



## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Planning & Highways Committee

**Report of:** Director of Regeneration & Development Services

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**Date:** 13 May 2014

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**Subject:** PROPOSED CLOSURE OF FOOTPATHS AT HARBOROUGH FIELDS, MOTEHALL FIELDS AND SEATON FIELDS, MANOR, SHEFFIELD

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**Summary:** To seek authority to process the Highway Stopping-Up Order required closing public footpaths at Harborough Fields, Motehall Fields and Seaton Fields in the Manor area of Sheffield.

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**Recommendations:**

Raise no objections to the proposed formal closure of the following adopted public footpaths:

- Harborough Fields: Shown hatched on the plan included as Appendix A.
- Motehall Fields: Shown hatched on the plan included as Appendix B.
- Seaton Fields: Shown hatched on the plan included as Appendix C

subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with Statutory Undertakers in connection with any of their mains and services that may be affected.

2. Authority be given to the Director of Legal and Governance to

- a. take all necessary action to close the footpath under the powers contained within Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
  - b. confirm the Order as an Unopposed Order, in the event of no objections being received, or any objections received being resolved.
  - c. Submit the Order to the Secretary of State for confirmation in the event that objections are received which cannot be resolved
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**Background Papers:** None

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**Category of Report:** \*Open/Closed \*(delete as appropriate)

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PROPOSED CLOSURE OF FOOTPATHS AT HARBOROUGH FIELDS,  
MOTEHALL FIELDS AND SEATON FIELDS, MANOR, SHEFFIELD

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek authority to process the Highway Stopping-Up Order required closing public footpaths at Harborough Fields, Motehall Fields and Seaton Fields in the Manor area of Sheffield.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The City Council is making an application requesting the closure of the footpaths shown by hatching on the plans included as Appendix A, B and C.

- 2.2 A location plan is included as Appendix D.

- 2.3 New footpaths have been created at these three sites and landscaped areas constructed over the areas proposed for closure.

- 2.4 Due to an administrative error a previous application for the closure of these three footpaths, made under section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, was unsuccessful.

3.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 Consultations have been carried out with Statutory Undertakers (i.e. utility companies), the Emergency Services, and other relevant bodies, including footpath societies.

- 3.2 Not all the consultees had responded at the time of writing this report. Of those that have responded no objections have been received

- 3.4 If any negative comments relating to the application are received before the Planning and Highways Committee meeting, they will be reported verbally.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Director of Legal & Governance has been consulted and has advised that, assuming the footpaths are not needed for public use, it would be appropriate to process the closure using the powers contained within Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish the public rights of way over the footpaths.

## 5.0 HIGHWAY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The subject footpaths are adopted public footpaths within areas of public open space at Harborough Fields, Motehall Fields and Seaton Fields in the Manor Park area of Sheffield.

5.2 New routes have been created within these areas of public open space. Closure of the subject footpaths should therefore not adversely affect the public's enjoyment of the area and 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 proposals in this report.

## 7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The creation of the new footpaths has regenerated and enhanced these areas of public open space.

## 8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 If the application is successful the area will be de-accrued from the Highway Maintenance budget. However, taking into account the creation of the new footpaths the net accrual will be 672m<sup>2</sup>, resulting in an additional maintenance cost of £199.33 per annum and a total of £5,327.65 over the remaining term of the Highway Maintenance Contract.

8.2 All costs accruing to Highway Maintenance Division in association with this closure application will be met from the Highway Maintenance Budget.

## 9.0 CONCLUSION

9.1 Based on the above information, the proposed closure of the adopted public footpaths, shown by hatching on the plans included as Appendix A,B and C is supported by Officers.

## 10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Raise no objections to the proposed formal closure of the following adopted public footpaths:

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- Motehall Fields: Shown hatched on the plan included as Appendix B.
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subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with Statutory Undertakers in connection with any of their mains and services that may be affected

10.2 Authority be given to the Director of Legal Services, to

- d. take all necessary action to close the footpaths under the powers contained within Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980;
- e. confirm the Order as an Unopposed Order, in the event of no objections being received or any objections received being resolved;
- f. Submit the Order to the Secretary of State for confirmation in the event that objections are received which cannot be resolved

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