

Planning

Growth & Development

Delegated officer report for planning application

Application no. 142759/AO/2025
Date registered valid: 22 April 2025
Proposal: Installation of internally illuminated ATM Collars and window sign
Address: 438 Barlow Moor Road, Manchester, M21 0NW
Ward(s): Chorlton Ward

Applicant: Natwest Group
Agent (if any): Mrs Leah Purvis, Harcroft Consulting Limited
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Recommendation: Approve
Date of recommendation: 09/06/2025

Application details

Type of application: Advertisement Consent

Development type: Advertisements

Date of site visit: 28/05/2025

Standard consultations:

Printed: 7 May 2025 Expired: 29 May 2025

Neighbour notifications

Printed: 7 May 2025 Expired: 29 May 2025

Site notice

No site notice has been produced

Press advert

No press advert had been published

Departure from Development Plan: No

Environmental Statement: Not required

Description of site/building/area

The application relates to an existing bank on the corner of Wilbraham Road and Barlow Moor Road in the centre of Chorlton district centre. The building is a red brick building with an access ramp and two existing ATMs on this elevation facing Barlow Moor Road. The wider area is commercial in terms of its character, with a number of shops and services within the district centre.

Listed building: Not applicable

Conservation area: Not applicable

Tree Preservation Order: Not applicable

Description of development

The applicant is seeking permission for the installation of internally illuminated ATM collar signs and a window sign above.

Consultations & Notification Responses

Highways – No objection to the proposal.

- The proposed luminance is noted as not exceeding 150cd/m², which is in line with the MCC recommended maximum of 600cd/m² and is acceptable to Highways.
- It is compliant with headroom and carriageway clearance requirements.
- There will be no extension over the adopted highway, therefore a projection over license will not be required.
- Operatives undertaking installation / servicing / maintenance will be expected to comply fully with the relevant traffic laws, including any local parking and movement restrictions.
- Detail is sought on proposed installation arrangements from a highway's perspective.
- The applicant is required to discuss and agree any requirements for licensing, hoarding / scaffolding, and skips with MCC's Highways Licensing Team via Email to: highwaylicences@manchester.gov.uk o The applicant is required to discuss and agree

any requirements for temporary traffic and pedestrian management with MCC's Event and Traffic Management Team via Email to highwaynetworkmanagement@manchester.gov.uk

Environmental Health – No objections to the proposal.

Neighbours, as per appendix 1 – No comments or objections received.

Policy

The following policies are considered relevant in the consideration of this application.

Unitary Development Plan (UDP) - The UDP has been superseded by the Core Strategy Development Plan, but certain policies are still considered of relevance:

- Policy DC14.1 – Shops and Related Signs
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The Manchester Core Strategy - Development Plan Document 2012-2027 ("the Core Strategy") was adopted by the City Council on the 11th of July 2012:

- Policy DM1 - Development Management
- Policy SP1 - Spatial Principles

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, 2024)

- Chapter 7 - Ensuring the Vitality of Town Centres
- Chapter 12 - Achieving Well-Designed Places

Places for Everyone - is a long-term plan of nine Greater Manchester districts for jobs, new homes, and sustainable growth. It has been published by the GMCA on behalf of the nine districts and took effect and became part of the statutory development plan on March 21, 2024.

- Policy JP-P1: Sustainable Places

Principle

The principal of replacing existing ATM collars with updated ones for an existing bank is acceptable in principle, given these ATMs have been in place with advertisement collars since 2002 and has featured some form of advertisement around it since its installation.

Visual Amenity

The proposed collar signs are a similar size and position to the existing collar signs, albeit with a new colour palate as part of branding updates to the existing bank. In addition to the new-collar signs, a new window sign above to two ATM's is proposed across the bottom windowpanes of the existing window.

The proposed window sign does not remove any existing useable window, as the ATM's housing obstructs the lower portion of the window. The proposed signage will display the ATM's logo and is to be a vinyl with no illumination.

Considering the characteristics of the signage, the proposal is not considered to harm the visual amenity of the area as it is relatively standard in design and scale and is in an acceptable position in regard to its distance and relationship Barlow Moor Road. The proposed advertisements are therefore considered to have a minimal detrimental impact upon the street scene and visual amenity, particularly given that it would be in-keeping with the existing commercial character of Chorlton District Centre.

Public Safety

The proposed signage is sited a reasonable distance away from the public highway and footpath. It would have static illuminance levels of 150cd/m² in line with Highways' guidance. On this basis, it is considered that the proposal will not harm public safety in and around the site.

Conclusion

Given the above issues, it is considered that the signage is acceptable in terms of its impact upon visual amenity and public safety in accordance with saved policy DC15 of the Unitary Development Plan for the City of Manchester, policies SP1 and DM1 of the Manchester Core Strategy, and chapters 7 and 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Other Legislative Requirements

Equality Act 2010

Section 149 (Public Sector Equality Duty) of the Equality Act 2010 requires due regard to the need to: Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act and; Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. The Equality Duty does not impose a legal requirement to conduct an Equality Impact Assessment. Compliance with the Equality Duty involves consciously thinking about the aims of the Equality Duty as part of the process of decision-making.

Human Rights Act 1998 considerations

This application needs to be considered against the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998. Under Article 6, the applicants (and those third parties, including local residents, who have made representations) have a right to a fair hearing and to this end the local planning authority must give full consideration to their comments.

Protocol 1 Article 1, and Article 8 where appropriate, confer(s) a right of respect for a person's home, other land and business assets. In taking account of all material considerations, including Council policy as set out in the Core Strategy and saved policies of the Unitary Development Plan, the Director of Planning, Building Control & Licensing has concluded that some rights conferred by these articles on the applicant(s)/objector(s)/resident(s) and other occupiers and owners of nearby land that might be affected may be interfered with but that that interference is in accordance with the law and justified by being in the public interest and on the basis of the planning merits of the development proposal. She believes that any restriction on these rights posed by the recommendation given is proportionate to the wider benefits of and that such a decision falls within the margin of discretion afforded to the Council under the Town and Country Planning Acts.

Recommendation: Approve

Condition(s) to be attached to decision for approval OR Reasons for recommendation to refuse

- 1) No advertisement is to be displayed without the permission of the owner of the site or any other person with an interest in the site entitled to grant permission.

No advertisement shall be sited or displayed so as to:

- a) endanger persons using any highway, railway, waterway, dock, harbour or aerodrome (civil or military);
- b) obscure, or hinder the ready interpretation of, any traffic sign, railway signal or aid to navigation by water or air; or

c) hinder the operation of any device used for the purpose of security or surveillance or for measuring the speed of any vehicle.

Any advertisement displayed, and any site used for the display of advertisements, shall be maintained in a condition that does not impair the visual amenity of the site.

Any structure or hoarding erected or used principally for the purpose of displaying advertisements shall be maintained in a condition that does not endanger the public.

Where an advertisement is required under these Regulations to be removed, the site shall be left in a condition that does not endanger the public or impair visual amenity.

2) The maximum luminance level of the advertisement hereby approved shall not exceed 150cd/m² during non-daylight hours/inclement weather.

Reason - In the interests of pedestrian and highway safety and residential amenity enjoyed within the vicinity of the site, pursuant to saved policy DC15 of the Unitary Development Plan for the City of Manchester and policies SP1 and DM1 of the Manchester Core Strategy.

3) The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the following documents:

- Drawing – Location Plan – 22 April 2025
- Drawing – Existing and Proposed Plans and Elevations – 17 June 2025 – Drawing number: NWSSTP24-P2-010197-EXT-M&S-Construction-001-02
- Application form – Received 22 April 2025 – Ref: PP-13935900

Reason - To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans, pursuant to saved policy DC1 of the Unitary Development Plan for the City of Manchester and policies SP1 and DM1 of the Manchester Core Strategy.

Appendix 1 – List of consultees & neighbours notified

Highway Services
Environmental Health

579 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 9AF
577 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 9AF
Car Park Adjacent 436, Barlow Moor Road, Manchester, M21 0AB
573 - 575 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 9AB
571 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 0AE
456A Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 0AG
First Floor, 436 Barlow Moor Road, Manchester, M21 0AB
Flat 6, 460 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 0AG
Flat 5, 460 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 0AG
Flat 4, 460 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 0AG
Flat 3, 460 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 0AG
Flat 2, 460 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 0AG
Flat 1, 460 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 0AG
460A Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 0AG
585A Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 9AF
Ground Floor, 454 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 0AG
First Floor And Second Floor, 454 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 0AG
Flat 3, 11 Keppel Road, Manchester, M21 0AT
Flat 3, 7 Keppel Road, Manchester, M21 0AT
581A Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 9AF
9 Keppel Road, Manchester, M21 0AT
436A Barlow Moor Road, Manchester, M21 0AB
Flat At, Royal Oak, 440 Barlow Moor Road, Manchester, M21 0BQ
Royal Oak, 440 Barlow Moor Road, Manchester, M21 0BQ
464B Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 9AS
464A Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 9AS
464 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 9AS
585B Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 9AF
11 Keppel Road, Manchester, M21 0AT
593A Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 9AF
Max Spielmann, Basement And Ground Floor, 436 Barlow Moor Road, Manchester, M21 0AB
Flat 2, 11 Keppel Road, Manchester, M21 0AT
Flat 1, 11 Keppel Road, Manchester, M21 0AT
Flat 2, 7 Keppel Road, Manchester, M21 0AT
Flat 1, 7 Keppel Road, Manchester, M21 0AT
434 Barlow Moor Road, Manchester, M21 0AB
587 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 9AL
5 Keppel Road, Manchester, M21 0AT
583 Barlow Moor Road, Manchester, M21 8AE
Lewis Bookmakers, 581 - 585 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 9AF
Flat 2, 587 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 9AF
458 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 0AG
456 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 0AG
Naz Barber Shop, 569 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, M21 0AE
2 Silverwood Avenue, Manchester, M21 8BN

Appendix 2 – Planning constraints

Article 4 Direction - Removal Of PD Rights Change Of Use From Class C3 To Class C4
Susceptible to Surf Water Flood (Less) -
Area Team Boundary - Name: SOUTH AREA