TEAM MANAGER, HIGHWAY RECORDS

REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE 7th June 2023.

PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF PART (FOOTWAY) OF EYRE STREET, CITY CENTRE, SHEFFIELD 1.

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek authority to approve the proposed Stopping-Up Order for part of Eyre Street, as shown hatched black on the plan included as Appendix A.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 An application to make a Highway Stopping-Up Order, under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, has been made to the Department for Transport's National Transport Casework Team (N.T.C.T.).
- 2.2 The applicant is seeking planning permission, under application number 22/04571/FUL, for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of a twelve-storey student accommodation scheme comprising 251 student beds (all studios) with associated amenities including student hubs, cycle storage, laundry, gym, private dining, private study room, outdoor terraces, staff facilities and permanent stopping up of highway land at Eyre/Matilda Street.
- 2.3 N.T.C.T. has contacted the City Council, as a statutory consultee, in respect of the proposed closure.
- 2.4 The applicant is seeking the permanent closure of a small triangular area of adopted highway at the junction of Eyre Street and Matilda Street, as shown hatched black on the plan included as Appendix A.
- 2.5 The applicant contends that, to facilitate the development, it will be necessary to permanently stop up the area of highway shown by black hatching on the closure plan included as Appendix A.

3.0 CONSULTATIONS

3.1 In this particular case, it is not the role of the City Council to consult the statutory organisations and other relevant bodies. However, as part of the process of making the application to N.T.C.T, the applicant should have consulted the usual sources and been in discussion with affected parties concerning the resiting and protection of their equipment. It is understood that the N.T.C.T. also make their own consultations as appropriate. At the time of writing this report the Council had not received notification of any objections.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Director of Legal Services has been consulted and has advised that, assuming the subject area of highway needs to be stopped up to facilitate the development, and that planning consent has been granted, 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 Located in the city centre of Sheffield, Eyre Street and Matilda Street are all-purpose adopted highways. Both are classified roads numbered C710 and C713 respectively.
- 5.2 The subject area forms part of the footway at the junction of Eyre Street and Matilda Street as shown outlined red on the photo included as Appendix B.
- 5.3 Colleagues in Highways Development Control have been consulted as part of the planning process and have raised no issues with the closure of the highway.
- 5.4 Therefore, it is considered that the closure 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 closure will result in a slight reduction to the Highway Maintenance budget.
- 8.3 The City Council's Property Services and Facilities Management Team have agreed terms for the sale of the land. On successful completion of the highway closure process the land will be transferred.
- 8.4 All costs relating to the closure of the highway and the subsequent sale of the land 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 of part of Eyre Street in the City Centre area of Sheffield.
- 10.2 Authorise the Director of Legal Services to notify N.T.C.T. of this decision.

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7th June 2023

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

Date 7th June 23



