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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

Suffix

Property Name

Principal Manchester Hotel

Address Line 1

Oxford Road

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Manchester

Town/city

Manchester

Postcode

M60 7HA

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

Easting (x)

384135

Northing (y)

397548

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Mr

First name

Surname

Bonser

Company Name

Manchester Oxford Street Hotel Opco Limited

Address

Address line 1

T/A Kimpton Clocktower Hotel

Address line 2

Oxford Street

Address line 3

Town/City

Manchester

County

Country

Postcode

M60 7HA

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Contact Details

Primary number

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Jason

Surname

Cartwright

Company Name

P4B Architecture Ltd

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15 Memorial Road

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Manchester

County

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

M28 3AQ

Contact Details

Primary number

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Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

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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 proposal seeks to reinstate the historic Whitworth Street entrance to the Kimpton Clocktower Hotel Ballroom, involving the removal of the existing dilapidated canopy, installation of new signage.

Has the development or work already been started 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?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

If Yes, which of the following does the proposal involve?

a) Total demolition of the listed building

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

b) Demolition of a building within the curtilage of the listed building

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

c) Demolition of a part of the listed building

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

Please provide a brief description of the building or part of the building you are proposing to demolish

The existing canopy over the Whitworth Street entrance is to be removed.

Why is it necessary to demolish or extend (as applicable) all or part of the building(s) and or structure(s)?

The canopy in question does not have formal planning approval, and it is also a safety hazard, as it is in a state of disrepair.

Immunity from Listing

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

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

Listed Building Alterations

Do the proposed works include alterations to a listed building?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

If Yes, do the proposed works include

a) works to the interior of the building?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

b) works to the exterior of the building?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

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

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

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

- [ ] Yes
- [x] 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).

The attached Developed Design includes in-depth details and drawings regarding the proposal.
The existing canopy and associated steelwork (structure) are to be removed.
The place where the canopy was is to be replaced with brickwork and stone details to match the existing.
The individual lettered signage will be fixed to this new element of brickwork. New lighting is also proposed within the existing entrance area.
A new wall and set of double doors are to be constructed / installed internally also. (Indicated within the Developed Design)

Materials

Does the proposed development require any materials to be used?

- [x] 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

Type:
External walls

Existing materials and finishes:
Red Terracotta Brick and stonework.

Proposed materials and finishes:
Red Terracotta Brick and stonework to match the existing.

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

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

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

Document Pg: 30 - 11. | Proposed Part Elevation
Document Pg: 31 - 12. | Proposed Part Elevation
Document Pg: 32 - 13. | CGI Daytime
Document Pg: 33 - 14. | CGI Evening

Site Area

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

5945.00

Unit

Sq. metres

Existing Use

Please describe the current use of the site

Existing Hotel Inc Event space

Is the site currently vacant?

◯ Yes
⊘ No

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

If you answered Yes to any of the above questions, please show details on your plans/drawings and state their reference numbers

The proposal involves the reinstatement of an existing entrance on Whitworth Street.
Developed Design document includes plans and elevations demonstrating the entrance area.

Vehicle Parking

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

- ◯ Yes
- ⊘ No

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.

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).

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?:
Over 25 square metres

Please justify the reason why biodiversity net gain does not apply:
The proposal does not involve the construction or extension of any work that would impact the on-site habitat. As a result, no on-site habitat will be affected, keeping the impact below the 25m² de minimis threshold.

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

Waste Storage and Collection

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

◯ Yes
⊘ No

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

◯ Yes
⊘ No

Residential/Dwelling Units

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

◯ Yes
⊘ No

All Types of Development: Non-Residential Floorspace

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.

◯ 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

Existing Employees

Please complete the following information regarding existing employees:

Full-time

280

Part-time

0

Total full-time equivalent

280.00

Proposed Employees

If known, please complete the following information regarding proposed employees:

Full-time

Part-time

Total full-time equivalent

Hours of Opening

Are Hours of Opening relevant to this proposal?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Please add details of the of the Use Classes and hours of opening for each non-residential use proposed.

If you do not know the hours of opening, select the Use Class and tick 'Unknown'

Use Class:
C1 - Hotels

Unknown:
No

Monday to Friday:

Start Time:
00:00

End Time:
23:59

Saturday:

Start Time:
00:00

End Time:
23:59

Sunday / Bank Holiday:

Start Time:
00:00

End Time:
23:59

Use Class:
Other (Please specify)

Other (Please specify):
Event Space (Open as and when there is an event)

Unknown:
Yes

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

***** REDACTED ******

First Name

***** REDACTED ******

Surname

***** REDACTED ******

Reference

Emails dated: 18.06.2025 - 30.07.2025

Date (must be pre-application submission)

30/07/2025

Details of the pre-application advice received

On Wed, 30 Jul 2025 at 14:00, Emily Booth emily.booth@manchester.gov.uk> wrote:

Good Afternoon Jason,
Unfortunately, I ran out of time to respond to you before going on leave. I can advise that we could look at some signage for this entrance but would not support a canopy as advised in previous comments and would not support banner type advertising. The canopy and signage proposed would appear as an alien feature at the building and within the conservation area and not in keeping with the features of the elevation.
The advice is given in good faith and on the basis of the information provided. The advice is not binding on the City Council and maybe subject to change should further information becomes available, or the proposal becomes the subject to the statutory planning process.
Please let me know if you need to discuss.
Best Wishes,
Emily Booth

Good Morning Jason,
I have now looked into this, the following are the most recent comments sent out on the canopy proposals received last year:
The canopy subject of the proposals is a non-original addition to the property, likely dating from the 1970s to 1990s. The planning history for the site shows several refusals for canopies in the past. We are of the position that the canopy's poor state of repair is an opportunity to create a more historically sensitive entrance/exit to the building than the proposed which would see a return/worsening of the previous situation on site when the canopy was in use as a sign. The proposed development would increase the height of the canopy rendering it an awkward addition to the Grade II* Listed Building. The amount of signage proposed also seems at odds with the use of the doorway as from what we can see this is a secondary entrance which does not lead to any sort of notable lobby.
Given this, it is difficult to see how a canopy could be incorporated but doesn't mean that you can't send us a design.
This was pre-app advise that didn't become a planning application.
Hopefully, this helps you in developing a sensitive proposal that takes into account these comments.
Once you have an initial design, I am happy to look at this for you and if necessary, arrange a call. We welcome you wanting to work with us and hope that this results in an acceptable proposal.
I hope that this is useful.
Best Wishes,
Emily Booth

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?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

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

- [ ] Yes
- [x] 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
- [x] The Agent

Title

First Name

Jason

Surname

Cartwright

Declaration Date

04/09/2025

- [x] 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.

- [x] I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Jason Cartwright

Date

15/09/2025