# TEAM MANAGER, HIGHWAY RECORDS

REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SECTION 247. PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF PART OF EXCHANGE STREET, SHEFFIELD 1 AND PART OF WAINGATE, SHEFFIELD 3.

## 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 Exchange Street, Sheffield 1, and part of Waingate, Sheffield 3, as shown hatched black on the plan included as Appendix A, hereby referred to as 'the plan'.

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Planning permission has been granted under reference 23/00493/OUT for the regeneration of the Castle Site, including: Full application for new public realm open space including the partial de-culverting of the River Sheaf and refurbishment/adaptation of the retained structure above the upper chamber. Outline application for the construction of buildings on prepared development plots (for use within Use Classes: E (Commercial, business and service), F.1 (Learning and non-residential institutions), F.2 (Local community), C1 (Hotels), C2 (Residential institutions) and/ or C3 (Dwellinghouses) and/ or for use as a drinking establishment, and/ or as a hot food takeaway (sui generis)) together with an area of public realm readied for the River Sheaf to be deculverted at a later date
- 2.2 The areas, shown green on the plan included as Appendix B, are subject to a planning condition (number 4 in the decision notice) that requires the submission and approval of a reserved matters application, before development can commence. However, condition 5 states that works including, demolition, excavation and level raising, may commence before a reserved matters application is made. Enabling works are programmed for 2024 and include the demolition, excavation and level raising within the areas subject to this proposal. Therefore, it is considered necessary to permanently stop up those parts of Exchange Street and Waingate, as shown hatched black on the plan.
- 2.3 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 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 Waingate is an adopted all-purpose classified (C725) highway in the City Centre of Sheffield. The subject area forms part of a wide footway area that previously served the former Castle Market.
- 5.2 Exchange Street is an adopted all-purpose highway in the City Centre. The subject area previously served as part of a covered pedestrian walkway adjacent to the market buildings, as shown in the photo included as Appendix C. The photo included as Appendix D shows the former market properties that are located directly below the highway. These premises are to be demolished, requiring permanent closure of the affected highway.
- 5.3 New areas of highway footway will be provided adjacent to the development on Waingate. These areas are shown stippled on the plan.
- 5.4 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 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 an application being made to the Department for Transport, under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, for the areas shown hatched black on the plan.
- 10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS
- 10.1 Raise no objections to an application being made to the Department for Transport, under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, for the permanent closure of part of Exchange Street and part of Waingate, Sheffield, as shown hatched black on the plan.
- 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.

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

Signed

Date 21st February 2024







