

NEW WORKS AND RECORDS MANAGER

REPORT TO HEAD TRANSPORT TRAFFIC AND PARKING SERVICES

16 December 2013

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF FOX LANE, BRADWAY, SHEFFIELD.

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek authority to process the Stopping-Up Order required closing part of Fox Lane in the Bradway area of Sheffield as shown by black hatching on the plan included as Appendix A.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.0 The applicant is seeking to close the area shown by black hatching on the plan attached as Appendix A. The applicant contends that the area is no longer needed as public highway. A location plan is also included as Appendix B.
- 2.2 The subject area has been enclosed behind a boundary wall for several years, during this time the City Council has not received any complaints relating to the matter.
- 2.3 The land is owned by the applicant and no neighbouring land owners will be affected.
- 2.4 A location plan is attached as Appendix B.

3.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 Consultations have been carried out with Statutory Undertakers (i.e. utility companies), the Emergency Services, and other relevant bodies.
- 3.2 Not all the consultees had responded at the time of writing this report. Of those that have responded no objections have been received.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Director of Legal and Governance has been consulted and has 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 Fox Lane is an adopted all-purpose highway.
- 5.2 The area, shown by black hatching on the plan is no longer used by general highway users. Consequently, closure of the area should not adversely affect the public's enjoyment of the area and will have no detrimental effect on the surrounding highway network and its users.
- 5.3 The applicant is the land owner and closure will not affect any other parties.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 No particular equal opportunity implications arise from the proposals in this report.

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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

8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 All costs accruing to the Highway Maintenance Division in association with this closure application will be met by the Applicant.
- 8.2 There will be no increase in liability on the Highway Maintenance revenue budget as a result of the closure of this part of Fox Lane. If the application is successful the area will be de-accrued from the Highway Maintenance contract.

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 Fox Lane, Bradway as shown by hatching on the plan included as Appendix A, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with Statutory Undertakers in connection with any of their mains and services that may be affected.
- 10.2 Authority be given to the Director of Legal and Governance to

- a. take all necessary action to close part of Fox Lane by order under the powers contained within Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980.
- b. confirm the order as an unopposed order, in the event of no objections being received, or any objections received being resolved and ultimately withdrawn prior to the order being confirmed.

REPORT APPROVED BY HEAD OF TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC AND PARKING SERVICES

Signed

Date

John Bann
Head of Transport Traffic and Parking Services

16 December 2013