

TEAM MANAGER, HIGHWAY RECORDS

REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
28th NOVEMBER 2022

PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF DOLPHIN STREET.

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek authority to process the Stopping-Up Order required for closing the full-length of Dolphin Street in the Darnall 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 City Council (as Highway Authority) is seeking to close the full-length of Dolphin Street, shown by black hatching on the plan. It is the view of the Highway Authority that this highway is no longer required as public highway.
- 2.2 Until the early 1960s Dolphin Street served a small community consisting of terraced housing, local shop, and an allotment site. Since the demolition of housing, the allotment site, and the closure of a part of Dolphin Street, the road has served only as an access to industrial premises.
- 2.3 On several occasions, since at least 2004, William Cook Castings Ltd have gated the road (without permission) just west of its junction with Kettlebridge Road. On each occasion, when contacted by the Highway Authority, the gates have been removed. Following discussions, with a representative of William Cook, the Highway Authority has agreed to make an application to close the full length of Dolphin Street as shown hatched black on the plan.

3.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 Consultations have been carried out with the Statutory Undertakers and other relevant bodies including the Emergency Services.
- 3.2 At the time of writing this report not all consultees had responded, but of those who have replied none have equipment within the proposed area of closure.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Director of Legal Services has been consulted and has advised that, assuming the subject area of highway is unnecessary, it would be appropriate to process a closure using the powers contained within Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980.

5.0 HIGHWAY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Dolphin Street is a part adopted all-purpose cul-de-sac highway, in the Darnall area of Sheffield. From its junction with Kettlebridge Road to a point 122 west it is adopted. The remaining section, continuing west for 118 metres is unadopted.
- 5.2 The subject highway serves only as an access to William Cook Castings Ltd. There are no public rights of way that connect with the highway.
- 5.3 In its current state it serves no purpose to highway users and as such it is considered that the highway is unnecessary. The proposed closure will not have a detrimental effect on the surrounding highway network and its users and will not affect the public's enjoyment of the area.

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 this application (for statutory advertising in the local press and Magistrates' Court fees) will be met from the Highway Maintenance Budget. The fee for these services is £750 and £226 respectively
- 8.2 Any additional costs that may arise, such as easements or private access agreements between landowners, must be met by the affected parties. If these costs are not met, the process will be cancelled, and the highway will be reopened to the public.
- 8.3 There will be a slight reduction of approximately £316 per annum to the Highway Maintenance Revenue Budget as a result of this highway closure.

9.0 CONCLUSION

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

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Raise no objection to the proposed Stopping Up, required to close the full length of Dolphin Street in the Darnall area of Sheffield, as shown by black hatching on the plan included as Appendix A, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with Statutory Undertakers with regards to any of their mains and services that may be affected.
- 10.2 Authorise the Director of Legal and Governance to take all necessary action on the matter under the powers contained within Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 and to apply to the Magistrates' Court for the Order.

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28th November 2022

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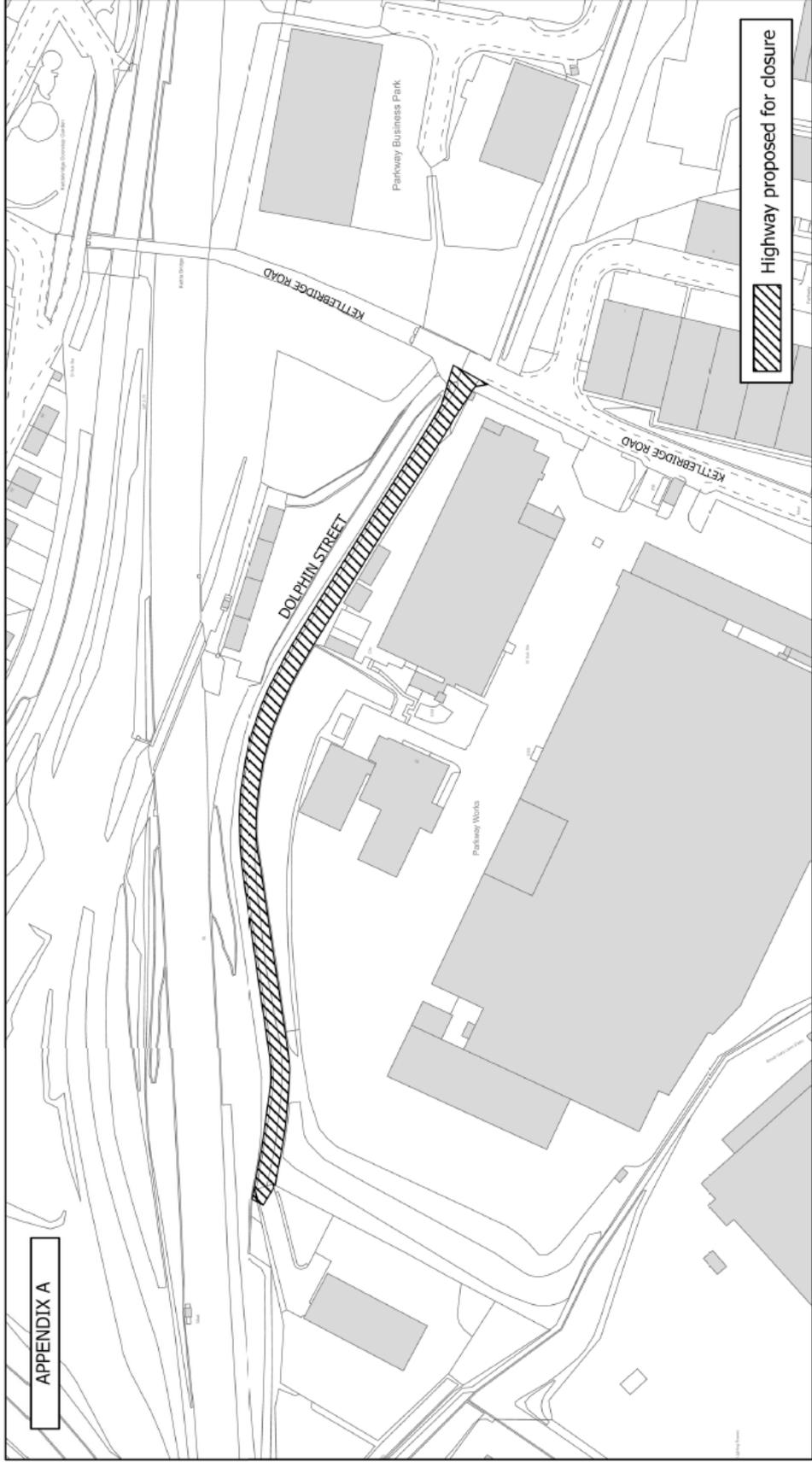
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