

TEAM MANAGER, HIGHWAY RECORDS

REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

19th February 2021

PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF PART OF FRANK WRIGHT CLOSE, NORFOLK PARK, SHEFFIELD 2.

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek authority to process the Highway Stopping-Up Order required for closing part of Frank Wright Close in the Norfolk Park area of Sheffield, as shown hatched black on the plan attached as Appendix A, hereby referred to as 'the plan'.

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.) 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 highway, which currently forms part of the northern cul-de-sac head of Frank Wright Close.
- 2.4 Planning consent has been granted conditionally, under application number 19/02854/FUL, for the demolition of a former medical centre and the erection of 19 dwellings and 1 X 4 storey block comprising 16 apartments with parking and landscaping works, and the formation of vehicular access.
- 2.5 In order to facilitate the approved development, the applicant contests that it is necessary to permanently stop up the areas of highway shown hatched black on the plan.

3.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 In this 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 third-party 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 Frank Wright Close is an adopted all-purpose cul-de-sac public highway in the Norfolk Park area of Sheffield.
- 5.2 The closure will remove an area of highway that currently forms part of the cul-de-sac head
- 5.3 Frank Wright Close, at this location, formerly served the health centre and car parking area.
- 5.4 New areas of all-purpose highway are to be created. These will provide a new turning head on the east side of Frank Wright Close and an extension to the current highway with a turning head at the northern end. these are shown stippled pink on the plan.
- 5.5 Therefore, closure of this part of the highway should not affect the public's enjoyment of the area. The closure is necessary for the proposed development and it is considered that it will have no detrimental effect on the surrounding highway network and its users.

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 All costs accruing to the Council (Highway Maintenance Division) associated with this proposal will be met by the Applicant (including commuted sums for future maintenance if applicable).
- 8.2 Therefore there will be no increase in liability on the Highway Maintenance revenue budget.

9.0 CONCLUSION

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

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Raise no objections to the proposed Stopping Up Order for the permanent closure of part of Frank Wright Close, as shown hatched blue on the plan attached as Appendix A.

10.2 Authorise the Director of Legal and Governance to notify N.T.C.T of this decision.

Mark Reeder

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Highway Records.

19th February 2021

REPORT APPROVED BY HEAD OF Strategic Transport, Sustainability and
Infrastructure

Signed

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Date 10 March 2021

APPENDIX A

