

Manchester City Council – Communication Hub

17 PROPOSAL SITES

PROPOSAL BACKGROUND AND CITY MAPS

Smart Hub Proposals

Background

This document is submitted in support of Applications for Planning Permission and Advertisement Consent for the installation of 17 freestanding Communication Hubs, part of a network of apparatus to be installed across the City. The scheme is part of a programme of rationalisation that aims to entirely replace all the existing Infocus phone boxes in Manchester. There are currently 26 of the boxes located across the City as listed and identified in the attached plan Appendix JCD 1. The Infocus unit comprises a three sided open style kiosk, which is a design that hasn't changed in the last 15 years. The units are outdated, often misused and limited in the functions they provide for public use. This proposal will see them removed or replaced with a fewer number of better designed and more functional apparatus, as outlined in the Part 2 document

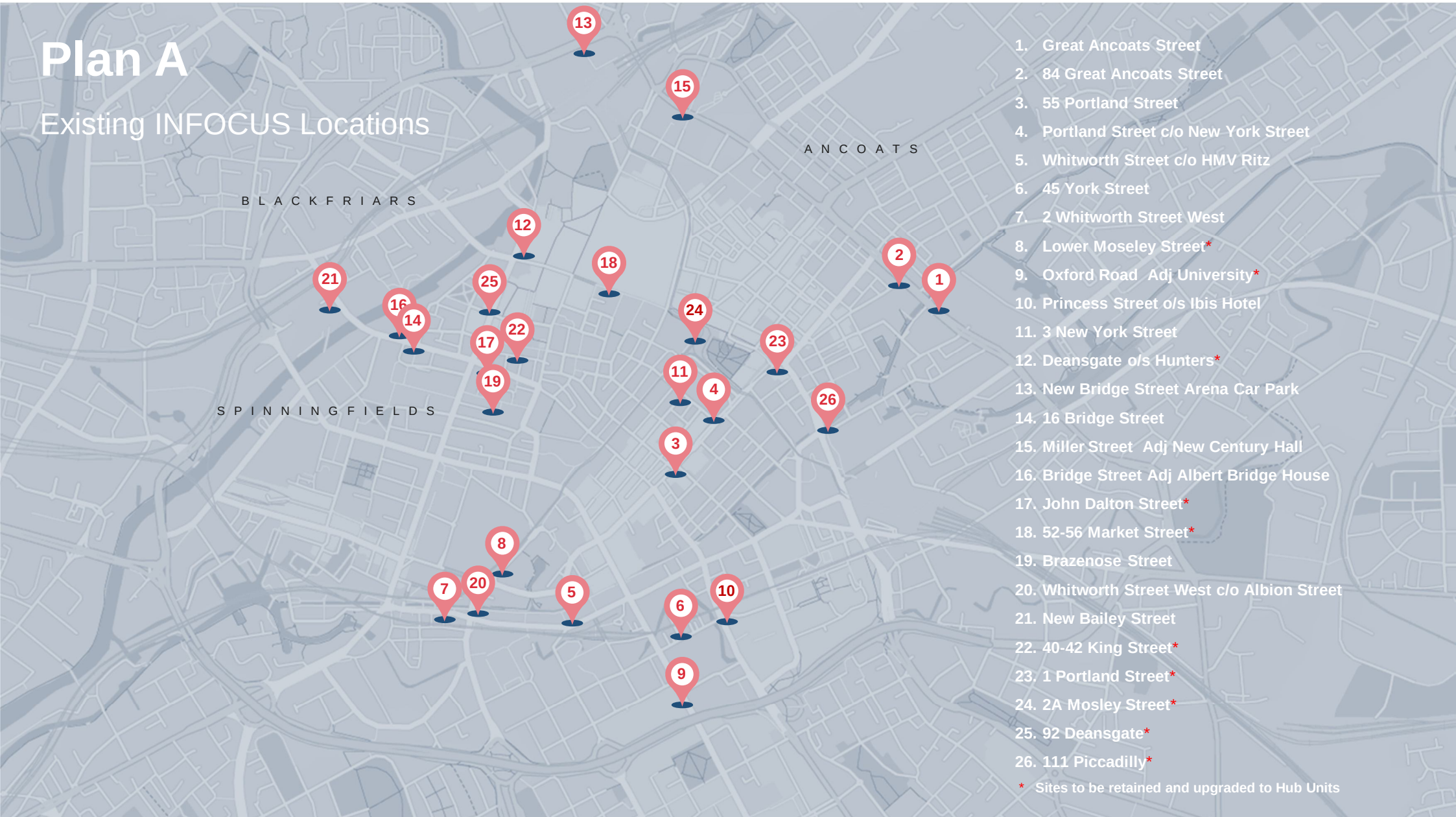
These proposals relate to 17 sites, ten of which are currently occupied by phone box, which were the subject of Pre APP submissions to Manchester City Council Planning Department. The applicant has worked closely with Council Officers and GM Police over the last year to further reduce and revise the Proposal in line with accepted principles and Policy guidance. The majority of the Proposed locations are existing communication sites and the additional locations are confined to the less sensitive areas of the City. The development of the 17 sites shown on PLAN B is tied to the removal of all 26 existing phone boxes shown at PLAN A.

The Hub unit includes a range of functions and capabilities as outlined in the detail contained in document Part 2. The document also compares and illustrates the size differences and land saving, which is relevant to the ten locations where the older style kiosk is to be replaced by a Hub. The 17 sites represent a significant reduction in the number of existing kiosk units across the City and of the original number put forward for consideration. The rationalisation in the overall estate will aid in the aim of decluttering the City Centre and in providing modern useful street furniture that will positively benefit the City and people of Manchester.

The Hub unit and the functions it provides are funded through the advertising revenue from the integral advertising screen. The screens will be used to show local messaging and GM Police information in addition to commercial advertisements. The proposal aims to provide a limited but comprehensive distribution of connected units that use the latest digital connection and display technology. The investment in reliable, cleaner and greener technology is consistent with the aim of providing the best quality digital network and infrastructure across the City. This investment supports the City Council's Regeneration and recovery initiative by stimulating economic activity, promoting greater accessibility and connectivity and by encouraging people to reacquaint themselves with the City.

Plan A

Existing INFOCUS Locations



Plan B

Proposed HUB Locations

BLACKFRIARS

ANCOATS

SPINNINGFIELDS

- A. 15 Corporation Street
 - B. Cross Street o/s Halifax
 - C. Lower Mosley Street*
 - D. St Mary's Gate
 - E. Todd Street o/s National Football Museum
 - F. 52-56 Market Street*
 - G. 40-42 King Street *
 - H. 1 Portland Street *
 - I. 2A Mosley Street *
 - J. 92 Deansgate*
 - K. 111 Piccadilly*
 - L. Deansgate o/s Hunters*
 - M. Corporation Street o/s CO-OP
 - N. Aytoun Street
 - O. Oxford Street
 - P. John Dalton Street*
 - Q. Oxford Road*
- * Existing INFOCUS units to be upgraded to Hubs