REPORT TO: CABINET MEMBER – TECHNICAL SERVICES

DATE: 24 FEBRUARY 2010

SUBJECT: SECTION 116 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980. - PART OF HIGHWAY

ADJOINING THE PROPERTIES NUMBERED 61 - 69 (odd)

SHAKESPEARE STREET, SOUTHPORT.

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AFFECTED:

REPORT OF: R S WALDRON – ASSISTANT DIRECTOR TRANSPORTATION AND

DEVELOPMENT

CONTACT D. MARRIN – TRAFFIC SERVICES MANAGER – Ext. 4295

OFFICER: M. HUNTER – HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT CONTROL – Ext. 4240

EXEMPT/ No

CONFIDENTIAL:

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To seek approval for the Legal Director in conjunction with the Director of Planning and Economic Regeneration to make a stopping up application as detailed in the report to the Magistrates Court under provisions of section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 following the respective application under section 117 of the Highways Act 1980.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

Cabinet Member authorisation is required before seeking an order from the Magistrates Court. The application will enable the redevelopment of the area and extinguish an area of highway, which is considered unnecessary.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That:-

The Cabinet Member authorises the Director of Planning and Economic Regeneration and the Legal Director to request the Magistrates Court to extinguish/stop-up the following area of highway under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980, as detailed within the report and shown upon the attached plan numbered DC0575, subject to the applicant bearing all costs associated with the application: -

 Part of Highway adjoining the properties numbered 61-63 Shakespeare Street, Southport. DC0575

KEY DECISION: No

IMPLEMENTATION DATE:	Following the meeting		e 'call in 'period for the minutes of		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: There are no alternative options					
IMPLICATIONS:					
Budget/Policy Framework:	None				
Financial: the proposals.	The applic	ant will meet t	he legal and	I administra	ative cost of
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		2009 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expe	nditure	N/A			
Funded by:					
Sefton Capital Resources					
Specific Capital Resources					
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS					
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure		2000			
Funded by:					
Sefton funded Resources		No			
Funded from External Resources		Yes			
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? No		When?	<u> </u>	1	

How will the service be funded post expiry?

Yes

None

Legal:

Risk Assessment:

No

FORWARD PLAN:

Asset	Management:	None

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

Ward Councillors, Statutory Undertakers

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

Corporate Objective		Positive Impact	Neutral Impact	Negative Impact
1	Creating a Learning Community		✓	
2	Creating Safe Communities	√		
3	Jobs and Prosperity	✓		
4	Improving Health and Well-Being		✓	
5	Environmental Sustainability		✓	
6	Creating Inclusive Communities		✓	
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy		✓	
8	Children and Young People		✓	

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED	UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF
THIS REPORT	

None

<u>SECTION 116 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – PART OF ADJOINING THE PROPERTIES</u> NUMBERED 61 – 69 (odd) SHAKESPEARE STREET, SOUTHPORT.

1.0 Information / Background

- 1.1 An application has been received from The Salvation Army, 1 Cadman Court, Hanley Road, Leeds, LS27 0RX for the stopping-up of an area of highway within the Borough, as shown upon the attached plan numbered DC0575.
- 1.2 The stopping-up application relates to an area of highway, which is considered unnecessary and which would be expedient for the Council to make an application to the Magistrates Court on the basis that there are at present or will be, a reasonable suitable alternative in place.
- 1.4 The stopping-up of the part of highway in question will facilitate the redevelopment of the area to enable the construction of a new housing layout.
- 1.5 The Ward Councillors have been notified in respect of the application and have made no comment to-date.

2.0 s116 Highways Act 1980 Procedure and Magistrates Court Hearing

- 2.1 Under Section 117 of the Highways Act 1980, a person desiring a highway to be stopped-up may request the Highway Authority (in this case the Council) to make an application to the Magistrates Court for a stopping-up Order. If the request is granted the Council may as a condition, require the person to pay such costs, as it deems reasonable in connection with the application.
- 2.2 The Council must give 28 days notice of the Court Hearing specifically to adjoining owners/occupiers and statutory undertakers and in addition, must publish notices in a local newspaper, the London Gazette and also display a site notice.
- 2.3 Any person who receives the notice referred to above, or uses the highway or who would be aggrieved by the stopping-up, has a right to be heard at the Court Hearing of the application.
- 2.4 The Court may make the stopping-up Order if it appears that the highways are unnecessary for the public for the sort of lawful purposes for which the public could be reasonably expected to use that particular way. If there is evidence of such use, the Court will need to be satisfied that the public are, or are going to be, provided with a reasonably suitable alternative way. If the Court makes the Order, its effect is to end the right of the public to use it as a highway.
- 2.5 It is considered in the case of the application detailed within this report, that it is appropriate for the stopping-Up Order to be requested from the Magistrates Court under s116 of the Highways Act 1980, for the reason outlined above.

Andy Wallis
Director of Planning and Economic Regeneration

