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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposed reconstruction of bridge 48A over M62 Motorway bridge in Castleton, Rochdale:
Request for Prior Approval under Part 18 of the General Permitted Development Order**

I am writing to notify you of Network Rail's intention to demolish and reconstruct the bridge 48A bridge over the M62 Motorway bridge in Castleton, Rochdale. The proposed description of development is as follows:

"Prior Approval application for the reconstruction of bridge 48A, M62 Motorway bridge in Castleton, Rochdale"

The scope of works comprises:

- Sections of wingwalls to be removed to allow for new deck and end of walkway platform;
- Sections of handrails on wingwalls to be removed and new kee klamp handrails installed;
- New concrete platform to ends of walkway, doveled into existing wingwall;
- New access walkway with guardrails to both elevations;
- New steel E-type girder deck;
- New reinforced concrete cill beam doveled into existing central pier; and
- Reinforce the concrete south abutment.

A full list of plans and drawings which show the extent of the proposals is provided at **Appendix 1** of this letter.

The works are considered permitted development under Part 18, Class A (Miscellaneous development - development under local or private Acts or Order) of the Town and County Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (the "GPDO").

This section of railway was authorised and constructed under the Manchester and Leeds Railway Act 1836. The act does not incorporate the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act 1845, but similar sections to s16 and s.68 of RCCA 1845 are found in s.XCIV which provides the power to take lands (s.16 equivalent) and s.CX allows the company to erect gates etc for the protection of adjoining lands (S.68 equivalent).

Bridge 48A (the subject of this application) was not constructed until circa 1969 and was constructed under an agreement between the British Railways Board ("BRB") and the Ministry of Transport for the construction of the M62 motorway. Whilst the original agreement included split maintenance of the structure, Network Rail took a commuted sum in the 1970's for future maintenance, and therefore responsibility for the structure sits entirely with Network Rail and as such the proposals fall within the requirements of the GPDO.

Site and Surroundings

Castleton Bridge is located along the Manchester to Leeds line between Castleton and Mills Hill railway stations. The bridge spans across the M62 and is known as MVN2/48A. The bridge is located at the engineer line reference ("ELR") 8 Miles 0475yards to 8 miles 0514yards of the line. The bridge is in close proximity to a water treatment facility, rail sidings, industrial units, and residential properties.

According to Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council's online records, there have been no planning applications submitted at the site.

Further Comments

The site is located within the authority boundary Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council, under Condition A.3 of Part 18, it is necessary for details of the proposed works to be submitted to the Local Planning Authority for determination. It should be noted that under Part 18 Condition A2, the prior approval is not to be refused, (or conditions imposed), unless the Metropolitan Borough Council is satisfied that:

- The development ought to be, and could reasonably be, carried out elsewhere on the land; or
- The design or external appearance would injure the amenity of the neighbourhood and is reasonably capable of modification to avoid such injury.

The proposals are required to be developed within the proposed location, with no alternate arrangements possible. The proposed appearance is similar to the existing and is not anticipated to injure the amenity of the neighbourhood surrounding the bridge.

As required under Part 18, we would be grateful to receive the Council's prior approval for the works to the structure. Please note that under the provisions of paragraph 7(b) of the GPDO, this prior approval application should be determined within a period of 8 weeks beginning with the day immediately following that on which the application is received by the LPA.

If you wish to discuss the proposals or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Elisabeth Pywell MRTPI
Associate Director
CBRE Ltd (acting on behalf of Network Rail)

Appendix 1: List of Plans and Drawings

Drawing No.	Description	Status
0298283 Location Plan	Site Location Plan	For Approval
168158-NRD-1700-MVN2-DRG-ECV-000010 168158-NRD-1700-MVN2-DRG-ECV-000011	Existing General Arrangement Plans – site plan, cross sections, elevations	For Approval
168158-NRD-1700-MVN2-DRG-ECV-000021	Proposed General Arrangement Plan -- site plan, cross sections, elevations	For Approval