



Application for Planning Permission; Listed Building Consent for alterations, extension or demolition of a listed building

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended); Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act) 1990 (as amended)

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number	<input type="text" value="113"/>
Suffix	<input type="text"/>
Property Name	<input type="text" value="Hope Mill"/>
Address Line 1	<input type="text" value="Pollard Street"/>
Address Line 2	<input type="text"/>
Address Line 3	<input type="text" value="Manchester"/>
Town/city	<input type="text" value="Manchester"/>
Postcode	<input type="text" value="M4 7JA"/>

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)	Northing (y)
<input type="text" value="385740"/>	<input type="text" value="398505"/>

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

David

Surname

French

Company Name

Hope Mill Partnership Llp

Address

Address line 1

5th Floor Hope Mill

Address line 2

113 Pollard Street

Address line 3

Town/City

Manchester

County

UNITED KINGDOM

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

M4 7JA

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

***** REDACTED *****

Description of the Proposal

Please note in regard to:

- **Fire Statements** - From 1 August 2021, planning applications for buildings of over 18 metres (or 7 stories) tall containing more than one dwelling will require a 'Fire Statement' for the application to be considered valid. There are some exemptions. [View government planning guidance on fire statements](#) or [access the fire statement template and guidance](#).
- **Permission In Principle** - If you are applying for Technical Details Consent on a site that has been granted Permission In Principle, please include the relevant details in the description below.
- **Public Service Infrastructure** - From 1 August 2021, applications for certain public service infrastructure developments will be eligible for faster determination timeframes. See help for further details or [view government planning guidance on determination periods](#).

Description

Please describe details of the proposed development or works including details of proposals to alter, extend or demolish the listed building(s)

The project involves the sensitive remodelling of the ground floor of a Grade II* listed building, into high-quality studio spaces for AWOL Studios, catering to artists and creative businesses. The development will also provide new supporting facilities for Hope Mill Theatre. The aim is to expand and enhance the established creative hub at the heart of Ancoats.

Key components of the brief include:

Additional artist and creative business studios

– Additional artists and creative business studio spaces for AWOL Studios

– Rehearsal space, dressing rooms, green room, and office facilities for Hope Mill Theatre

Has the development or work already been started without consent?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, please state when the development or work was started (date must be pre-application submission)

16/06/2025

Has the development or work already been completed without consent?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Listed Building Grading

What is the grading of the listed building (as stated in the list of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historical Interest)?

- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Grade I
- ☒ Grade II*
- ☐ Grade II

Is it an ecclesiastical building?

- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Demolition of Listed Building

Does the proposal include the partial or total demolition of a listed building?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Immunity from Listing

Has a Certificate of Immunity from Listing been sought in respect of this building?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Listed Building Alterations

Do the proposed works include alterations to a listed building?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

If Yes, do the proposed works include

a) works to the interior of the building?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

b) works to the exterior of the building?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

c) works to any structure or object fixed to the property (or buildings within its curtilage) internally or externally?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

d) stripping out of any internal wall, ceiling or floor finishes (e.g. plaster, floorboards)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

If the answer to any of these questions is Yes, please provide plans, drawings and photographs sufficient to identify the location, extent and character of the items to be removed. Also include the proposal for their replacement, including any new means of structural support, and state references for the plan(s)/drawing(s).

Reinstating key original features including windows to original bricked-up openings and introduce an additional hardwood fire escape door to an existing bricked up opening. Replace non-original metal main entrance door with new hardwood door and surround.

Sensitive introduction of additional partitions at ground floor that maintain the form of the vaulted brick.

See drawings 1050-CPA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0200 (Proposed GA Information) & 1050-CPA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0201 (Existing GA Information) & 1050-CPA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0203 (Proposed Details) & 1050-CPA-XX-XX-RP-A-9001 (Design & Access)

Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Please provide a description of existing and proposed materials and finishes to be used (including type, colour and name for each material) demolition excluded

<div>Type: Windows</div> <div>Existing materials and finishes: Original window openings have been lost and in-filled, but splayed stone lintels remain as distinctive heritage feature</div> <div>Proposed materials and finishes: Reinstate the original opening with a new double-glazed timber window, featuring 8 panels per unit and a bottom-hung, openable design. The window will be finished in black paint to match existing ground floor fenestration on the car park elevation, ensuring visual coherence and sensitivity to the building's historic context. Proportions will match the remaining ground floor windows on the car park side.</div>
<div>Type: External doors</div> <div>Existing materials and finishes: Main Entrance - The main entrance retains its original stone lintel. The doorway is now fitted with a non-original steel door, with brick infill above, reflecting later alterations to the historic opening Fire Escape - Previously used as a fire escape, the opening has now been in-filled with brick. The timber lintel, indicates later alteration.</div> <div>Proposed materials and finishes: Main Entrance - Replace the current iron door with a new timber door set within the existing opening. The new door will feature tongue and groove panelling, a large robust pull bar handle, and hardwood edging to the perimeter. It will be finished in black to match the ground floor windows on the car park side. The original stone lintel will be carefully retained. Fire Escape - Reinstate the existing opening and fire exit. Install a new fire door featuring tongue and groove panelling, with an overhead panel in matching panelling. The door will be finished in black to match the ground floor windows on the car park side.</div>
<div>Type: Internal walls</div> <div>Existing materials and finishes: Existing non-original plasterboard walls.</div> <div>Proposed materials and finishes: Sensitive introduction of additional plasterboard partitions at ground floor that maintain the form of the vaulted brick ceilings and beam arrangement wherever possible. Skimmed finish and painted white.</div>

Are you supplying additional information on submitted plans, drawings or a design and access statement?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

If Yes, please state references for the plans, drawings and/or design and access statement

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1050-CPA-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-0200 (Proposed GA Information)
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Site Area

What is the measurement of the site area? (numeric characters only).

544.00

Unit

Sq. metres

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

Vacant storage and offices.

Is the site currently vacant?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please describe the last use of the site

Storage and office for Lullabellz Ltd.

When did this use end (if known)?

31/05/2025

Does the proposal involve any of the following? If Yes, you will need to submit an appropriate contamination assessment with your application.

Land which is known to be contaminated

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Land where contamination is suspected for all or part of the site

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

A proposed use that would be particularly vulnerable to the presence of contamination

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Pedestrian and Vehicle Access, Roads and Rights of Way

Is a new or altered vehicular access proposed to or from the public highway?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Is a new or altered pedestrian access proposed to or from the public highway?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Are there any new public roads to be provided within the site?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Are there any new public rights of way to be provided within or adjacent to the site?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Do the proposals require any diversions/extinguishments and/or creation of rights of way?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Vehicle Parking

Does the site have any existing vehicle/cycle parking spaces or will the proposed development add/remove any parking spaces?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Please provide information on the existing and proposed number of on-site parking spaces

Vehicle Type: Cars
Existing number of spaces: 40
Total proposed (including spaces retained): 40
Difference in spaces: 0

Foul Sewage

Please state how foul sewage is to be disposed of:

- ☒ Mains sewer
- ☐ Septic tank
- ☐ Package treatment plant
- ☐ Cess pit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Unknown

Are you proposing to connect to the existing drainage system?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No
- ☐ Unknown

Assessment of Flood Risk

Is the site within an area at risk of flooding? (Check the location on the Government's [Flood map for planning](#). You should also refer to national [standing advice](#) and your local planning authority requirements for information as necessary.)

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

How will surface water be disposed of?

- ☐ Sustainable drainage system
☐ Existing water course
☐ Soakaway
☒ Main sewer
☐ Pond/lake

Trees and Hedges

Are there trees or hedges on the proposed development site?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

And/or: Are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If Yes to either or both of the above, you may need to provide a full tree survey, at the discretion of the local planning authority. If a tree survey is required, this and the accompanying plan should be submitted alongside the application. The local planning authority should make clear on its website what the survey should contain, in accordance with the current 'BS5837: Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations'.

Biodiversity and Geological Conservation

Is there a reasonable likelihood of the following being affected adversely or conserved and enhanced within the application site, or on land adjacent to or near the application site?

To assist in answering this question correctly, please refer to the help text which provides guidance on determining if any important biodiversity or geological conservation features may be present or nearby; and whether they are likely to be affected by the proposals.

a) Protected and priority species

- ☐ Yes, on the development site
☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
☒ No

b) Designated sites, important habitats or other biodiversity features

- ☐ Yes, on the development site
- ☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
- ☒ No

c) Features of geological conservation importance

- ☐ Yes, on the development site
- ☐ Yes, on land adjacent to or near the proposed development
- ☒ No

Supporting information requirements

Where a development proposal is likely to affect features of biodiversity or geological conservation interest, you will need to submit, with the application, sufficient information and assessments to allow the local planning authority to determine the proposal.

Failure to submit all information required will result in your application being deemed invalid. It will not be considered valid until all information required by the local planning authority has been submitted.

Your local planning authority will be able to advise on the content of any assessments that may be required.

Biodiversity net gain

Biodiversity net gain is a legal requirement for planning permission introduced on 12 February 2024. All applications are required to either provide detailed information proving there will be a biodiversity increase; or explain why the requirement does not apply to the development.

[Find out more about biodiversity net gain, and access digital tools from our partners that can help determine if you are exempt, or produce the biodiversity metric information required.](#)

Do you believe that, if the development is granted permission, the general Biodiversity Gain Condition (as set out in [Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 \(as amended\)](#)) would apply?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Biodiversity net gain has been introduced as a general condition for planning permission. As set out in [The Environment Act 2021](#): "grants of planning permission in England [are] to be subject to a condition to secure that the biodiversity gain objective is met". Therefore, in England, all planning permissions are generally subject to biodiversity gain rules, unless they are specifically exempt or out of scope.

If you have stated that the biodiversity net gain requirement does not apply to your application you must provide the reason(s) why, and may also need to supply evidence (especially where you believe the application is eligible for the 'de minimis' exemption).

[You can use our partner's free online tool to determine if you are exempt and to produce detailed reasons](#)

Please add all the reasons why biodiversity net gain does not apply and enter a justification for each one

Reason biodiversity net gain does not apply:

Development subject to the de minimis exemption (development below the threshold)

What best describes the size of your site?:

Under 25 square metres

Please justify the reason why biodiversity net gain does not apply:

Alterations are only to existing window openings and doors of existing building.

Note: Please read the help text for further information why developments may be exempt or not in scope.

Do the plans incorporate areas to store and aid the collection of waste?

☒ No

Have arrangements been made for the separate storage and collection of recyclable waste?

☒ No

Does your proposal include the gain, loss or change of use of residential units?

☒ No

Does your proposal involve the loss, gain or change of use of non-residential floorspace?

Note that 'non-residential' in this context covers all uses except Use Class C3 Dwellinghouses.

☐ No

Please add details of the Use Classes and floorspace.

<p>Use Class: Other (Please specify)</p> <p>Other (Please specify): Rehearsal room, offices and studios for the arts</p> <p>Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a): 544</p> <p>Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b): 0</p> <p>Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c): 544</p> <p>Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a): 0</p>
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Totals	Existing gross internal floorspace (square metres) (a)	Gross internal floorspace to be lost by change of use or demolition (square metres) (b)	Total gross new internal floorspace proposed (including changes of use) (square metres) (c)	Net additional gross internal floorspace following development (square metres) (d = c - a)
	544	0	544	0

Does the proposal include use as a shop (e.g. For the display/sale of goods under Use Class E(a), the sale of essential goods under Use Class F2, or as part of any other use)

☒ No

Loss or gain of rooms

Does the proposal include loss or gain of rooms for hotels, residential institutions, or hostels?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Employment

Are there any existing employees on the site or will the proposed development increase or decrease the number of employees?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Industrial or Commercial Processes and Machinery

Does this proposal involve the carrying out of industrial or commercial activities and processes?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Is the proposal for a waste management development?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Hazardous Substances

Does the proposal involve the use or storage of Hazardous Substances?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Trade Effluent

Does the proposal involve the need to dispose of trade effluents or trade waste?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

- ☐ The agent
☒ The applicant
☐ Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If Yes, please complete the following information about the advice you were given (this will help the authority to deal with this application more efficiently):

Officer name:

Title

First Name

Surname

Reference

Date (must be pre-application submission)

Details of the pre-application advice received

Hi David,

Thank you for your email enquiry to Paul below and request for assistance. I hope the information below will be helpful.

Any external works require planning permission, whilst all of the works will need to be covered by a listed building consent application as well. It would be helpful if both applications could be submitted together. There is no fee for the listed building application.

External works include the window reinstatements, entrance vestibule with 2x doors and new fire exit.

For the listed building application, you will also need to submit a Heritage Statement alongside all plans and sections/cross sections (existing and proposed). The Statement is required to enable all consultees to make an informed response. I provide some guidance below on what we will need to see in the Heritage Statement.

It should be prepared by a suitably qualified heritage specialist.

It should identify and assess the pre-existing historic, architectural, and technical significance of the building against the guidance within Chapter 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework,

It should provide a full justification for the works and how they will impact on the historic and architectural character and appearance of the building and its identified significance.

It should clearly state how any original building fabric will be altered, removed, or concealed as part of the proposal.

The level of detail in the Statement should be proportionate to the importance of the heritage asset and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the works on the assets' significance.

The area team who would handle your application may ask for additional information once they have received it, but they will email you or your agent/architect and let you know.

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Ownership Certificates and Agricultural Land Declaration

Certificates under Article 14 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 & Regulation 6 - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990

Please answer the following questions to determine which Certificate of Ownership you need to complete: A, B, C or D.

Is the applicant the sole owner of **all** the land to which this application relates; **and** has the applicant been the sole owner for more than 21 days?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Is any of the land to which the application relates part of an Agricultural Holding?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Certificate Of Ownership - Certificate A

I certify/The applicant certifies that on the day 21 days before the date of this application nobody except myself/the applicant was the owner* of any part of the land or building to which the application relates, and that none of the land to which the application relates is, or is part of, an agricultural holding**

* 'owner' is a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years left to run.

** 'agricultural holding' has the meaning given by reference to the definition of 'agricultural tenant' in section 65(8) of the Act.

NOTE: You should sign Certificate B, C or D, as appropriate, if you are the sole owner of the land or building to which the application relates but the land is, or is part of, an agricultural holding.

Person Role

- ☒ The Applicant
- ☐ The Agent

Title

First Name

Surname

French

Declaration Date

22/07/2025

☒ Declaration made

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Full planning & listed building consent as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

David French

Date

22/07/2025