

REPORT TO HEAD OF  
TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC AND  
PARKING SERVICES  
9th December 2014

PROPOSED STOPPING-UP PART OF MATTHEWS LANE, NORTON,  
SHEFFIELD.

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek authority to support the proposed Stopping-Up Order required for part of Matthews Lane, Norton, Sheffield.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 An application to make a Highways Stopping-Up Order, under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, has been made to the Department for Transport National Transport Casework Team (N.T.C.T.) by a private developer.
- 2.2 N.T.C.T has contacted the City Council, as a statutory consultee, in respect of the proposed closure referred to below.
- 2.3 The applicant is seeking the closure of part of Matthews Lane, shown by black hatching on the plan enclosed as Appendix A, in the Norton area of Sheffield. Full planning permission has been granted under 13/02892/FUL for the erection of 52 dwellinghouses with associated access, car parking and an area of public open space.
- 2.4 In order to facilitate the approved development, it is necessary to permanently stop up the areas of highway shown by 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.C.T.C, the applicant should have consulted the usual sources and been in discussion with affected parties concerning the resiting and protection of their equipment. 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 areas of highway need to be stopped up to facilitate the approved development, it would be appropriate to process the closure using powers contained within the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, Section 247.

#### 5.0 HIGHWAY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Matthews Lane is an unclassified all-purpose adopted highway.
- 5.2 A new alternative footway will be provided within the remaining existing adopted highway. The loss of the subject area of highway should not therefore affect the public's enjoyment of this area and will have no detrimental effect on the surrounding highway network and its users.
- 5.3 Closure of the subject area and the provision of a new footway will remove an existing layby previously favoured for dropping and collecting pupils at the now demolished Bents Green School.
- 5.4 The Council is satisfied that it is necessary to close the existing highways as shown on the plan attached as Appendix A in order to facilitate the development.

#### 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 There will be a no increase in liability on the Highway Maintenance revenue budget as a result of this highway closure.
- 8.2 All costs associated with, and arising from, the application for the permanent highway closure, and consequent works on site, will be met by the applicant.

#### 9.0 CONCLUSION

- 9.1 Based on the above information, I have no objections to the proposed closure of part of Matthews Lane, as shown by hatching on the plan included as Appendix A.

## 10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 No objections are raised to the proposed stopping-up of part of Matthews Lane, as shown by hatching on the plan included as Appendix A, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with the Statutory Undertakers with regards to such of their mains and services that may be affected.
- 10.2 Authorises the Director of Legal Services to notify N.T.C.T. of this decision.

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REPORT APPROVED BY HEAD OF TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC AND  
PARKING SERVICES

Signed



Date

11-12-14

## APPENDIX A

