

TEAM MANAGER, HIGHWAY RECORDS

REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
16th SEPTEMBER 2021

PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF PART OF ROCKINGHAM LANE AND PART OF A PUBLIC FOOTPATH LINKING CARVER STREET AND ROCKINGHAM STREET, SHEFFIELD CITY CENTRE, SHEFFIELD, S1 4HS

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek authority to make an application to the Department for Transport's National Casework Team (N.T.C.T) for the permanent closure of part of Rockingham Lane and part of a public footpath linking Carver Street and Rockingham Street, in the City Centre area of Sheffield, as shown hatched black on the plan included as Appendix A, hereby referred to as 'the plan'.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The City Council (the applicant) is seeking to permanently close part of Rockingham Lane and part of the footpath linking Carver Street and Rockingham Street, as shown hatched black on the plan, to facilitate development of the former Wellington Street Car Park, Wellington Street, Sheffield.

2.2 Subject to the approval of this report an application will be made to the Department for Transport (DFT), for the permanent Stopping-Up Order under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2.3 Planning permission has been granted conditionally, under reference 21/02761/RG3, for the Construction of a new city centre park including children's play equipment, water feature, climbing boulder, seating, lighting with hard and soft landscaping including tree planting, kiosk structure for serving food & drink and public access toilets.

2.4 In order to facilitate the approved development, the applicant contests that it is necessary to permanently stop up the areas of all-purpose highway and footpath, shown on the plan by black hatching.

3.0 CONSULTATIONS

3.1 Consultation with the Statutory Undertakers and other relevant bodies will be carried out by the DFT's National Transport Casework Team (N.T.C.T) as part of the application.

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 approved development, 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 Rockingham Lane is an adopted all-purpose highway in the City Centre of Sheffield.
- 5.2 The footpath linking Carver Street and Rockingham Lane is an adopted public footpath.
- 5.3 The developer asserts that the proposed permanent closure is necessary to facilitate the development.
- 5.4 Once closed the subject areas will be incorporated within the proposed inner-city park (Pound Park), an area of high-quality public space, maintained by the Council's City Centre Management Team.
- 5.5 An adopted footpath route will be retained between Carver Street and Rockingham Lane. The remaining route will be widened, but not adopted. The additional width will be managed, as part of the Pound Park, by the City Council's City Centre Management Team.
- 5.6 Therefore, closure of these highways should not affect the public's enjoyment of the area. The closures are necessary for the proposed development, and it is considered that they 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 Highway Maintenance Division associated with this proposal will be met by the Applicant (including commuted sums for future maintenance if applicable).
- 8.2 The costs associated with, and arising from, the permanent highway closure and consequent works to carry out the work 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 Order, as shown on the plan included as Appendix A.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

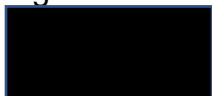
- 10.1 Raise no objection to the proposed Stopping Up Order for the permanent closure of part of Rockingham Lane and part of the footpath linking Carver Street and Rockingham Street, as shown by black hatching on the plan included as Appendix A.
- 10.2 Authorise the Director of Legal and Governance to take all necessary action on the matter under the powers contained within the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Section 247, and to apply to the Department for Transport for an Order to close the said areas of highway.

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16th September 2021

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

Signed

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Date 21 September 2021

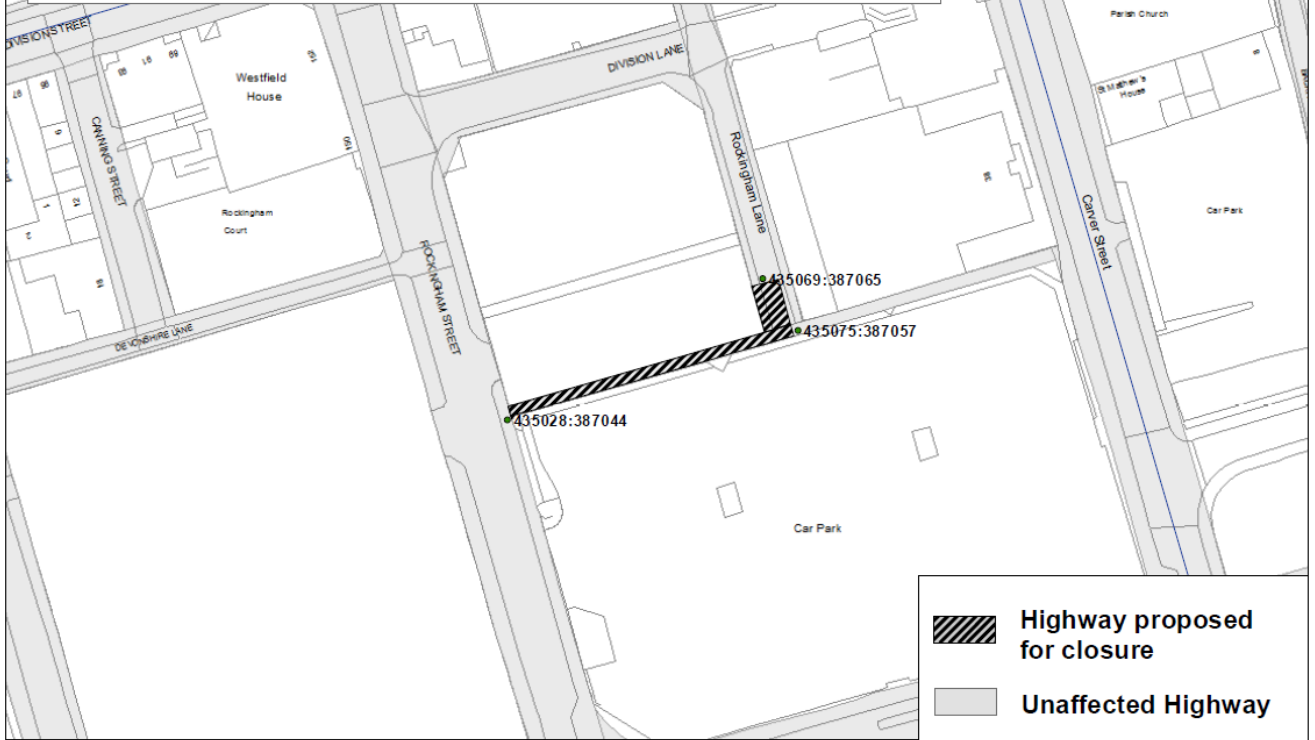


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APPENDIX A



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