

TEAM MANAGER, HIGHWAY RECORDS

REPORT TO HEAD OF STRATEGIC TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
18th June 2024

PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF PART OF BUCHANAN ROAD, PARSON CROSS,
SHEFFIELD, S5.

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 Buchanan Road, in the Parson Cross 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 applicant is seeking to permanently close part of Buchanan Road, as shown hatched black on the plan, to facilitate development on land situated at the junction of Wordsworth Avenue and Buchanan Road.

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 23/02273/RG3 for the erection of a new three-storey Medical Hub (Use Class E(e)) with associated Infrastructure, parking and landscaping (Application under Regulation 3 - 1992).

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, 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 Buchanan Road is an adopted all-purpose highway in the Parson Cross area of Sheffield.
- 5.2 The developer asserts that the proposed permanent closure is necessary to facilitate the development.
- 5.3 The subject area previously served as an access to local shops. Since demolition of the shopping centre the area has provided car parking, a link road connecting Buchanan Road and Wordsworth Avenue and landscaped areas.
- 5.4 The footways of Buchanan Road and Wordsworth Avenue (that abut the proposed site) provide an established alternative route that could be considered more suitable for pedestrians, as they reduce the likelihood of encountering vehicles manoeuvring around the car park.
- 5.5 Therefore, it is considered that the closure of this highway should not affect the public's enjoyment or use 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 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 Buchanan Road, 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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17th June 2024

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

Signed

Date

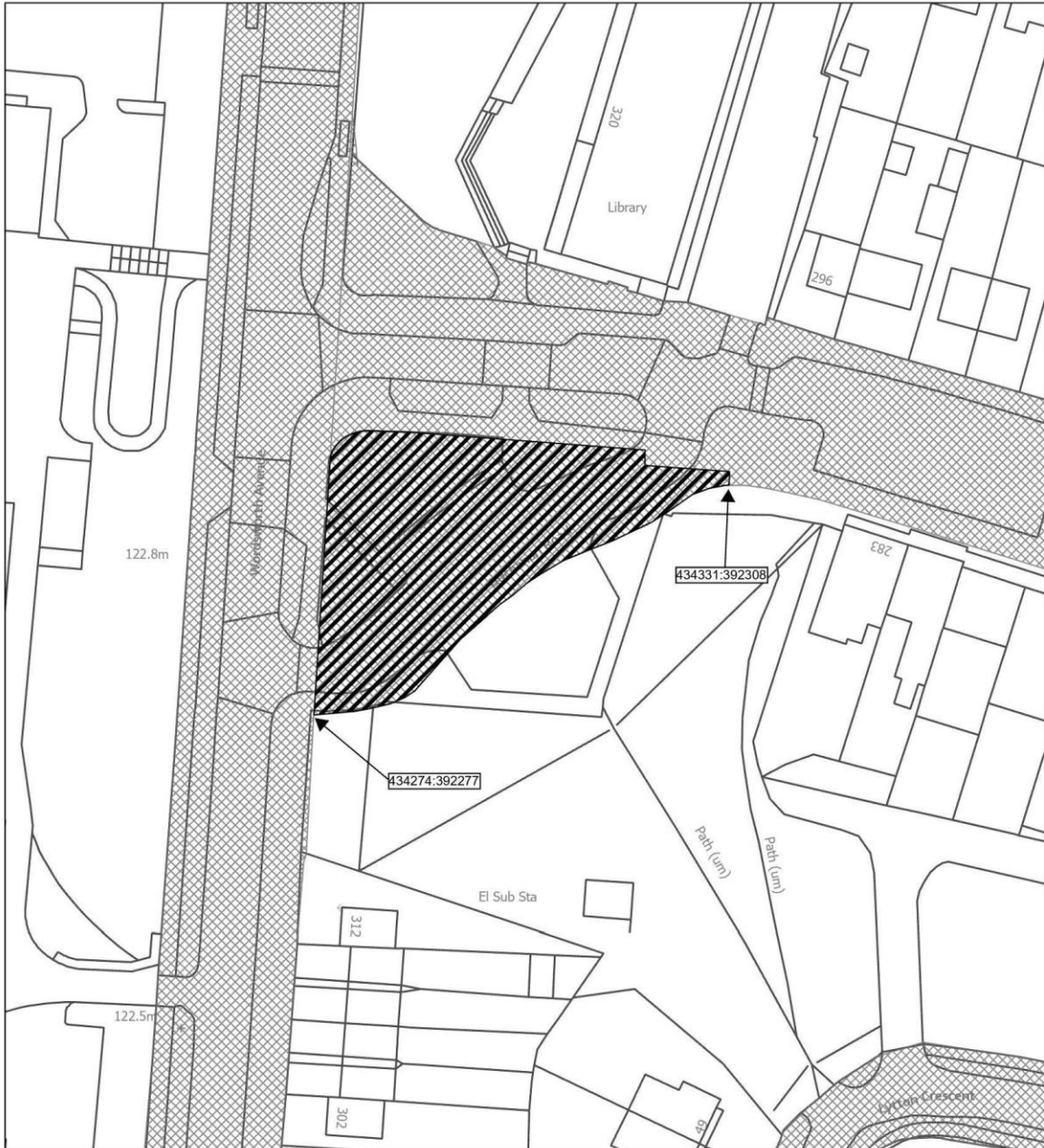


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PROPOSED CLOSURE OF PART OF BUCHANAN ROAD.
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APPENDIX A



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