

Officer Decision
Taken under the Scheme of Delegation

This decision has been taken in accordance with the county council's Scheme of Delegation to Officers, as set out in section 9 of the [Constitution](#).

Decision taken on behalf of the:	Director of Highways and Transport
Officer taking the decision:	Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, 01772 536 818, peter.bell@lancashire.gov.uk
Service Area:	Highways and Transport

Key Details

Stopping up of Highway Section 116 Highways Act 1980 - Futures Park, Bacup	
Decision Date:	1/7/24
Part I or Part II:	Part I
Reason for Part II: (if applicable)	N/A
Divisions Affected:	Rossendale East;

The Decision

Background

Futures Park sits on the former site of Lee Mill – a woollen mill built in 1825, that converted to a cotton mill in 1835. In 1999 demolition and clearance of the site began and had been completed by May 2002. A year later construction of a new industrial estate was underway, which included the office block known today as the Kingfisher Centre, housing the offices of Rossendale Borough Council.

The proposed section to be stopped up is a section that links the main spine of Futures Park to Unit 5, the site of Orthoplastics Ltd who have occupied the premises since 2020. The attached plan (FP01) shows the extent of the proposed stopping up which encloses the full width of the highway, including footways and any verges, and commences at the junction with the main spine of Futures Park for a distance of 95.1 metres in a south-easterly direction to its termination. This section of Futures Park serves only as an access road to Unit 5 and does not link to any other highway or footpath. It no longer serves a practical purpose and is therefore considered unnecessary.

Initial consultation with relevant organisations including Rossendale Borough Council and statutory undertakers has been completed in line with the council's procedures. No objections have been received to date.

On confirmation of the appointed officer's approval to proceed the council will commence the making of the application and issue of Public Notice which will include the dates and times of the court hearing.



	Yes	No
Is this a decision made under a specific delegation from Full Council, Cabinet or another committee? If so, specify the delegation given by Full Council, Cabinet, or a committee here - delete this sentence if there was no delegation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If so, does this discharge the delegation in full?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Did the delegation require you to consult with a Cabinet Member(s) or specific officer(s) prior to taking the decision?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If so, specify the names of the Cabinet Member(s)/officer(s) you have consulted with:		
County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport		
The Decision		
Approved.		
Were any other options considered and, if so, what were they and why were they discounted?		
N/A		
Background Papers		
Location plan of area of highway to be stopped up		

Declaration

	Yes	N/A
In taking this decision, I confirm that I have taken into consideration and kept a record of all relevant advice from the following services: [insert the services where you have received advice, for example legal, finance, people services, procurement, property, equality etc]	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Where appropriate, consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member(s) has been completed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Where appropriate and where the decision impacts on a particular locality, the relevant councillor(s) for the electoral division(s) have been consulted.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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