REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

7<sup>th</sup> March 2019

PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT MANCHESTER ROAD AND MILLER STREET, DEEPCAR, SHEFFIELD

### 1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek authority to approve the proposed Stopping Up Order required for part of the footway of Manchester Road and part of Miller Street, Deepcar, Sheffield S36.

### 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 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 part of the footway of Manchester Road and part of Miller Street at Deepcar, Sheffield. Planning consent has been granted conditionally to allow the use of a retail unit as eight dwellings, under application reference 18/02352/FUL.
- 2.4 In order to facilitate the approved development, it is necessary to permanently stop up the areas of highway shown by blue 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 Manchester Road is an adopted all-purpose highway and is a classified road numbered B6088.
- 5.2 The subject area of Manchester Road has a width of 1.5 metres, over a length of 18.5m, and forms part of a wider than average (approximately 4.3m) section of footway. The proposed Order takes into account the bus stop adjacent to this location, and the width of footway to be closed is 1.5m, leaving a remaining public highway footway width of 2.8m, which Officers in the Council's Highway Development Management team consider to be adequate in this location. The footway and bus stop can be seen in the photo included as Appendix B.
- 5.3 Miller Street is an unadopted all-purpose highway.
- 5.4 The subject area of Miller Street has a maximum width of 9.8m over a length of 18.9m and, although considered to be part of the public highway, it in effect has actually formed an informal parking/delivery area for many years.
- 5.5 It is often the case that unadopted highways are maintained to a lower standard than adopted highways, and Miller Street is no exception to this. Consequently the part of Miller Street which will remain as public highway and be used to access the rear of the development would benefit from some improvements, and the developer has agreed to make repairs and provide a new wearing course, though this will not change its status as unadopted public highway. The extent of these improvements can be seen cross-hatched red on the plan supplied as Appendix A.
- 5.6 The Council is satisfied that it is necessary to close these parts of the existing highways, as shown blue hatched 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 Miller Street and part of the footway of Manchester Road at Deepcar, Sheffield, as shown by blue 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 Miller Street and part of the footway of Manchester Road at Deepcar, Sheffield, as shown by blue 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.

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REPORT APPROVED BY HEAD OF Strategic Transport and Infrastructure





