

TEAM MANAGER, HIGHWAY RECORDS

REPORT TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR CITY TRANSPORT
12th November 2024

PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF FOOTPATH LINKING LEAVY GREAVE ROAD AND UPPER HANOVER STREET, BROOMHALL, SHEFFIELD, S3.

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek authority to approve the proposed Stopping-Up Order of the footpath linking Leavy Greave Road and Upper Hanover Street, as shown shaded on the plan included as Appendix A, hereafter 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 permission has been granted conditionally, under reference 24/02255/FUL for the erection of a five-storey building to form a teaching laboratory building, provision of a 'pocket park', site clearance and enabling works, public realm, landscaping, access, servicing, parking arrangements and associated works.
- 2.3 N.T.C.T. has contacted the City Council, as a statutory consultee, in respect of the proposed closure.
- 2.4 In order to facilitate the approved development, the applicant contests that it is necessary to permanently stop up the area of highway footpath, shown on the plan by black hatching.

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 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 is 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 The footpath linking Leavy Greave Road and Upper Hanover Street is an adopted footpath in the Broomhall area of Sheffield.
- 5.2 The developer asserts that the proposed permanent closure is necessary to facilitate the development.
- 5.3 The subject area serves as a footpath, linking Leavy Greave Road and Upper Hanover Street. The footways of Leavy Greave Road and Upper Hanover Street (that abut the proposed site) provide an established alternative route that could be considered more suitable for pedestrians. The development intends to improve these existing footways, maintaining adequate pedestrian access following completion of the development.
- 5.4 Therefore, it is considered that the closure of this highway footpath 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 closure will result in a slight reduction to the Highway Maintenance budget.
- 8.2 All 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.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Raise no objection to the proposed Stopping Up Order for the permanent closure of part of the footpath linking Leavy Greave Road and Upper Hanover Street, as shown shaded on the plan included as Appendix A,.

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

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