

TEAM MANAGER, HIGHWAY RECORDS

REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC
TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

23 NOVEMBER 2016

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF PART OF BROOMGROVE CRESCENT,
BROOMHALL, SHEFFIELD

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek authority to process the Highway Stopping-Up Order required for closing part of Broomgrove Crescent in the Broomhall area of Sheffield.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The applicant contends that the area shown hatched on the plan attached as Appendix A is not necessary as highway and can be permanently closed.
- 2.2 The majority of the subject area is highway verge containing mostly self-set vegetation, and is inaccessible to pedestrians and vehicles. (The northernmost 10m of the subject strip is redundant footway, not leading to any property accesses).
- 2.3 The applicant has planning consent (16/01249/FUL granted on 7th October 2016) for a development immediately adjacent to the subject area. It is their intention to landscape the area in a manner that would complement the development whilst improving the aesthetics of the general area.

3.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 Consultations have been carried out with the Statutory Undertakers, the Emergency Services and other relevant bodies.
- 3.2 Not all consultees had responded at the time of writing this report but of those who have replied, only one has affected apparatus.
- 3.3 Virgin Media initially objected to the proposal. However, following further consultation with the applicant the objection has now been withdrawn. At the time of writing no further objections have been received.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Legal Services has been consulted and have advised that, assuming the area of highway is unnecessary, it would be appropriate to process the closure using the powers contained within Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980.

5.0 HIGHWAY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The majority of the subject area forms a verge containing mostly self-set vegetation, and is inaccessible to pedestrians and vehicles. Approximately 10 metres at the northern end is redundant footway.
- 5.2 A 500mm strip alongside the carriageway will be retained as highway margin.
- 5.3 Therefore, closure of the subject piece of highway should not affect the public's enjoyment of the area, 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 There are no particular equal opportunities implications arising from the proposals in this report.

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no particular environmental implications arising from the proposals in this report.

8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There will be a slight decrease in liability on the Highway Maintenance revenue budget as a result of these highway closures.
- 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 as shown by hatching on the plan included as Appendix A.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Raise no objections to the proposed closure of part of Broomgrove Crescent, Broomhall, Sheffield, as shown by hatching on the plan included as Appendix A, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with Statutory Undertakers with regards to their mains and services that may be affected.
- 10.2 Authorise Legal Services to take all necessary action on the matter under the powers contained within the Highways Act 1980, Section 116, and to apply to the Magistrates' Court for an Order to stop-up the said area of highway.

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REPORT APPROVED BY HEAD OF TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC & PARKING SERVICES

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APPENDIX A

