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Subject: RE: Planning Application 25/00828/FUL Consultation - Rochdale Railway Station , Station Road, Milkstone, Rochdale, OL11 1DR
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Application No: 25/00828/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing Rochdale Railway Station north entrance external canopy and erection of new entrance canopy and street furniture

Location: Rochdale Railway Station , Station Road, Milkstone, Rochdale, OL11 1DR

Metrolink have no objection in principle to this application but there is insufficient detail for Metrolink to provide an informed response and cannot support this application in its current form. There are no dimensions provided with regards to distances from Metrolink Infrastructure, including rails, overhead line equipment and signals.

There is no information with regards to the nature of materials and therefore we cannot understand if there will be a need to electrically bond the infrastructure to Metrolink's traction return, it is also difficult to understand what climbing potential there may be with regards to touch potential of electrical infrastructure. There are safety implications that need to be considered in this regard.

It is not clear whether the proposed wall will replace part of the existing guardrail and tie into it. There is also concern that the wall could mask pedestrians about to step out onto the tram crossing from approaching trams. Further information with regards to visibility needs to be provided.

I would ideally ask that all this information, including buildability is provided in advance of this application being determined. However, I appreciate that such a request may not be possible and in that case I would request that the following Conditions are attached to any consent granted.

Conditions

1. Working safely near Metrolink

No development shall take place until a Metrolink Specific Construction Management Plan (CMP) with detailed method statements of construction and risk assessments, has been submitted to, and approved in writing by Rochdale Council (approval to be in consultation with Transport for Greater Manchester) and an appropriate Asset Protection Agreement has been entered into. The approved Metrolink CMP shall include agreed safe methods of working on Metrolink Infrastructure and adjacent to the Metrolink Hazard Zone and shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. The CMP shall provide for: -

- the retention of 24hr unhindered access to the Metrolink equipment cabinets and chambers for the low voltage power, signalling and communications cables for Metrolink both during construction and once operational.
- protection measures to Metrolink equipment;

loading and unloading of plant and materials;

- storage of plant and materials used in constructing the development;
- construction and demolition methods to be used; including the use of cranes (which must not oversail the tramway or Metrolink coralling infrastructure);
- the erection and maintenance of security hoarding/fencing; and;
- measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during construction;
- the protection of Metrolink cables.

Reasons:

To safeguard the amenities of the locality.

To ensure that the developer complies with all the necessary system clearances and agrees safe methods of working to meet the safety requirements of working on and adjacent to the Metrolink system. Further details can be found via the Metrolink Website at; [Working safely near Metrolink | Bee Network | Powered by TfGM](#)

2. Metrolink Engineering Assurance Process

No works shall take place until the full details of the proposals have been agreed with TfGM by way of the Metrolink Engineering Assurance and Change Processes.

The submission topics for review shall include, as a minimum, designs and supporting information relating to:-

- a. the proximity of new structures in relation to Metrolink Hazard and Exclusion Zones and the impact on signals and other infrastructure;
- b. safety and security, e.g. climb and touch potential of overhead line equipment in accordance with appropriate electrical regulations and the need for electrical bonding has been assessed;
- c. the forward visibility for tram drivers to users of the crossing has been ascertained and the crossing has been re-assessed in accordance with LRSSB guidance.
- d. maintenance access to all Metrolink assets and ability to continue to maintain has been considered and agreed.

Please Note that updated H&S file(s) will be required for any amended Metrolink Assets in line with Metrolink Asset Information Requirements and CDM 2015 regulations.

Reason: In the interests of safeguarding Metrolink infrastructure pursuant to policies and for maintaining safety of customers and user of the development.

Regards

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