## **Delegated Decision**

23 June 2020

Granting Of A Section 50 Licence To Install A Private Foul Sewer Connection In Unclassified Robson Avenue, Peterlee, County Durham

Ordinary Decision/Key Decision No.



**Report of Network Management** 

Brian Buckley, Strategic Highways Manager

### **Electoral division(s) affected:**

Peterlee East

#### **Purpose of the Report**

To seek approval to grant a licence in accordance with Section 50 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (NRSWA) to enable Vistry Partnerships Ltd to install a private foul sewer connection within the adopted highway.

# **Executive summary**

An application to install a private sewer connection in Unclassified Robson Avenue, Peterlee, County Durham has been submitted by Vistry Partnerships Ltd, 2 Esh Plaza, Sir Bobby Robson Way, Great Park, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE13 9BA

#### Recommendation

In line with legislation allowing the installation of apparatus in the highway I suggest the application be permitted in accordance with current practice and procedure.

## **Background**

It is illegal to dig up the adopted highway without consent of the Highway Authority (Highways Act 1980 Section 131). The installation of apparatus within the highway is permissible under Section 50 of the New Roads And Street Works Act 1991 upon request / consent of the Highway Authority.

# Details of any alternative options considered and rejected when making the decision

As the works are not being undertaken by a statutory undertaker, there is no alternative other than to consider the apparatus as private, until such times as the connections are adopted by a statutory undertaker. Therefore, a licence under Section 50 of the New Roads and Street Works Act is required to authorise and control the proposed works.

## **Main implications**

## Legal Implications

A standard S50 Licence is to be signed by both parties and sealed. Details of the agreement are to be registered with local land charges, as appropriate. The Highway Authority is to record the agreement and inform the utility companies accordingly upon request about private apparatus in the highway

#### Finance Implications

A licence fee of £848 has been paid. This licence fee incorporates administration, inspection, registration and legal fees. A cash bond of £4,200 has also been obtained to cover the reinstatements to be completed

#### Conclusion

Decision to grant a licence in line with Section 50 of the New Roads And Street Works Act 1991. This section of the Act permits the installation of apparatus in the highway in line with the terms and conditions imposed by the Highway Authority for County Durham.

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# **Appendix 1: Implications**

#### **Legal Implications**

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#### **Finance**

A licence fee of £848 has been paid. This licence fee incorporates administration, inspection, registration and legal fees. A cash bond of £4,200 has also been obtained to cover the reinstatements to be completed.

#### Consultation

Consultations have been completed with relevant Durham County Council staff

## **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

Not applicable

## **Human Rights**

Not applicable

#### **Crime and Disorder**

Not applicable

## **Climate Change**

N/A

## **Staffing**

Not applicable

#### **Accommodation**

Not applicable

#### Risk

Not applicable

#### **Procurement**

Not applicable



