

## TEAM MANAGER, HIGHWAY RECORDS

REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
17<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT 40 CHARTER SQUARE, SHEFFIELD CITY CENTRE, SHEFFIELD, S1 4HS

#### 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek authority to approve the proposed Stopping Up Order for the permanent closure of a length of highway along the frontage of Telephone House at Charter Square, 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 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 granted planning consent conditionally under reference 20/02703/RG3 for the provision of new cladding to the Charter Row elevation of the multi-storey car park, painting of the existing parking decks, barriers, railings, windows, vents and concrete frames on all elevations of the car park (excludes the Vita Student building over), repointing to masonry and concrete repairs, provision of down-lighting to the new cladding on Charter Row, provision of fencing and gates to the existing service yards on Rockingham Street and Wellington Street, reduction of the existing masonry walls to the service yards and cladding to ground floor shop fronts along Charter Row.
- 2.4 The applicant contends that, to facilitate the development, it will be necessary to permanently stop up the area of highway shown by black hatching 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 re-siting 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 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 Charter Square is an adopted, classified (C725), highway in the City Centre of Sheffield

5.2 This part of Charter Square is pedestrianised and has a variable width of between 3.7 and 7.7 metres. This proposal will reduce the overall width on the western side by 1 metre.

5.3 The developer asserts that the proposed permanent closure is necessary to facilitate the development.

5.4 On that basis, the Council is satisfied that:

- it will be necessary to close the piece of highway shown hatched black on the plan attached as Appendix A and Appendix B in order to facilitate the development;
- 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 As a result of this proposed Stopping Up Order an area of 84m<sup>2</sup> will be removed from the publicly maintainable highway. This will result in a reduction in financial liability of approximately £8500 to the Council as Local Highway Authority.
- 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 at Appendix A.

## 10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Raise no objection to the proposed Stopping Up Order for the permanent closure of part of Charter Square, as shown by black 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.

Mark Reeder  
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# APPENDIX A

