TEAM MANAGER, HIGHWAY RECORDS

REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE 25 JANUARY 2019

PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF BROWNELL STREET, SHEFFIELD, S3

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek authority to approve the proposed Stopping-Up Order for the permanent closure of Brownell Street, and steps up to Netherthorpe Road, in the Netherthorpe area of Sheffield, S3.

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 received a planning application (reference 18/00242/FUL) for demolition of existing buildings and erection of a mixed use development up to 15 storeys and including 284 dwellings (comprising of 133 2x bedroom apartments, 139 1x bedroom apartments and 12 studios) (Use Class C3) and commercial units (Use Class A1, A2, A3, A4, or B1) with associated works, parking and landscaping, for the development site bounded by Upper Allen Street, Daisy Walk, Netherthorpe Road and Well Meadow Drive in Sheffield S3.
- 2.4 The applicant contends that, in order to facilitate the development, it will be 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. 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 subject to planning consent being 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 Brownell Street is an unclassified all-purpose adopted public highway. The pedestrian steps from the cul-de-sac end of Brownell Street up to Netherthorpe Road are recorded in our records as Unadopted Public Highway.
- 5.2 The developer asserts that the proposed permanent highway closure will be necessary to facilitate the development, should it get planning consent.
- 5.3 On that basis, the Council is satisfied that:
 - it will be necessary to close the pieces of existing highway shown hatched on the plan attached as Appendix A in order to facilitate the development, should it get 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.

9.0 CONCLUSION

9.1 Based on the above information, and subject to the development getting planning consent, I have no objections to the proposed Order, as shown on the plan included at Appendix A.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Subject to planning consent, raise no objection to the proposed stopping up of Brownell Street and associated steps in the Netherthorpe area of Sheffield, S3, 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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