TEAM MANAGER, HIGHWAY RECORDS

REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE 30th April 2021

PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF PART OF EDGEFIELD ROAD, NETHER EDGE, SHEFFIELD 7

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To seek authority to approve the proposed Stopping-Up Order for part of the public highway (verge) at Edgefield Road 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 Planning consent has been granted conditionally, under application number 20/02657/FUL for the use of land as an extension to a private garden, including part demolition of boundary wall and erection of fence and gate with platform including trellis and balstrade, and steps.
- 2.3 N.T.C.T. has contacted the City Council, as a statutory consultee, in respect of the proposed closure.
- 2.4 The applicant is seeking the permanent closure of part of Edgefield Road, Nether Edge, Sheffield.
- 2.5 The applicant contends that, in order to facilitate the development, it will be necessary to permanently stop up the area of highway verge shown by black 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 Services has been consulted and has advised that, assuming the subject area of highway needs to be stopped up to facilitate the development, and that planning consent has been 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 Edgefield Road is an unadopted all-purpose public highway in the Abbeydale area of Sheffield.
- 5.2 Though recorded as an all-purpose highway, Edgefield Road, at this location, is very overgrown (resembling a small woodland) and used only as a pedestrian footpath route. Only the Scout Hut requires vehicular access, which is taken from the west side via Archer Lane.
- 5.3 This proposal will remove a small area of highway verge, which is inaccessible to highway users, shown hatched black on the plan. Photos showing the location are included as Appendix B.
- 5.4 Therefore, closure of these areas of highway 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 Edgefield Road is unadopted and therefore not publicly maintained. Consequently there will be no change to the 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 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 of part of the public highway verge of Edgefield Road.
- 10.2 Authorise the Director of Legal Services to notify N.T.C.T. of this decision.

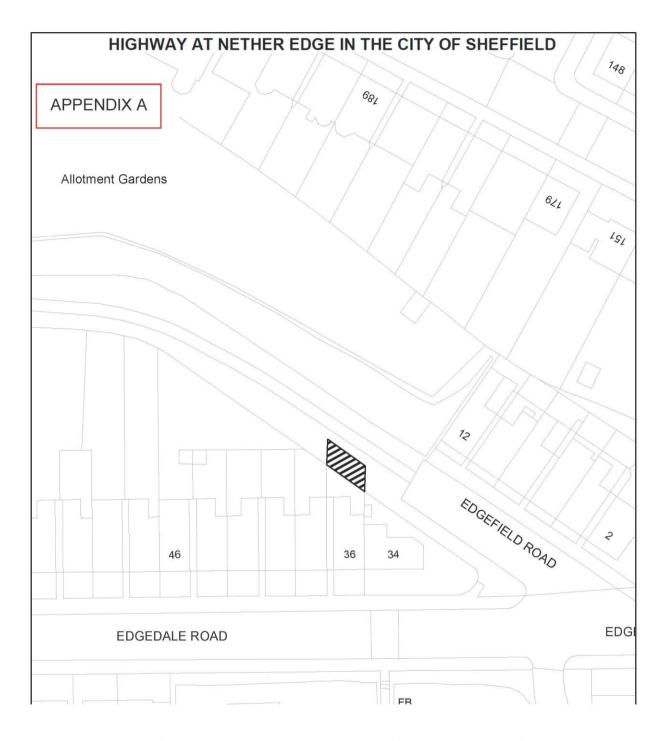
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30th April 2021

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

Signed

Date 10 May 2021







APPENDIX B



