Additional Information Visual BU-TRAF-008

Photographs showing former support scaffold at 43-45 Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester plus a montage of photographs of the improved public view of the site following planning consent granted at appeal in November 2013.

This series of photographs shows the former condition of the scaffold which had remained an eyesore in the heart of the city of Manchester almost ten years.

The scaffold is essential to support the listed building adjacent to the site at 47 Piccadilly Gardens following the demolition for reasons of public safety of the building at 43/45 Piccadilly Gardens.

The scaffold was undoubtedly a blot on the landscape in Manchester's busiest public location and was unfortunately highly visible to not only the citizens of Manchester but also to the vast numbers of visitors to the city from the rest of the United Kingdom and around the world.

The scaffold shroud scheme has been a purely **temporary** arrangement to vastly improve the aesthetic appearance of the site whilst a planned major redevelopment is agreed between the site owners, Trafalgar Leisure, and Manchester City Council's Planning Department.

The original site screen hoarding was broken, graffitied and heavily fly posted

The original site screen hoarding was removed and completely rebuilt.

The site was completely overgrown with foliage and filled with rubbish, drug paraphernalia, human waste, etc.

The site was professionally cleansed, cleared and levelled.

The original scaffold was poorly designed making it impossible to disguise with a scaffold shroud

The new scaffold structure was rebuilt into a more regular rectangular shape

A high quality scaffold shroud designed to match the building behind was then installed to fully encase the scaffold and completely shield it from public view.

Set within the shroud was a framework to facilitate the occasional display of commercial advertising banners with the intention of raising essential revenue to finance the site improvements, scaffold adaptations, scaffold shroud and site security.