TEAM MANAGER, HIGHWAY RECORDS

REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE 17 SEPTEMBER 2018

PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF PART OF THE HIGHWAY VERGE ON CLAREMONT CRESCENT, SHEFFIELD, S10

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek authority to approve the proposed Stopping-Up Order for part of the public highway verge on Claremont Crescent outside the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, S10.

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.).
- 2.2 N.T.C.T. has contacted the City Council, as a statutory consultee, in respect of the proposed closure.
- 2.3 Sheffield City Council has conditionally granted planning consent to the University of Sheffield (reference 18/00811/FUL) for the erection of a three storey extension at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital on Claremont Crescent to provide a "Positron emission tomography-magnetic resonance imaging" ("PET MRI") facility.
- 2.4 The applicant contends that, in order to facilitate the development, it will be necessary to permanently stop up the area of highway verge 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. It is understood that the N.T.C.T. also make their own consultations as appropriate. 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 & Governance has been consulted and has advised that, assuming the subject area of highway needs to be stopped up to facilitate the development, and that planning consent has been granted, it will be appropriate to

process the closure using the powers contained within Section 247 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

5.0 HIGHWAY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Claremont Crescent is an unclassified all-purpose adopted public highway.
- 5.2 In order to facilitate the proposed extension to the Hospital for the PET MRI, the developer seeks to build on part of the verge area behind the footway of Claremont Crescent, thus necessitating its permanent closure as part of the public highway.
- 5.3 The subject piece of highway verge currently forms a strip of informal 'garden' area behind the footway, and is not required for operational highway purposes. In assessing the highway implications of the planning application, Officers in the Council's Highway Development Management team had no concerns about visibility issues as a result of the proposed new building and highway closure, and did not raise any objection to the application.
- 5.4 On that basis, the Council is satisfied that:
 - it will be necessary to close the piece of existing highway shown hatched on the plan attached as Appendix A in order to facilitate the planning consent;
 - the removal of that land from the highway will not have a detrimental effect on users of the surrounding highway network, or affect the public's enjoyment of the area.

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 financial liability on the Council as a result of this proposed Stopping Up Order.
- 8.2 The costs associated with, and arising from, the permanent highway closure and consequent works to build the development on site, will all be met by the applicant.
- 8.3 The subsoil of the subject piece of Highway verge is owned freehold by Sheffield City Council and thus, in addition to the Highway Stopping Up Order, the land will need to be purchased by the University to allow the development to go ahead. Council Property Services are in the process of agreeing the sale of the land to the

University, and have said that they expect that terms will be agreed in the new few days, and that solicitors will be instructed to go ahead shortly thereafter.

9.0 CONCLUSION

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9.1 Based on the above information, I have no objections to the proposed Order, as shown on the plan included at Appendix A.

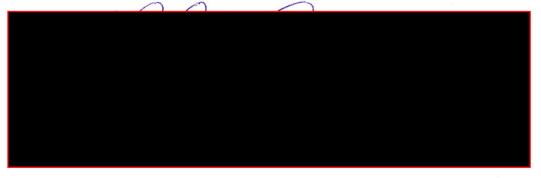
10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Raise no objection to the proposed stopping up of part of the public highway verge on Claremont Crescent outside the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, S10, as shown by hatching on the plan included as Appendix A.
- 10.2 Authorise the Director of Legal & Governance to notify N.T.C.T. of this decision.

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17 September 2018

REPORT APPROVED BY TOM FINNEGAN-SMITH HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE







APPENDIX A

Key Sca

Scale 1:500 @ A3

Highway to be stopped up



National Transport Casework Team

Department for Transport

Plan No: NATTRAN/Y&H/S247/3455

Signed by Authority of the Secretary of State

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