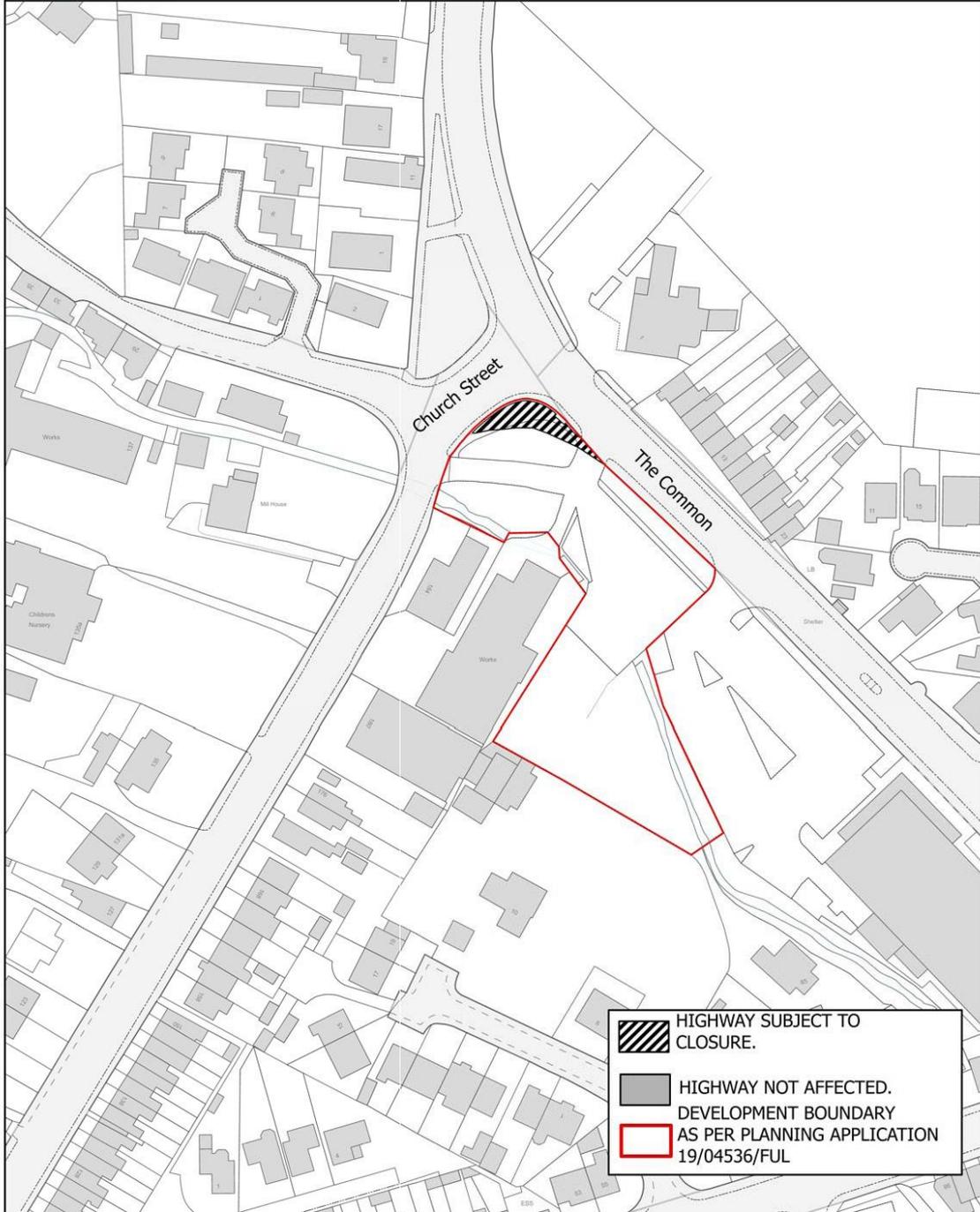
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