Application for HVM Bollards and Wayfinding Totems related to the Our Town Hall Project, Manchester

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OUR TOWN HALL PROJECT

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Summary

There are several elements of the Our Town Hall (OTH) Project design that fall outside the current planning consented scheme red line boundary (Planning Reference: 124918/VO/2019). These include 3no Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (HVM) Bollards and 1no Public Realm Wayfinding Totem along Lloyd St and St Peter's Square.

Due to constraints that have been established during the detailed design process, it is not possible for these elements of the design to be located within the current project red line planning boundary. It is therefore necessary to submit a separate application for these elements, the details of which are included in this report.

HVM Bollard Line

To comply with the OTH Project security strategy as agreed with the Counter Terrorism Security Advisor, there is a requirement for a continuous HVM bollard line to be installed around the Cooper St entrance to the Town Hall on St Peter's Square (see Fig. 1).

The bollard line runs in close proximity to the Town Hall Extension (THX) building and utilises the building as part of the secure line. The precise location of the HVM bollard line and the offset from the building is dictated by the security strategy and minimum spacing required to prevent vehicle access. This necessitates that the bollard position sits 1.2m away from the THX building at the closest point. Other constraints are the presence of underground utilities and access chambers that cannot be removed, and the tracking and swept path requirements for vehicles using Lloyd St and Cooper St.

The three bollards within this new application will run adjacent to, but outside of the Town Hall Extension building basement line (see Fig. 2). In order to install the bollard core and foundation plate it will be necessary to remove an area of existing yorkstone paving that will then be reinstated. This is in line with the approach to the other HVM bollards within the OTH consented scheme boundary.

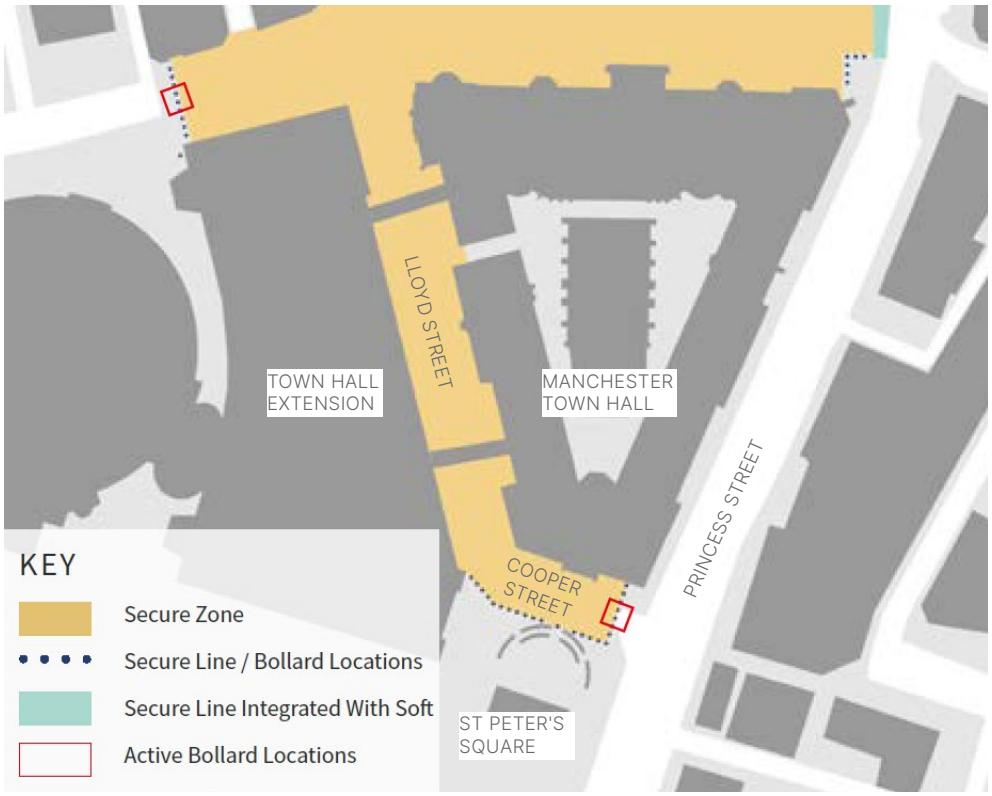


Figure 1: Our Town Hall Project Security Strategy Diagram

(extracted from OTH-PLA-EE-XX-RPT-L-0011 Albert Square and Public Realm Environs Design and Access Statement 2019)

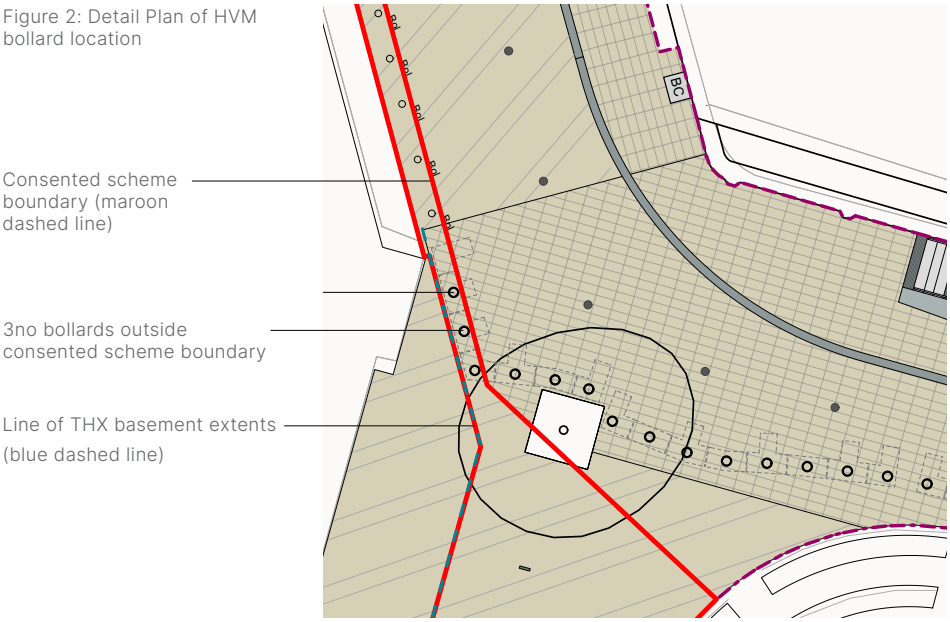


Figure 2: Detail Plan of HVM bollard location

The bollards will have decorative sleeves that fit over the structural cores. A sample of the sleeve has been presented to and approved by MCC Local Planning Authority and includes a bespoke painted finish and cast bee detail (see Figs. 3 and 4).

In order to provide consistency between the new HVM bollards and the existing bollards on Lloyd Street, finishes will be applied to the existing bollards so they are similar in colour and appearance. The proposed colour and method of application will be confirmed to the LPA. The OTH team will aim to produce a sample following agreement on the colour and method for LPA approval prior to completing the works.

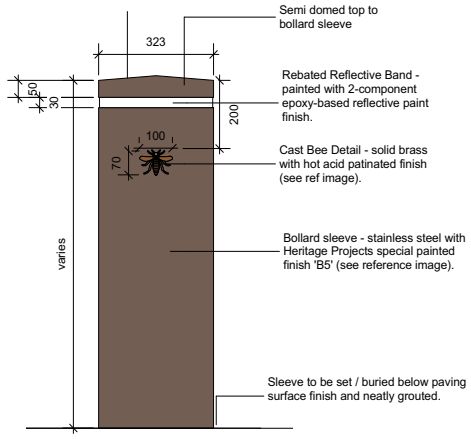


Figure 3: Extract from Planit detail drawing showing bollard decorative sleeve



Figure 4: Image showing sample of painted finish to decorative bollard sleeve and cast bee detail

Public Realm Wayfinding

As part of the OTH public realm wayfinding strategy, it is proposed to install a number of new wayfinding totems within the public realm including within St Peter's Square (see Fig. 5). The Red Line boundary within this application will include for the installation of 1no wayfinding totem that will sit outside of the original boundary line. The remaining wayfinding totems will be captured as part of the main application (Reference: 124918/VO/2019).

The single totem location within this application is shown indictively and further investigation work is required to agree the final location, orientation and content on the totem. Once this information has been finalised it will be presented to the LPA for approval prior to installation.

The wayfinding location will be outside the Town Hall Extension building basement line.

Figure 5: Wayfinding Totem Indicative Location



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