

REPORT TO HEAD OF
STRATEGIC TRANSPORT
AND INFRASTRUCTURE

26 July 2016

PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT ARCHDALE ROAD,
RAVENCARR ROAD AND THE CIRCLE, SHEFFIELD.

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek authority to object to the proposed Stopping-Up Order required for parts of Archdale Road, Ravencarr Road, Ravencarr Place, Stonecliffe Road, The Circle and associated public footpaths, Manor, 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.).
- 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 parts of Archdale Road, Ravencarr Road, Ravencarr Place, Stonecliffe Road, The Circle and associated public footpaths, at Manor, Sheffield. A planning application has been made under number 15/04439/FUL for the erection of 181 dwellinghouses with associated highways and landscaping works.
- 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.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. 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 Archdale Road, Ravencarr Road, Ravencarr Place, Stonecliffe Road and The Circle are unclassified all-purpose adopted highways.
- 5.2 New highways will be constructed to serve the development.
- 5.3 The developer proposes to close an adopted footpath shown as 6 and 7 on the plan attached as Appendix A, and provide a permissive route as an alternative. This would not afford the same public rights as an adopted highway and we feel that not providing a public route could have a detrimental effect on highway users. This section of footpath provides a popular link between Archdale Road and Harborough Avenue and is part of a longer route linking City Road and Beaumont Road North. The loss of this section could potentially leave pedestrians with a lengthy diversion of 400m via Archdale Road, Raynald Road and Harborough Avenue some 230m longer than the current route.
- 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 planning consent.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The removal of the footpath, shown as items 6 and 7 on the plan attached as Appendix A, and the developers' apparent reluctance to provide an adopted route, as a replacement could mean a significant diversion potentially particularly affecting less able-bodied users.

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 No particular environmental implications arise from the proposal in this report.

8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The cost of the accrual of the new lengths of highway into the Streets Ahead Contract will be offset by the saving from the de-accrual of the length of highways that are to be closed.

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 information in paragraphs 5.3 and 6.1, I have an objection to the proposed stopping up of parts of Archdale Road, Ravencarr Road, Ravencarr Place, Stonecliffe Road, The Circle and associated public footpaths, Manor, Sheffield, as shown by hatching on the plan included as Appendix A, on the grounds that the proposal makes inadequate replacement for the loss of footpaths 6 and 7.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Raise an objection to the proposed stopping up of parts of Archdale Road, Ravencarr Road, Ravencarr Place, Stonecliffe Road, The Circle and associated public footpaths, Manor, Sheffield, shown by hatching on the plan included as Appendix A.

10.2 Authorise the Director of Legal Services to notify N.T.C.T. of this decision.

10.3 If N.T.C.T. inform that the Order plan has been substituted by a new one clearly showing a satisfactory replacement for footpaths 6 and 7 as new highway to be provided, then authorize the Director of Legal Services to withdraw the objection.

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REPORT APPROVED BY HEAD OF Strategic Transport and Infrastructure

Signed

Date