

Planning

Growth & Development

Delegated officer report for planning application

Application no. 139773/NMC/2024

Date registered valid: 11 April 2024

Proposal: Non-material amendment to planning permission 133998/JO/2022, consisting of revisions to the ground floor layout and to amend condition 36 (Cycle Provision).

Address: Land Bounded By The Former Manchester Central Railway Station To The North, Albion Street To, The East, The Rear Service Courtyard To Beetham Tower To The West, And Deansgate Castlefield Tram Stop, And Deansgate Locks To The South, ,

Ward(s): Deansgate Ward

Applicant: . Salboy Central Ltd

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Recommendation: Approve

Date of recommendation: 22 April 2024

Application details

Type of application: Non-Material Change Application

Development type: Notifications

Date of site visit:

Standard consultations:

No consultations have been printed and sent.

Neighbour notifications

No neighbour notifications have been printed and sent.

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

The Site is 0.72 hectares and comprises the eastern-most section of the Grade II Listed Castlefield Viaduct. It is bounded by the Grade II* Listed former Manchester Central Railway Station, now Manchester Central, Albion Street, the rear service courtyard to Beetham Tower and the Deansgate_Castlefield Metrolink station and Deansgate Locks. It has two levels and at street level comprises railway arches that were previously use as a car showroom which had a forecourt onto Albion Street and now in temporary use as a multi-arts venue, and public car parking accessed via Trafford Street.

There is also a primary sub-station at this level. On top of the viaduct is a car park and service yard and temporary and semi-permanent structures associated with the service yard. Great Bridgewater Street is an important east-west route connection and a busy traffic route. The viaduct essentially forms a tunnel creating a dark and unwelcoming environment and is not heavily used by pedestrians. Trafford Street is mainly used by vehicles servicing Deansgate Locks and is dissected by a ramp leading onto the viaduct deck.

A number of staircases and lifts provide access to the viaduct from the south and west. It can be accessed from the north through the Great Northern Warehouse and across a footbridge over Watson Street or via a ramp alongside Manchester Central. Pedestrians also use the Trafford Street ramp as a shortcut to the Metrolink Station stop.

Listed building: Not applicable

Conservation area:

Tree Preservation Order:

Description of area

The site is close to entertainment and leisure facilities at Manchester Central, Bridgewater Hall, the Great Northern Complex and Deansgate Locks. Nearby residential accommodation includes the Hacienda, Beetham Tower and the Great Northern Tower. The proposal is not within a conservation area but could impact upon the character and appearance of the St Peter's Square, Albert Square, Deansgate / Peter Street, St John Street and Castlefield Conservation Area's. The majority of the site comprises the eastern-most section of the Grade II Listed Castlefield Viaduct. The brick arches underneath the viaduct and the bridge over Great Bridgewater Street are included under the listing. The Site is adjacent to the Grade II* Listed former Manchester Central Railway Station and there are listed buildings and structures within a 250m radius including: Manchester Town Hall – Grade I; Albert Memorial – Grade I; Town Hall Extension – Grade II*; Central Library – Grade II*; Great Northern Warehouse – Grade II*; Midland Hotel – Grade II*; Castlefield Railway Viaduct, Grade II; Deansgate Goods Station and attached Carriage Ramp, Grade II*; 235-291 Deansgate, Grade II; Rochdale Canal Lock Number 90, Grade II; Rochdale Canal Lock Number 91, Grade II; Rochdale Canal Lock Keepers Cottage AT Lock Number 91, Grade II; Castlefield Information Centre, Grade II; Former Market Hall, Grade II; K6 Telephone Kiosk Beside South West Corner of Number 330 Deansgate; 13-17 Albion Street, Grade II; The Britons Protection Public House, Grade II; Rochdale Canal Lock Number 89 (Tib Lock), Grade II; Manchester South Junction and Altrincham Railway Viaduct, Grade II; Chepstow House, Grade II; Floodgate on East Side of Knott Mill Bridge, Grade II; Boundary Stone on Knott Mill Bridge, Grade II; Artingstalls Auctioneers, Grade II.

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Consultations & Notification Responses

n/a

Issues

The proposed amendments are to update the cycle storage proposals to provide 362 cycle spaces (1:1 provision for Phase 1). Within the new proposed phase 2 residential scheme (which does not yet have planning permission), there will be a large basement which will contain cycle storage for both phase 1 and 2 cycles.

This will be accessed at ground floor level directly from Great Bridgewater Street, via a cycle lobby which contains stair and lift access to basement level, and direct access routes into each building.

In effect these are temporary arrangements but should phase 2 not come forward, this would be an acceptable permanent solution to the building.

The change is acceptable and considered to be non material in nature.

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

Article 35 Declaration

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

1) The proposal seeks to make revisions to the ground floor layout and to amend condition 36 (Cycle Provision).

2) The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the following additional drawings and documents:

- Covering Letter prepared by Deloitte and 10333-Z1-A-B5D9-G100-PL-00-010 P01 received by the City Council, as Local Planning Authority, on the 7 April 2024

Reason - To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans. Pursuant to policies SP1 and DM1 of the Core Strategy.

2) Following an assessment of the details submitted, I can confirm that the proposed amendments are considered to be of a non-material nature and acceptable to the City Council as the Local Planning Authority. The City Council is satisfied that the proposed changes will not result in any significant material alterations to the planning approval.

36) Prior to the first occupation of each phase, the cycle provision, as indicated on drawing 10333-Z1-A-B5D9-G100-PL-00-010 P01 received by the City Council, as Local Planning Authority, on the 7 April 2024, the approved details shall then be implemented prior to the first occupation/use of each phase and thereafter retained and maintained in situ

Reason - To ensure there is sufficient cycles stand provision at the development and the residents in order to support modal shift measures pursuant to policies SP1,T1, T2 and DM1 of the Manchester Core Strategy (2012).

Appendix 1 – List of consultees & neighbours notified

Appendix 2 – Planning constraints

Article 4 Direction - City Centre PD Restriction - Class B1(a) To C3

Article 4 Direction - Removal Of PD Rights Change Of Use From Class C3 To Class C4

Aircraft Safeguarding Zone - Aircraft Safeguarding Zone - All Exceeding 90M

Coal Authority - Development Low Risk - Name: DEVELOPMENT_LOW_RISK_AREA

Susceptible to Surf Water Flood (Less) -

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Area Team Boundary - Name: CENTRAL