REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

6th February 2020

PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT BUCHANAN CRESCENT, PARSON CROSS, SHEFFIELD S5

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek authority to process the Highway Stopping-Up Order required for closing parts of Buchanan Crescent as shown hatched black on the plan attached as Appendix A, hereby referred to as 'the plan'.

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.) by a developer.
- 2.2 N.T.C.T. has contacted the City Council, as a statutory consultee, in respect of the proposed closure.
- 2.3 The applicant is seeking the closure of highway, which currently forms part of the footway and a redundant piece of Buchanan Crescent, the latter which formerly served properties that were demolished in the early 2000s.
- 2.4 Planning consent has been granted conditionally for the erection of 122 apartments, 18 bungalows and associated communal facilities on land between Adlington Road, Buchanan Drive, Buchanan Road and Buchanan Crescent Sheffield S5 8AG under planning reference 19/0226/FUL.
- 2.5 In order to facilitate the approved development, the applicant contests that it is 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. At the time of writing this report the Council had not received notification of any third party objections.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Director of Legal Services has been consulted and has advised that, assuming the area of highway needs 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 Buchanan Crescent is an adopted public highway in the Parson Cross area of Sheffield.
- 5.2 The closure will remove areas of footway, shown at points 1 and 3 on the plan. However the existing verge will be incorporated with the remaining footway to provide a wider pedestrian highway, as shown on the plan included as Appendix B.
- 5.3 The area shown at point '2' on the plan included as Appendix A formerly served residential properties. These properties were demolished between 2002 and 2008, rendering this part of Buchanan Crescent redundant.
- 5.4 Therefore, closure of this part of the highway 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 All costs accruing to the Council (Highway Maintenance Division) associated with this proposal will be met by the Applicant (including commuted sums for future maintenance if applicable).
- 8.2 Therefore there will be no increase in liability on the Highway Maintenance revenue budget.

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 parts of Buchanan Crescent, Parson Cross, 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 Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 247, and to apply to the Department for Transport for an Order to close the said area of highway.

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REPORT APPROVED BY HEAD OF Strategic Transport and Infrastructure



