REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

7th April 2017

PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT RUSSELL STREET, SHEFFIELD, S3 8RW

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek authority to approve the proposed Stopping-Up Order required for part of Russell Street, 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 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 Russell Street, Sheffield. A planning consent has been given reference 16/02359/FUL, under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1980 to vary condition 2 (Approved Drawings) (including internal and external alterations to the design of the building including creation of 4 additional apartments to create 56no. in total), 4 (demolition), 9 (WSI), 10 (demolition), 23(cycle parking) and 40 (ground floor use) and remove conditions 3 (demolition) and 33 (surface water) imposed by planning consent 13/04135/FUL for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of mixed use development with 52 residential units above ground floor ancillary facilities and communal use.
- 2.4 In order to facilitate the approved development, it is necessary to permanently stop up the area 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 Russell Street is an adopted all-purpose highway.
- The subject area is approximately 1m in width and forms part of a wider than average (2.8m) section of footway serving Russell Street. This 2.8m wide section runs for approximately 28m from the junction of Alma Street to the western boundary of the Keiham Island Tavern, at which point it narrows abruptly to 1.8m. The narrowing of the footway to a uniform width of 1.8m will have a slight detrimental effect to pedestrians at this location. However, overall, the effect on the surrounding highway network and its users was deemed to be acceptable through the planning process, and should not affect the public's enjoyment of the area.
- 5.3 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 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 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 stopping up of part of Russell Street, Sheffield, 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 Russell Street, Sheffield, 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 Authorise the Director of Legal Services to notify N.T.C.T. of this decision.

Mark Reeder

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7th April 2017

REPORT APPROVED BY HEAD OF Strategic Transport and Infrastructure

Signed

Date

7 April 17.

