# TEAM MANAGER, HIGHWAY RECORDS

REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023

PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF PART OF CYCLE TRACK LINKING CORKER BOTTOMS CYCLE PATH WITH BEAUMONT ROAD NORTH AND INFORMAL PATHS CROSSING THE FORMER FOUNDRY WORKERS SOCIAL CLUB AND CAR PARK AT BEAUMONT ROAD NORTH, SHEFFIELD 2.

## 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 a short section of cycle track that connects the Corker Bottoms cycle track with Beaumont Road North and several informal paths over land that was formerly the Sheffield Foundry Workers Social Club at Beaumont Road North, Sheffield 2, as shown hatched black and as solid black lines respectively on the plan included as Appendix A, hereby referred to as 'the plan'.

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Planning permission has been granted conditionally, under reference 19/03963/FUL for the erection of 26 two-storey dwellings (4 two-bed and 22 three-bed) and associated works including formation of access road, provision of parking and hard and soft landscaping.
- 2.2 In order to facilitate the approved development, the applicant contests that it is necessary to permanently stop up a short section of cycle track that connects the Corker Bottoms cycle track with Beaumont Road North. This is shown hatched black on the plan.
- 2.3 There are several informal paths that cross the site of the proposed development, and it is considered prudent to include these within the stopping up application. This will ensure that any public rights (that potentially may have been established) are extinguished. However, at the time of writing this report I am not aware of any claims (or any intention to submit a claim) under Schedule 14 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, being made. These paths are shown as solid black lines on the plan.
- 2.4 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.

#### 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 highway needs to be stopped up to facilitate the approved development, it will be appropriate to process the closures using the powers contained within Section 247 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.
- 5.0 HIGHWAY IMPLICATIONS
- 5.1 The cycle path is adopted highway and forms part of National Cycle Route 627 at Manor Park, Sheffield. The paths shown by solid black lines on the plan have no highway status.
- 5.2 Improvements will be carried out to the main path to mitigate for the removal of this link and to provide an improved connection at Beaumont Road North, shown cross hatched on the plan and in more detail on the plan included as Appendix B.
- 5.3 Therefore, it is considered that these closures should not affect the public's enjoyment of the area. The closures are 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.
- 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 a short section of cycle track that connects the Corker Bottoms cycle track with Beaumont Road North, shown hatched black on the plan included as Appendix A.
- 10.2 Raise no objection to the proposed stopping up for the permanent closure of the informal paths shown as solid black lines on the plan included as Appendix A.
- 10.3 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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7<sup>th</sup> February 2023

REPORT APPROVED BY TOM FINNEGAN-SMITH HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT, SUSTAINABILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Signed

Date 7th February 2023

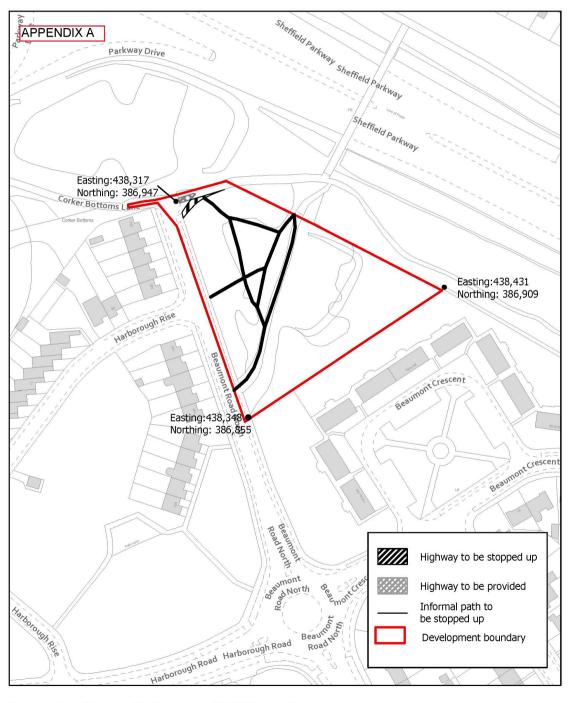


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Closure of Highway at Beaumont Road North, Sheffield 2



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